

Supply—Northern Affairs

The Chairman: Is it the intention of the committee to agree to the withdrawal of item 3d under Department of National Revenue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Item withdrawn.

15d. To reimburse Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, pursuant to section 35 of the National Housing Act, 1954, for expenditures incurred during the period January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964, for housing research and community planning as contemplated by Part V of the National Housing Act, 1954, \$1,233,106.

Mr. Rapp: Mr. Chairman, apparently in 1964 the policies dealing with housing research and community planning were changed somewhat. As a result it was harder for many communities to receive benefits from the corporation. The minister in charge of the corporation is not in the chamber, but I would urge another change in the policies so that communities, towns and large municipalities may be able to avail themselves of loans from the corporation.

At present there is much talk about urban development, and many communities in urban areas would also like to avail themselves of loans from C.M.H.C. I urge the minister to take another look at the policies of the department in order to ensure that they are not more restrictive than they were in previous years.

Item agreed to.

The Chairman: This completes consideration of the supplementary estimates for the Department of National Revenue.

Mr. Churchill: I regret, Mr. Chairman, I did not hear the last two you called.

The Chairman: Vote No. L21d and vote No. L22d.

Mr. Coates: What page?

Mr. Pickersgill: Page 31.

The Chairman: Is the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre satisfied?

Mr. Churchill: Yes, thank you.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

20d. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment—to extend the purposes of northern affairs and national resources vote 20 of the main estimates for 1964-65 to include authority to make preliminary expenditures on the proposed new national park in the areas of Kejimikujik lake in Nova Scotia, \$1.

Mr. Crouse: The planning of this park was done by the Conservative government and

handed to the present administration on a silver platter, but it has taken this government a long time to announce this addition to our national parks.

There is considerable unemployment in the Queens county area of Nova Scotia, particularly in the district where this park is to be established. In view of that I ask when can we hope to see a full scale start made on developing the park in order to provide much needed employment in the area, and to provide necessary facilities for the tourists who will be arriving in Nova Scotia in June? Also, what happened to the sea front that was planned for this park, a section of which was incorporated in the plan drawn up in 1962? We have heard nothing about it from the present administration. There are suitable areas available in Queens county and also in the Crescent beach area in Lunenburg county. I ask the minister to give us some idea of his plans along these lines.

Mr. Laing: We have received complete co-operation from the government of Nova Scotia with respect to this park, co-operation which is required because it has to obtain the property for us and turn it over to us free of encumbrances. This vote is not asking for any new money. We had the money in our estimates, but it is putting a proper allocation to the money. We have spent it on certain roadways within the territory and on surveys in co-operation with the province of Nova Scotia.

We are extremely happy to be making large expenditures during the next three years in this area, because an economic survey indicates the economic situation there is very bad, with high unemployment and extremely low individual family incomes. We think these expenditures will have the effect of raising the nature of its economy perceptibly.

It is our intention to spend something like \$650,000 during the current year, on work in the park, \$1,375,000 in the following year and \$1,850,000 in 1967-68. A great deal of the work will be on roads and certain small improvements within the park. It will be a day park. It is not our intention to build accommodation within the park, but rather to encourage the building of accommodation outside in the economically difficult area.

Mr. Crouse: I thank the minister for his explanation. I should like to take this opportunity to urge upon him the necessity in my view of making a thorough study of the need to add this seashore area to the park. After all, it is hoped this park will serve as