

the special arrangements under which we now operate will no longer be valid.

As I look over the list of legislative measures enunciated by the Prime Minister I find that in addition to the budget debate there is the defence bill, the setting up of a special committee on rules and procedures, the public service bills, Bank Act amendments, broadcasting legislation, a bill to amend the Canada Corporation Act and Citizenship Act amendments. These are all major legislative items, and to expect that these can be completed in 33 days is absolutely ridiculous. That is impossible.

There must be a meeting of minds in this house in planning our business in order to deal with these items. I can envisage the defence bill going to a committee, and consideration of the bill in respect of Bank Act amendments has not yet been completed by the committee. I am sure each of those two legislative items will take longer than the 33 days left when they are considered by the house, not to mention the time that will be required to deal with the other items to which he referred. In addition there are many other so-called minor legislative items not included among the 20 listed by the Prime Minister.

The items which have been enunciated today might well be compared to the entire contents of a speech from the throne, and may be expected to take up the time of a normal session. I base that statement on the time required in respect of our past accomplishments.

It is my belief that a statement of the kind we heard today only places obstacles in the way of our reaching what I think is the objective of most hon. members of this house, that is to have a lengthy recess during the summer months which will permit participation in centennial activities.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Thompson: Some members say no, but let me remind them that our responsibilities go beyond this house. If ever we had a responsibility to the country, at this time we have a responsibility to participate in centennial activities. A great number of people in this country have had their confidence in this democratic institution shaken in the past few years by our performance in this House of Commons. Their confidence has been shaken in respect of our democratic processes on which our own way of life in Canada is based. I urge the Prime Minister to get

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together again with the house leaders in order that we may achieve the goals he has outlined.

I cannot see how the program outlined by the Prime Minister can be carried out in the indicated time. The only way we can get together is by serious consultation and cooperation in working out a more realistic approach, with a general acceptance of the objectives outlined by the Prime Minister.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION ON INDIAN RESERVES

Question No. 2,079—**Mr. Schreyer:**

1. What is the departmental allocation for housing construction for 1967 for the following Indian reservations (a) Fort Alexander (b) Hollow Water (c) Berens River (d) Fisher River (e) Sachigo Lake?

2. What is the planned expenditure for 1968 and 1969?

3. How many units are to be constructed in each of these three years?

4. In each of the above cases, will the construction be part of a continuation of existing programming, or will it be as part of a new program for community development on Indian reserves?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Allocation of departmental (public) funds for the fiscal year 1966-67 is: (a) \$73,000; (b) \$13,000; (c) \$20,000; (d) \$36,000; (e) \$36,000. These are planned expenditures only and are subject to change.

2. The planned expenditures for the fiscal years 1967-68 and 1968-69 for housing construction, by individual reserves, are not yet available. Proposed expenditures, when recommended, will be subject to approval by parliament.

3. The number of units planned for the fiscal year 1966-67 is as follows: Fort Alexander, 24; Hollow Water, 4; Berens River, 5; Fisher River, 8; Sachigo Lake, 6.

A breakdown of housing units to be constructed, by individual reserves, in 1967-68 and 1968-69 is not available at this time.

4. A community plan has been approved for Fort Alexander Indian reserve and the housing construction program is being carried out in conformity with that plan. A planned community is being proposed at Berens River. On the Hollow Water and Fisher reserves the band councils have not asked for community