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of Mines and Surveys is responsible for are topographic, hydrographic and geodetic surveys and the like.

**Mr. Fulton:** I thought the minister said geological surveys was one type.

**Mr. Winters:** I said zoology, archaeology, ethnology and botany; surveys in natural history.

**Mr. Fulton:** In connection with this item, which is \$31,000 for this year, how are the costs differentiated from travelling expenses?

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** They are not.

**Mr. Fulton:** They are a separate item.

**Mr. Winters:** The travelling expenses of the people engaged in those survey parties are included in that \$31,000.

**Mr. Fulton:** Just the people in the survey parties?

**Mr. Winters:** Just the people in the survey parties. The other people in the museum who travel have their travelling expenses shown under the other item.

**Mr. Adamson:** Has the minister the report on the pre-glacial botanical discovery made by Dr. Porsild comparatively recently in the Northwest Territories?

**Mr. Winters:** The report is not in yet.

**Mr. Adamson:** It was reported at some length. It has been one of the outstanding botanical discoveries of the century. It was reported in the *New York Times* comparatively recently. I wonder if it is possible to have a copy of the report, because it is of some considerable botanical importance.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** A few moments ago when we were dealing with another item, I was told that the department is using the 1948-49 expenditures in connection with the illustrations of the estimates. In the public accounts I find that the expenditures for 1948-49 for the national museum were only \$144,000. Then the estimate for 1949-50 went up to \$209,000 and this year it has gone up another 25 per cent to \$250,000. I think the minister should give some explanation of that increase.

**Mr. Winters:** The museum is an organization that has been neglected for a long time. It had been behind in its field work and in its publication of various scientific activities and findings. I am told, and I have every reason to believe it is correct, that the amount voted this year is certainly not too much for the sort of museum we should have as a national museum of Canada. The fact is not that this is too much; it is that the other amount to which my hon. friend referred was far too little.

[Mr. Winters.]

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** I agree with that view. But you have not the place to put the exhibits. You will have to get another place. That building down there is not sufficient.

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** Parliament sat there once.

**Mr. Herridge:** My view would be that there are not sufficient funds available to do the work that a national museum in Canada should be doing.

**Mr. Winters:** That is what I said.

**Mr. Herridge:** I hope that this committee will support the granting of more funds for this purpose in the future. I am of the opinion that our national museum has a shoddy appearance inside. Are there any proposals or plans for improving the interior of the present building or for extending the national museum?

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** Where is it?

**Mr. Herridge:** I think that is most necessary.

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** Do you know where it is?

**Mr. Herridge:** Yes. I have been there several times.

**Mr. Winters:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, that matter is receiving active consideration; and we hope some improvements will be made in the near future.

**Mr. Adamson:** Actually, there is more material stored and out of sight in the museum than there is on view.

Item agreed to.

## Development services branch—

371. Lands division—administration of dominion, ordnance and admiralty, and public lands; seed grain collections, \$282,200.

**Mr. McLure:** What does the seed grain collection have to do with this ordnance and admiralty, and public lands administration?

**Mr. Winters:** These are as a result of advances made years ago in western Canada when the lands were still administered by the federal government and the responsibility for collections still remains with this department.

**Mr. Fulton:** An increase is shown here in total salaries of \$32,000, and only one more person is shown in the breakdown at page 251. I understand that there have been increases in salaries, but this is a good deal more than 10 per cent. One approves of the increases that have been made in the civil