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given by the Prime Minister. I would suggest a little more teamwork on the part of the opposition.

Mr. Pearson: A little more information from the minister.

[Later:]

Mr. Benidickson: The Minister of Finance, as always, had his references ready, but when he quoted himself he did not quote what I said. My question was not similar to the one asked by the Leader of the Opposition on March 21. I asked if the minister would use his good offices to give the nod to the chairman of the banking and commerce committee, the hon. member for York North, to assure the likelihood that there would be approval of a motion to have the governor of the Bank of Canada examined by the banking and commerce committee.

The Prime Minister, as reported on page 3171 of *Hansard* for March 21, 1961, simply used evasive language to say that this was something within the determination of the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Perhaps the hon. member would agree with me that this is a matter which should be pursued in committee.

AIR TRANSPORT**CANADIAN PACIFIC AIR LINES—REQUEST THAT OVERHAUL WORK BE DONE IN CANADA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. M. Fisher (Port Arthur): I should like to ask the Acting Minister of Transport, whoever he might be, whether the attention of the department has been drawn to a report in last Friday's *Winnipeg Free Press* to the effect that Canadian Pacific Air Lines has carried out 85 per cent of its major overhaul work in foreign countries? If that is so, what steps could be taken to give Canadian Pacific Air Lines an incentive to do its overhaul work in Canada to provide employment for Canadians?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Veterans Affairs): I will accept the question as notice and refer it to the Minister of Transport.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Rea in the chair.

The Deputy Chairman: We are considering further supplementary estimates, item No. 658.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research branch—

658. Branch administration—to extend the purposes of vote 5 of the main estimates, 1960-61 to

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]

include a grant of \$10,000 to assist in defraying the costs of the ninth international botanical congress, \$1.

(Translation):

Mr. Boulanger: Mr. Chairman, I should like to make a few comments on item 658 of the estimates of the Minister of Agriculture. I intend to refer especially to the stabilization of farm prices.

Mr. Chairman, we are being asked to vote \$69,504,548 for the rest of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1961. During the discussion of the measure on agreements respecting the development of marginal lands, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Hamilton) stated, as reported on page 3264 of *Hansard*:

Then, there was the stabilization of prices, which is in effect now and the results of which are showing in the income figures.

Mr. Chairman, if we consider the situation which has prevailed these last years, we note that the stabilization of farm prices—

(Text):

The Deputy Chairman: Order; I wonder whether or not the hon. member looked at vote No. 658, which is for the research branch. As a result of listening to the few remarks the hon. member has made, I have come to the conclusion he was not talking about research.

Shall vote No. 658 carry?

Mr. Herridge: Will the minister give us some explanation of this vote to the international botanical congress?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, this item concerns a grant of \$10,000 toward the ninth international botanical congress. The congress was held and this further sum is required. The reason for the \$1 item is that there was sufficient money in the item to take care of the obligation but there was no authority to use the sum for the purpose of helping defray the cost of the botanical conference. The reason for the \$1 item before us is to give legislative effect to this vote.

Mr. Benidickson: This is the first item of the supplementary estimates to come before us. The Minister of Finance has been in this house for the same length of time as I have been, and he will recall that the previous government was criticized, particularly by the former hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, to the effect that these dollar items should not be used without exceptional justification. He felt that they were designed to give parliamentary sanction to something about which parliament had no knowledge and perhaps no jurisdiction over the amount