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house. I think the hon. member should take the minister's word for it. I think he knows his responsibility.

The Deputy Chairman: I must advise the minister immediately that the point of order he raised is not a point of order.

I understand the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra is of the opinion that these matters to which he has referred should be within the jurisdiction of the Minister of Resources and Development. It is a matter of opinion. It is a legal question which the chairman is not called upon to decide.

Mr. Green: I was going on to quote a statement made by Donald Gordon, the new president of the Canadian National Railways, in which he was quoted on October 13 of last year as saying:

There is an obvious feeling in the air which speaks a new era of Canadian progress, and in that development, the railroads will have to develop too.

Then he went on:

The new era's roots lie in Alberta oil, in iron ore, titanium, base metals and numerous other sources.

I think Mr. Gordon's statement was correct, that the foundation for great developments in Canada is available in these resources and particularly in the iron ore. In the speech from the throne of January 26, 1949, we find these words:

You will be asked to make legislative provision for governmental assistance by loan to the producers of basic steel for the purpose of increasing production.

Mr. Winters: I must rise again on a point of order. While this is all very interesting and true, it is not a matter for this department. Whether in the opinion of the hon. member it is, the fact is that it is not, and these duties have not been assigned to me. I do not think the committee is in order in discussing it under this item.

Mr. Green: Mr. Chairman, you have already given your ruling on this same point of order which was raised by the Minister of Labour a few moments ago.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Green: I submit that the minister is not in order in raising the same point again. There is no other department under which this comes.

Mr. Winters: Mines and Technical Surveys.

Mr. Green: If the name of the minister as Minister of Resources and Development means anything it certainly covers this field, and I submit that I am entitled to proceed. If the minister or the government have any policy with regard to the iron and steel industry—

[Mr. Mitchell.]

Mr. Winters: I did not say that. I simply said that this matter could be more appropriately discussed under the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. Surely there will be ample opportunity to discuss an item which cannot be properly discussed here.

Mr. Green: I cannot discuss this under Mines and Technical Surveys, because I am concerned with the use that is to be made of this iron ore. It simply does not come under Mines and Technical Surveys.

Mr. Fournier (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): The hon. member says it comes under this department.

Mr. Green: The minister must at least listen to my representations. If he cannot make any statement of policy, that is another matter, but I am entitled to make my submission to him.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Not under this item.

Mr. Green: This policy should be initiated by the Department of Resources and Development. We have the situation that in northern Quebec the estimates are that Canada will be producing from 10 million to 20 million tons of iron ore annually.

Mr. Winters: Mr. Chairman, surely we should have a ruling on this.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): The hon. member is out of order.

Mr. Winters: Decidedly out of order.

The Deputy Chairman: I think it will be admitted that the chairman has been quite generous. I have tried to see that both sides are treated fairly, and I have tried to arrive at some sort of agreement. The Minister of Resources and Development says that it does not come within his jurisdiction. He has also said that he could not effectively reply to the hon. member's remarks or give any additional information which the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra would like to have. In these circumstances the hon. member should decide how far he can go on this item. This is the item under which a general discussion about the estimates of the department takes place, but only in so far as it relates to the estimates of the department under the jurisdiction of the minister.

When the minister says that the matter which the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra is discussing does not come under his jurisdiction, it seems to me that the hon. member should accept that statement; and that the matter could more properly be discussed when the estimates of the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys are before the committee. If they had been before the committee and had been carried it would be