

Supply—National Defence

These are main items. Outside of these there is the northwest highway system, with a total amount of \$1,465,000, the reasons for which I referred to earlier.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Chairman, I think we should have a little information in regard to these expenditures for construction. There is a large amount of \$3 million at Calgary. What is it for?

Mr. Pearkes: With reference to these votes, I might just add that the increase is very largely due to the fact that the special account from which \$49,871,000 was provided in the 1958-59 estimates was, as the hon. gentleman knows, liquidated last year and therefore any amount spent on army equipment is included there.

With regard to the questions asked concerning the armouries in Newfoundland, there are army-owned armouries at Corner Brook, which is a militia armoury on a parcel of land of 1.36 acres. At Grand Falls there is another militia armoury on 1.2 acres of leased land and at St. John's the department owns 10½ acres of land which is being purchased for a possible site for an armoury. At Buckmaster's field the accommodation used by the militia and by the regular army is in a portion of the camp and the whole camp is naval property. At St. John's there are three buildings owned by the Department of Justice and now lent to the Department of National Defence for TMQ's and a manning depot at Kenna's hill; also, in St. John's at 431 Water street there is a Department of Public Works building which is used as a recruiting office. The army leases at St. John's Memorial University lecture rooms for the officers' training corps there and on Bell island St. Kevin's hall, which provides accommodation for the militia. The total amount of money which is being spent under these items in the Atlantic provinces, which is what the hon. member asks for, is \$3,345,000.

Mr. Pickersgill: That is, in the current estimates?

Mr. Pearkes: That is in the current estimates.

Mr. Pickersgill: I asked the minister what the comparable figure was for last year?

Mr. Pearkes: The comparable figure for last year was \$8 million.

[Mr. Pearkes.]

Mr. Pickersgill: I asked the minister about Gander? In that list I did not notice that there was any accommodation of any kind at Gander.

Mr. Pearkes: I understand that accommodation is being used for their training there which belongs either to the Department of Transport or to the old R.C.A.F. station there.

With regard to Calgary, the items there are, at Sarcee camp, development of a tank hangar, REME workshops; these were made necessary in order to provide accommodation for the armoured unit at Sarcee camp where the new barracks was started some years ago and is now nearing completion. Paving there is standard, drill hall, combined officers' mess and quarters for the miniature range and some 200 married quarters. These are the main items as far as Calgary is concerned, with the exception of a sergeants' mess and lecture training building at Currie.

Mr. Hellyer: Can the minister give us the same information with reference to camp Borden and camp Petawawa.

Mr. Pearkes: At camp Borden there is a 40-vehicle garage, command medical equipment depot, 26-vehicle garage for the royal Canadian army medical school. There is a 500-man mess building for the army service corps school. There are officers' quarters for the R.C.A.M.C. school and officers' quarters for the R.C.A.S. school which is there. Another big item is junior ranks club and their lecture and training building and the sergeants' mess for the school of infantry.

Mr. Hellyer: This is all in camp Borden?

Mr. Pearkes: Those are the main items. In addition there is a 160 married quarters. Those are for camp Borden. Do you want Petawawa as well?

Mr. Hellyer: Yes.

Mr. Pearkes: At Petawawa there is development of roads and sewers; central medical and dental equipment depot. This is an important building in which the storage of general supplies in the event of emergency are retained. A lot of that is civil defence equipment. There is a small garage. Those are the main ones which are included in this year's items. There are some more. A big one is a sewerage treatment plant, which is necessary there, running into \$1,300,000. That is all provided for in these estimates.

Mr. Granger: I would like to express the hope to the minister that at Gander he would find it possible to include in his estimates a sum to cover the construction of an armoury, or a drill hall, which is badly needed there, and which would serve a useful purpose I am sure.