

Interim Supply

advise whether there is going to be a winter works program at Cape Breton Highlands National Park and, if so, how soon will it be started, to alleviate the serious economic situation in this area?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, there was a discussion of this matter this morning between the ministers concerned. We hope to have another meeting tomorrow morning, and I trust they will be in a position to make an announcement before the end of the week.

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT**CIRCULATION OF GOLD COIN IN UNITED STATES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. The other day I made an inquiry of him with respect to the gold coin which is to be minted next year, to see whether or not we could effect its easy entry into the United States and thus increase the sales. The minister was going to look into that possibility and I wish to ask if he can reply now?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance): I will reply tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

• (3:40 p.m.)

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Batten in the chair.

INTERIM SUPPLY

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$371,999,867.43, being the aggregate of—

(a) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament, except Items for Citizenship and Immigration, Defence Production, Forestry, Industry, Legislation, National Revenue, Post Office, Privy Council and Veterans Affairs, already provided for in Appropriation Act No. 6, 1966, and except Agriculture Item 35, Atomic Energy Item 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics Item 10, Finance Item 15, Mines and Technical Surveys Items 40 and 70, Transport Item 103, and Loans, Investments and Advances Items L40, L75 and L80, for which no proportion is granted—309,794,765.50;

(b) an additional three-twelfths of the total amount of Public Works Item 65 (Schedule A) of the said Main Estimates—\$4,600,000.00;

(c) an additional two-twelfths of the total amounts of National Defence Item 35, Northern Affairs and National Resources Item 20 (Schedule B) of the said Main Estimates—3,175,900.00;

(d) an additional one-twelfth of the total amount of Loans, Investments and Advances Item L30

[Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria).]

(Schedule C) of the said Main Estimates—\$9,166,666.67;

(e) one-twelfth of the total of all of the Items set forth in the Supplementary Estimates (a) for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament, except Agriculture Item 35a, Defence Production Item 20a, Finance Item 4a, Mines and Technical Surveys Item 40a and Transport Items 102a and 103a, for which no proportion is granted—\$26,276,101.92;

(f) an additional three-twelfths of the total amounts of External Affairs Item 35a and Loans, Investments and Advances Item L22a (Schedule D) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$11,304,250.00;

(g) an additional two-twelfths of the total amount of Secretary of State Item 40a (Schedule E) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$713,266.67;

(h) an additional one-twelfth of the total amounts of Finance Item 15a and Loans, Investments and Advances Item L40a (Schedule F) of the said Supplementary Estimates—\$4,716,666.67;

(i) one-twelfth of the total amount of all the Items set forth in the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of Parliament except Loans, Investments and Advances Item L32b, for which no proportion is granted—\$2,252,250.00,

be granted to Her Majesty on account of the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1967.

The Chairman: The hon. member for Cape Breton South.

Some hon. Members: Oh no, not again.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Hon. members opposite have every reason to groan. Anybody who supports the action of the Minister of National Defence has reason to groan.

Mr. Chairman, I hesitated to get to my feet, because last night the hon. member for Verdun was speaking and indicated at ten o'clock that he would be continuing today. He should be here to continue the speech he was making so that we would have a further indication of his ignorance of this whole affair. He is ignorant not only of what has happened here in the last ten or 11 days, but also of the rules as shown by the fact that at ten o'clock he indicated he wished to continue but is not here now to do so. It is very clear that he was trying to take part in this snowball business for the Minister of National Defence. Let us see what he has had to say about what he thought has happened in the last ten or 11 days. The hon. member for Verdun implied that this debate on the question of unification had been carried on continuously. If we look at what has happened we can readily see that the hon. member for Verdun does not know what actually has gone on here in the past few days. I say that for the simple reason that