

Act. Following March 31, this is the amount under the new vote. As I explained the other day with respect to some other estimates, this is required to complete the building.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): When will the building be completed and ready for opening?

Mr. CRERAR: In the near future. I understand they are waiting for the completion of the arrangements for a water supply.

Mr. TAYLOR (Nanaimo): Is any provision being made to assist the Nanaimo hospital to provide an Indian wing? I addressed the minister in that connection some time ago.

Mr. CRERAR: There is no provision under this item, which deals only with the completion of the hospital at Fort Qu'Appelle.

Mr. TAYLOR (Nanaimo): Will the minister state if he intends to make any provision for the purpose I have mentioned?

Mr. CRERAR: That may be considered under another item. I will answer the hon. member at that time, after this item has passed.

Item agreed to.

Other Projects

To provide for repairs and improvements to government buildings and new buildings, and assistance to building projects relating to Indian administration, \$135,708.

Mr. BENNETT: Will the minister give us particulars of this item?

Mr. CRERAR: This item, as stated, is to provide for repairs and improvements to government buildings and new buildings, and assistance to building projects relating to Indian administration.

Mr. BENNETT: What new buildings?

Mr. CRERAR: There is a new agency office building at Caughnawaga reserve. There are repairs to agency buildings in Quebec, I am not at the moment able to give particulars of those.

Mr. BENNETT: The question was as to the new projects.

Mr. CRERAR: In Manitoba there are repairs to the Swan Lake home, farm and buildings. There is a combined office building and store house at the Fisher River Indian reserve, also an expenditure for a new agency residence at Norway House. There are proposals for a new office at The Pas Agency, some improvements at the Battleford agency, the Carlton and Crooked Lake and Duck Lake agencies. In this vote might

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also come the point raised by my hon. friend from Nanaimo (Mr. Taylor). All the details of this vote have not been worked out, but it is contemplated that where arrangements can be made assistance may be given in the manner suggested by my hon. friend. I cannot at the moment state whether that will apply to his particular instance or not, but I can tell him that it will have the fullest consideration. We have been asked for assistance in several cases in extending hospital facilities for the care of Indian patients. I am not at the moment in a position to say precisely where that action will be taken, but I can assure the committee and the hon. member that it will be taken according to the best judgment of the officers of the department and myself.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): The minister mentioned new buildings and improvements in the Crooked Lake agency. Can he state whether that is a new residence for the agent, or what is it?

Mr. CRERAR: I am informed that it is a house for the agent of that reserve.

Mr. NEILL: In connection with the matter he mentioned to the hon. member for Nanaimo, is the minister fully informed of the representations made to him in connection with the hospital at Tofino?

Mr. CRERAR: Yes, we have full information on it, but as I said a moment ago I am not in a position at the moment to say what particular hospitals will be assisted. That requires a good deal of care and examination into all the relevant circumstances. It is the intention that this money shall be spent where it is most needed and will do the most good, according to the best judgment of the officers of the department and myself.

Mr. TAYLOR (Nanaimo): For years the existing hospital at Duncan has been taking care of these Indians; the situation is really desperate and the necessity for building and enlarging is due in large measure to the need for special provision for the Indians. The request has gone forward to the minister's department, and I shall be glad if special consideration is given to it.

Mr. CRERAR: I assure my hon. friend that it will have full consideration.

Item agreed to.

To provide for the erection of Indian schools, \$70,700.

Mr. SENN: Will the minister give some explanation of this item, and where these schools are located or to be located?