

Olympic Bill

the XXIst Olympic Games will amount to at least \$172 million, it shows, Mr. Speaker, that these games will be anything but sports, and surely no sports for the whole world, while millions of persons are literally starving. And they need not try to tell us that having a stadium is a generating activity. No industry will want to set up in Montreal even though there already are ten stadia and another one holding 80,000 people being built.

Then, Mr. Speaker, when the Minister of Revenue for the Province of Quebec, the hon. Harvey says that there could be a deficit, at that time the people of Quebec will have to pay for it through taxation. Let us consider that I represent an area where the annual per capita income is below \$1,000, and that the per capita income in this country is only \$4,400. In many areas, people ask for legitimate things, as the right to work with dignity and they are told: "We do not have any money; be patient and we will find \$500 million for the Olympic Games in Montreal. I for one, will tell Mr. Drapeau: No, it is out of the question!"

Let us consider now the proposed Olympic village. I think it is one of the saddest and most eloquent example of the way the mayor of Montreal has proceeded. Only two weeks before the general commissioner leaves for Lauzanne, we hear about the site of the Olympic Games. I asked all the federal experts who worked on the subject whether they knew about the site. None of them knew about it. They did not know where the Olympic village would be located. And if we look into the document relating to the bid of the City of Montreal which was tabled here, we note that reference was made to several Olympic villages.

In any case, the experts tell us that before deciding on a site, and to consider its fair value it takes six months. Making it known hardly a few days before the last date, I suggest is not a democratic procedure. In fact, we are told that this site had been known for several years. Mr. Speaker, I was told by federal civil servants that they implored Mr. Drapeau, hardly 3 months ago, to tell them where the Olympic Village would be built and they were told: "You will know it in due course". Now, he wants to build an Olympic Village in Viau Park. There is no one I know with the Federal government who knows what kind of Olympic Village he wants to build and how much money Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is going to put into this project. At all events, I have been assured that because of the delays, it will be absolutely impossible, according to all the Federal experts I consulted to be on time because the plans are not ready and they have not yet been submitted to the government. It will be a disaster from the point of view of urban environment.

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It would be extremely easy to imagine an Olympic Village in Montreal, which would be the starting point of urban renewal in the East end of the city. Three or four other sites have been suggested, but it would take several months to consider them. Nobody was kept informed. The Group for the preservation of green spaces tabled statistics on the number of acres of green spaces which have been eliminated in Montreal in recent years; more than 9,000 trees will be cut down on the Notre-Dame Island. Preparations are under way to sacrifice 5,000 trees in Viau Park. The Chairman of the Executive Council of Montreal,

[Mr. De Bané.]

who is also the Chairman of the Urban Community of Montreal, Mr. Hanigan, has said, and I quote from the newspaper *Montreal Matin* of Thursday May 17, 1973:

The Urban Community of Montreal is against the choice of a section of the Viau Municipal Golf for the building of the Olympic Village.

Over 70 per cent of the population have voted against this choice; over 70,000 persons have signed a petition, and I read in *La Presse* of May 17, 1973 with reference to Mr. Goldbloom—

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[English]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

Bill C-177, an act to amend the Judges Act—Chapter No. 17.

Bill C-133, an act to amend the National Housing Act—Chapter No. 18.

Bill C-202, an Act to amend the Pension Act—Chapter No. 19.

Bill C-204, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974—Chapter No. 16.

Mr. Speaker: It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair. The House will resume at eight o'clock consideration of the bill now before it.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ENERGY

TABLING OF VOLUMES I AND II OF "AN ENERGY POLICY FOR CANADA"—STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Pursuant to special order made earlier this date, the House will now revert to motions. The hon. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Macdonald).