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of organizing in the future with regard to energy. We were not told that in the committee but we were given to understand that even if this government organizes a board to look after energy in this country, it is important that we keep our dominion coal board. I insist on that. I think that all members, not only members from the maritime provinces but from the west, should insist on this, even if the production of coal is low in that part of the country. Later on we hope that thermal electric plants in the west will use more coal, so there may be a revival of the industry in that part of the country. Those members who are interested in the coal mining industry should insist that if ever a board is formed to take over the control of energy in this country the dominion coal board should not be touched but left apart so that it can continue to render the service to the coal industry of this country that it has rendered in the past.

Mr. Robichaud: I do not want to delay the committee because it is six o'clock, but in the course of his remarks I understood the minister to say in quoting from the Gordon report that there should be a limit to government assistance to the industry. In saying this was the minister also expressing government policy? Is it the understanding of the present government that there should be some limit to the assistance given to the industry?

Mr. Comtois: I did not quote the Gordon report.

Mr. Robichaud: Does the minister agree that there should be some limit to the assistance given, or has he in mind further assistance to the industry?

Mr. Comtois: Well, in the past year we have demonstrated on several occasions that, according to the circumstances, assistance could be and should be increased.

Item agreed to.

219. To provide for subventions in respect of eastern coal under agreements entered into, or to be entered into, pursuant to the Atlantic Provinces Power Development Act, \$1,700,000.

Mr. Robichaud: I notice in the 1957-58 estimates there was an item of \$250,000. What portion of this estimate has been paid out or spent in the past year?

Mr. Comtois: None has been paid yet because the provincial claims have not been received.

Mr. Robichaud: What about the \$1,700,000 for 1958-59? Do I understand also that none of this money has been paid out?

Mr. Comtois: That is right.

Item agreed to.

The Chairman: This completes the estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. Shall we call it six o'clock? The next items to be studied are the estimates of the Department of Fisheries, but we have only about two minutes ahead of us.

Some hon. Members: Six o'clock.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire what the business is for Thursday and perhaps the minister might tell me what it is for Friday and Saturday as well.

Mr. Green: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we commence with the estimates of the federal district commission and the privy council; then those of the Department of Fisheries, followed by the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Department of National Revenue. I am not sure about Friday, but hon. members should be prepared to take transport and finance in addition to the ones I have mentioned.

Mr. Chevrier: If that be the case, has the government made up its mind as to what legislation will be dealt with on Monday?

Mr. Green: No, I cannot give the order.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to the order of the house passed on August 4.