

Supply—Justice

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): My hon. friend indicated at the outset when he put his question that he realized it was out of order. There will be an opportunity for him to take up that subject. That information can be had. I would have expected that he would put his question on the order paper, but certainly we are glad to give information of that nature.

Mr. Pickersgill: I thank the minister for his courtesy.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

747. Departmental administration—further amount required including an amount of \$3,000 to assist in defraying the costs of the congress of corrections to be held in Canada in 1959, \$39,800.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Chairman, we appreciate your diligence in calling the items, but do not be too diligent, because it does not give us a chance to follow item by item. I want to ask the minister under this item if he can tell us whether or not it has been possible to obtain any information from the government of the province of Ontario that would facilitate the desire of the federal government to appoint an additional judge in the county of Essex.

My hon. friend will remember that the Minister of Justice was asked this question. He indicated that last year parliament had acquired the necessary legislative authority to appoint a judge in that county, but that there was some difficulty arising out of the procedural requirements in the province of Ontario. Can the Minister of Finance, who is serving tonight for all his colleagues, answer what may to him be an unimportant question but which to the people of Essex county is a very important one?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): There is nothing in this item for judges' salaries.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, this item deals, of course, with the departmental administration of the Department of Justice. I should like to join with the hon. member for Essex East in asking the minister, who is speaking for all his colleagues tonight, if he will make representations both to the Minister of Justice and to the Prime Minister with a view to seeing, now that three months have passed, that a chief justice is appointed in the province of Newfoundland so the courts can function properly and appeals can be heard in the supreme court, where there are only three judges. The minister, being a lawyer, will appreciate quite well that any litigant taking an appeal from a trial judge and having only one other judge to go to is,

because of the dilatory conduct of the present government, being denied justice in that province.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Special services—

750. To provide for expenses of the special services branch including expenses for the promotion of a program for combating seasonal unemployment, the organization and use of workers for farming and related industries and assistance to the provinces under agreements entered into with the provinces by the Minister of Labour with the approval of the governor in council, and the movement, reception, supervision and welfare of workers from outside Canada to work on farms and other essential employment where Canadian labour is not available to meet the need—further amount required, \$100,000.

Mr. Fisher: I am interested in what part of this item for the winter works project and the advertising campaign usually wrapped up in the phrase, "Do it now".

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): It is all in connection with the winter work publicity program.

Mr. Fisher: And it has nothing to do with the billboard signs or anything like that?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): It is part of the publicity campaign for combating seasonal unemployment in the winter. It is in addition to the item that was voted at the last session for that purpose.

Mr. Pickersgill: Can the minister bring the committee up to date as to the number of persons who are employed in the various winter work programs being carried on by the government?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The winter work programs, or expenditures on winter work programs as such, do not arise under this item at all. This is an item that is designed to provide for publicity to draw the attention of the public to the desirability of undertaking their own work programs during the winter and thus meeting the problem of seasonal unemployment.

Mr. Pickersgill: Do I correctly interpret the minister, then, that this item is for the purpose of providing employment for certain advertising agencies?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): No, Mr. Chairman, my hon. friend would not be correct in drawing that conclusion.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Chairman, I am sure the house would be very happy if the Minister of Labour were here tonight to give us some information in connection with this item. As the Minister of Finance has said,