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off in a year and in my opinion he is entitled as a human being to more time off. If we get these people organized—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I do not think the committee is concerned about the organization of these people. We are concerned with Bill No. SD-33.

Mr. Howard: If I may make a comment about the point of order, I respectfully submit that my friend is out of order because in labour matters there is divided jurisdiction. It is obvious that this is a matter that comes under the provincial labour code and not the federal labour code.

Mr. Peters: I appreciate the advice that is being given about the organization of these people. As I was pointing out, Mr. Charron earns considerable money. If he gets \$25 a day and works 360 days because he has 36 cases he earns at least over \$9,000—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I must advise the hon. member that the committee is not concerned with the earnings of certain investigators. We are concerned with Bill No. SD-33. I will have to ask the hon. member to come back to the bill.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, I humbly submit that some of these investigators, this one in particular, are organized in some ways. Let us look at his evidence and see how stereotyped it is. He is asked this question by Mr. Joyal:

Q. Here is exhibit 2, a photograph. Who is that?
A. Mr. White. That is the photo I had at the time of the investigation.

I should like to refer to the evidence of Mr. Charron in the next case which we will be coming to shortly. He was asked this question by Mr. Joyal:

Q. This is exhibit 2, filed by the petitioner. Can you identify that photograph?
A. That is Mr. Edwin Leacy Freeman. That photograph I had at the time of the investigation.

Here we have the same lawyer, the same investigator, the same question and the same answer. I am surprised that they do not get mixed up. The words used are identical with those in the case now before us. I submit this is not very good evidence. It would appear to me that it is rather unusual for a young lady to be entertaining a gentleman in her house at four o'clock in the afternoon and for her to be wandering around in a pink negligee or nightgown. I am surprised about the ease of accessibility to these places. A rap comes on the door.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 1 carry?

Mr. Peters: I have a few more remarks, Mr. Chairman.

Progress reported.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Rea in the chair.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND TECHNICAL SURVEYS

668. Polar continental shelf project—further amount required, \$376,622.

Mr. Hellyer: Can the minister tell us whether the Canadian government still subscribes to the sector theory of sovereignty?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): We subscribe to the Canadian theory of sovereignty.

Mr. Hellyer: This was a Canadian theory. I just wondered whether the government still holds to it.

Item agreed to.

Dominion coal board—

669. Payments in connection with the movements of coal under conditions prescribed by the governor in council—further amount required, \$1,069,866.

Mr. Pickersgill: Can the Minister of Finance tell us just what industries in the Atlantic provinces are receiving subventions? The last time the estimates were before us we were told that subventions were being paid on coal not merely for power but also for industrial purposes. It may be that the Minister of Finance would not have this information but I see that the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys is in his place. I know he would have it at his fingertips.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The subvention, of course, is available to any company that qualifies by shipments and sales in the areas of Canada in respect of which the subventions are payable. The Dominion Coal Company is by far the biggest of the companies that are in receipt of this subvention.

Mr. Pickersgill: I know something about the subject, of course. I know that for many years subventions have been paid high enough to make coal from Nova Scotia competitive with coal from the United States in the Montreal market and that some extension has been made of that subvention to make it competitive a little bit further upstream than Montreal. In addition to that, I know