

Canadian World Exhibition Corporation

the corporation. Six will be selected by the federal authorities and six by the provincial and municipal authorities. They will work in an atmosphere of mutual co-operation.

It was necessary to do so because, of course, the minister responsible to the federal government for that exhibition will have to account to parliament for the operations of the corporation. The minister of commerce and industry for the province of Quebec, Mr. Gerard Levesque, will also have to explain to the legislature the uses to which the money will be put by the corporation.

The mayor of Montreal will have to account to the members of the city council for the expenses made by the city.

Therefore, it is truly a joint undertaking. I wish to say that we all intend to put it above political considerations that may arise. We want it to be a joint undertaking in which everyone will take part whatever the political party to which they belong.

Mr. Speaker, I must say that the people in general find it rather difficult to understand the gigantic scope of that undertaking. Therefore, in order to better illustrate my thoughts, allow me to say that we expect that 50 countries will have pavilions to show their exhibits and will take part in the activities of the exhibition in Montreal. We think that the construction of the buildings needed for all the foreign countries will cost approximately \$200 million.

It will be necessary to build roads and even tracks for a monorail. It will be necessary also to build sewers and water works to the exhibition site that will cover 800 acres, according to the report submitted by experts on that matter. Those figures are based on surveys made by specialists in that field who have taken into account what happened in the case of other world exhibitions.

We expect to welcome about 40 million people during the six months of the exhibition. If each visitor spent an average of \$50, it would mean that Canada would be getting an amount of \$2 billion it would never have had without the Montreal world exhibition.

Mr. Speaker, we expect that we will have to build theatres and sport stadiums. We will also have to build pavilions for exhibits of scientific and artistic progress throughout

[Mr. Sevigny.]

the world. In fact, we have chosen the motto "Man and his World" for this exhibition because we would like those who come from every corner of the world to visit Canada, in 1967, to realize the accomplishments which have been made in this world of ours. It is also our wish that all phases of human activity be illustrated at the exhibition.

As I stated earlier, we would like the exhibition to further the cause of peace, to give new impetus to our economy, and to foster the advancement of culture in Canada.

As soon as the corporation is set up, we will make the necessary appointments in accordance with the standards I outlined a while ago. The appointees will get to work immediately and, obviously, hundreds of people will be called upon to fill positions of various importance in the organization.

The location of the exhibition will be chosen after consultation with experts because it is imperative to launch the whole project not later than the beginning of next year. Indeed, we must not forget that we have only four years left to carry out this extraordinary venture which will mean so much to Canada if we achieve the aims we have set for ourselves. Mr. Speaker, what is most important is that this exhibition be the outstanding feature of the celebration of our confederation's centennial. This exhibition must prove to the face of the world that Canada is a united country, a great country, a sovereign state, where live in harmony both great races of this nation. This exhibition must also serve the interest of the other ethnic groups that are the same as we are, really, a part of the large Canadian family. This world fair will serve to mark the extraordinary progress accomplished in the 100 years since 1867, and it will also have to be the starting of another era of progress and magnificent achievements.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, the object of the bill before the house is to incorporate a crown corporation to look after the administration of the world exhibition to be held in Canada, more precisely in Montreal, for six months in 1967.

This will be an extraordinary event for Canada, for the province of Quebec and the metropolitan area of Montreal. This world exhibition's theme shall be "Man and his World" and shall illustrate the interrelation of man and nature.