

of them were located in constituencies represented by opposition members.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The building in item 726 is located in Nova Scotia. The building in item 727 is located in Manitoba, and I am happy to say that there are none but government members from those two provinces. The building in 728 is located in Saskatchewan and unless it happens to be located in the riding of Assiniboia I think it would be a safe inference that it is located in a riding worthily represented by a supporter of the government.

**Mr. Fisher:** I would like to point out to the minister that the ratio of opposition members to government members is roughly one in four, and I hoped surely one in four of these locations would fall in a constituency represented by an opposition member, by the rules of the game, but I can perhaps assume that the minister of this particular department did not receive representations from opposition members regarding these extra estimates.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I can assure the hon. member that the government proceeds according to need of the buildings and not with regard to those extraneous considerations to which he has adverted.

Item agreed to.

#### National capital commission—

731. Interest charges on outstanding loans that were made for the purpose of acquiring property in the national capital region—further amount required, \$140,000.

**Mr. McIlraith:** I would like to ask one or two questions about this item. The particulars carried on page 25 of the supplementary estimates read as follows:

Deficiency resulting from a short-fall in estimated revenues from the rental of properties and interest income—

I wonder whether the minister would give us the rate of interest paid on these loans? I presume they are loans from the government. Then, will the minister give us any information he may have available as to how it happens that there is what appears to be a large deficiency in the rentals?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The rate of interest on these loans varies from 4 per cent up to 5½ per cent.

As to the second question, may I point out that the deficiency which this item is intended to cover does not arise out of any increase in the interest charge to be made but out of a disappointment in the revenues from rentals which are applied as against the interest. These rentals are from properties in the hands of the national capital commis-

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sion. This year they were estimated at \$311,000. It is now estimated that they will yield only \$163,000.

Item agreed to.

#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Land, air and training divisions—

732. Operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$224,500.

**Mr. Brassard (Lapointe):** I have just one question on this item. Can the minister give us a breakdown on the increase, or at least some reasons for the increase shown in this item?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes, Mr. Chairman, with pleasure. There are four items which compose the total of \$224,500. First, there are the increases in medical rates effective August 1, 1960, and an increase in the number of members receiving medical and dental services from the Department of Veterans Affairs. That amounts to \$70,000.

Second, there is the increased requirement for removal expenses owing to a change in the marriage regulations. The removal expenses amount to \$100,000; third, freight, express and cartage, \$30,400; fourth, sundry investigation expenses, \$24,200, making a total of \$224,500.

Item agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Marine services—

Aids to navigation—

738. Administration, operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$46,130.

**Mr. Fisher:** Can the minister tell the committee whether any of these extra expenditures are going into the great lakes system?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, this sum of \$46,130 is the balance required for the removal of three derelicts. I do not think the hon. member wants to claim one of those for his area. One of them was removed from Montreal harbour, another from Midland harbour and a third from a government wharf at New Campbellton, Nova Scotia.

Item agreed to.

Railway and steamship services—

741. Canadian National Railways deficit, 1960—amount required to provide for payment to the Canadian National Railway Company (hereinafter called the national company) upon applications approved by the Minister of Transport, made by the national company to the Minister of Finance, and to be applied by the national company in payment of the system deficit (certified by the auditors of the national company) arising in the calendar year 1960, subject to recovery therefrom of accountable advances made to the national company from the consolidated revenue fund, \$67,496,777.