

## Supply—Trade and Commerce

elevator in northeastern Saskatchewan. It would appear that the operations of elevators have been quite profitable. The last annual report shows a surplus of \$779 million. To make the maximum use of the facilities at Churchill it would seem logical that there should be a terminal elevator in northeastern Saskatchewan, where the grain might be stored, and then moved to Churchill as quickly as possible while the shipping season is open. Can the minister give us any information concerning the desirability of building terminal elevator facilities somewhere adjacent to Churchill?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** The cost of moving grain from country elevators into storage, and out of storage into ocean terminals, is a charge against the producer that is unnecessary. It is much easier to hold the grain for Churchill in country elevators tributary thereto, and move it direct. It saves the producer about a cent.

Item agreed to.

## Canadian government elevators—

447. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and new equipment, \$291,547.

**Mr. Fleming:** What new construction is contemplated this year, and where? It looks like a routine item in connection with the current program. Where is the construction to take place this year?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** This provides for the construction of new buildings at Calgary and Edmonton and for the completion of a dust control system at Prince Rupert which was commenced in 1954-55.

**Mr. Fleming:** May we have the amounts in each case?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** At Calgary it is a new building for improved staff accommodation and millwright shop; the amount is \$70,000. Then at Calgary there is a further sum of \$32,860 for sewer, water and gas mains. That makes a total of \$102,860 for Calgary.

Then at Edmonton there is provision for a new millwright shop in the amount of \$35,000.

At Prince Rupert there is the sum of \$94,287 to complete the installation of a dust control system commenced in 1954-55; \$9,400 for Garner alarms and interlocks; \$25,000 for fixed spouting to replace open movable spouts and \$25,000 to change open type electric lighting to the approved class II group G safety fixtures. The total for Prince Rupert is \$153,687.

Item agreed to.

Special—

448. International economic and technical co-operation branch, including the administration of the Colombo plan and of certain United Nations co-operation plans, \$119,993.

**Mr. Herridge:** This item of \$119,993 is for the administration of economic and technical co-operation in connection with the Colombo plan, and certain United Nations co-operative activities. I understand this administration is carried out by the minister's department.

As a member of the committee on external affairs I had the opportunity, indeed the privilege, to hear of the aims and accomplishments of those responsible for economic and technical co-operation in the administration of the Colombo plan and other agencies mentioned. Mr. Cavell gave the committee exhaustive and complete details as to the activities of his branch, and Dr. Keenleyside referred to the technical co-operation. All members in the committee were impressed by the evidence given by these two gentlemen, when they outlined the way in which the plans are developed, and how they are examined in the various countries and referred back to Ottawa for further consideration and final approval by the cabinet.

There was evidence of very skilled administration as well as excellent planning and co-operation on the part of skilled administrators and others responsible in the minister's department. We were all impressed with the great care with which each plan that was suggested was considered so that the money would be spent to the best advantage to the people of the country that we were assisting. In addition to that, on all these activities, and I presume on all the activities of the minister's department, we have always had a sharp eye on the expenditures, which I think has been a very good thing indeed, and of value to the Canadian people.

I simply rise, Mr. Chairman, to say that members of this group are very much impressed with the administration of these plans and with the great work that is being done to assist in those underdeveloped countries. We think the administration is excellent. I might say in that connection, in addition to having the opportunity to listen to a detailed explanation of the aims and accomplishments of these branches, I have had the opportunity to hear from persons outside Canada and, as a Canadian, I am always delighted to know that Canadian administrators rate very highly with persons who have the ability to judge in other countries.

Our only complaint with respect to these plans, Mr. Chairman, is that we think Canada