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be 100 feet, but that there were certain circumstances in which 66 feet would have to be accepted; and we have agreed to that. We hope most provinces will be able to provide a minimum of 66 feet, but we also have regard to the fact that in certain areas of British Columbia and perhaps Newfoundland and elsewhere it may not be possible to attain even that. However, we hope every effort will be made to do so.

**Mr. Black (Cumberland):** I think that is a sound decision. I know in Nova Scotia and particularly in Cape Breton when we were building what we considered to be the trans-Canada highway back in the thirties, the right of way was 100 feet. Then I should like to know what progress is being made toward the conclusion of a contract with the province of Nova Scotia. If it has not yet been agreed upon I should like to know what is holding up that contract.

**Mr. Winters:** There is a vote for the trans-Canada highway, if my hon. friend would care to defer his question until then; or with your permission, Mr. Chairman, I can answer it now.

**The Chairman:** The minister may answer it, but I think it is quite out of order on this item.

**Mr. Winters:** There is another item for the trans-Canada highway.

**Mr. Black (Cumberland):** That is the \$20 million item?

**Mr. Winters:** Yes.

**Mr. Black (Cumberland):** That is a statutory item. We have been carrying on a rather extensive discussion of the trans-Canada highway under this item of \$25,000, but if the minister prefers I have no objection to waiting for the other item.

**Mr. Winters:** This is just in the national parks of Yoho and Banff.

**Mr. Black (Cumberland):** That will be all right, if it is the wish of the minister.

Item agreed to.

370. National Museum of Canada, \$250,000.

**Mr. Fraser:** I want to ask a question about a song book that came to my desk from the national museum entitled "Come A-Singing". Can the minister tell me how many of these song books were printed, or why they were printed? It is headed, "National Museum of Canada" and on the inside it gives the price as 25 cents and says it was printed by the king's printer.

**Mr. Sinclair:** Sing one of the songs.

**Mr. Fraser:** The only song I can sing well is "Far, Far Away." These are Canadian folk

songs, and I wondered whether other books of this kind were printed, and if so how many of each and how they were distributed. I should also like to know what the cost was.

**Mr. Winters:** I have not seen the book to which my hon. friend refers. The national museum has quite a collection of old folk songs of various types which they usually try to have reduced to steel tape recordings, and eventually to get them on paper in the form of books. We have no record before us now of how many of that particular publication there were; but I can find that out and give my hon. friend that information.

**Mr. Fraser:** I wish the minister would find that out and also what other books the national museum publishes. I think we should have that information for the record; and I think we should know what they are costing. Songs of this kind perhaps are all right, although I am not too keen about the illustrations in the song book. I think the minister should have a look at it also. If he wants to see it, I will let him have it.

**Mr. Winters:** I will get the information and give it to my hon. friend.

**Mr. Fulton:** In connection with this item, on page 251 in the details a breakdown is given showing field surveys, \$31,000. What field surveys does the national museum conduct?

**Mr. Winters:** I have a note here which says that last year the national museum was able to extend its field activities on the amount of money voted owing to the fact that the geographical bureau looked after the field expenses of two of the museum field officers, and also owing to the fact that two other scientists worked without remuneration, and all the parties put in a shorter season than was desirable.

**Mr. Fulton:** That does not sound good to me. I think the minister should read on.

**Mr. Winters:** The surveys are: botanical surveys, for which we have an amount of \$4,600; zoological surveys, \$7,000; archaeological surveys, \$10,600; and ethnological surveys, \$8,800.

**Mr. Fulton:** Why does the national museum carry on these surveys when in the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys there are survey branches? I do not quite see the need for field surveys by the national museum.

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** Looking for trilliums.

**Mr. Winters:** I would think, Mr. Chairman, that these would be two quite different fields. The technical surveys which the Department