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The Assembly met at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

On the Orders of the Day.

WELCOME TO STUDENTS

MR. F. MEAKES (Touchwood): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to introduce to you and to the House a group of 54 Grade Seven, Eight and Nine students from the Quinton School. Some of these students, Sir, are from your constituency and I am sure that you would want me to welcome them on your behalf. They are led by their principal, Sister Philomena, their assistant principal, Mr. Hubelete and teacher, Mr. Powaschuk. Their bus driver is Michael Desjarlais. I am sure that all Members will want to wish them an educational afternoon and a safe journey home.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. J.R. KOWALCHUK (Melville): — Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a privilege to welcome to our midst this afternoon some 25 students from the Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School at Lebret. Now this school, begun by the Oblate Fathers some 90 years ago, approximately in 1883, has a distinguished record for producing some of the finest citizens of this country. Many of these former students are constituents of mine while many others have scattered far and wide throughout this country. Today that school serves Indian students up to Division Three, the Division Four students attend school at Fort Qu'Appelle.

These Grade Eight students are accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Isabelle Mayer and another Grade Eight and Nine teacher assisting, Mrs. Bolding. The good bus driver is another assistant teacher, Brother Aubrey. I am sure that all of the Members of this House wish them well, that their trip here be of some personal benefit and that they have a safe trip back home.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. W.A. ROBBINS (Saskatoon Nutana Centre): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this opportunity to introduce to you and through you to the Members of this Assembly some 80 elementary school students seated in the east gallery from Brevoort Park School, Saskatoon, in Nutana Centre constituency. These students are accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Halberg. I am sure that all the Members of this Assembly sincerely hope that they will enjoy their stay in the Assembly and that it will be educational and useful to them. We also wish them a safe trip home.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. E.L. COWLEY (Biggar): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to introduce to you and through you to this House a group of some 20 high school students from the Sonningdale High School. They are accompanied by their

teachers, Mr. Klassen and Mr. Bonneau and their bus driver, Mr. Schultz. This is the first school group which has visited this Legislature from my constituency this year. They drove in this morning and they are staying overnight and are going to see some of Regina this evening and tomorrow before they head for home. I hope they find their stay here informative and we wish them a safe journey home.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

HON. R. ROMANOW (Saskatoon Riversdale): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to introduce to the Members of the Legislature 60 students in the west gallery from Buena Vista School in the city of Saskatoon in my riding. They are accompanied by their teachers, Mr. Tetrault and Mr. Hunter. Buena Vista I should tell Members of the House is one of the oldest and I think finest schools in the city of Saskatoon. We used to beat it regularly in hockey when I went to Westmount School in Saskatoon, although I shouldn't say that now with future constituents in the gallery. I hope that the students enjoy their visit to the Legislature to see democracy in progress. I welcome them and hope that they have a safe trip home.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

INTRODUCTION OF BOY SCOUTS

MR. J.A. PEPPER (Weyburn): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to introduce to you and through you to all Members of the Legislature a group of Boy Scouts sitting in the Speaker's Gallery from Weyburn. They are the 3rd Weyburn Troup and are accompanied by their Scout Masters, Paul Martin and Bob Romanacko. I am sure, Mr. Speaker, it is the wish of this Assembly that their visit with us proves educational to them and that their entire afternoon is enjoyable.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

INTRODUCTION OF MLA FROM WINNIPEG

HON. K. THORSON (Minister of Industry and Commerce): — I want to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to introduce to the Assembly Mr. Bud Boyce from Manitoba, MLA for Winnipeg Centre, seated behind the rail.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. THORSON: — Mr. Boyce is the Legislative Assistant to the Hon. Len Evans, Minister of Industry and Commerce in the Government of Manitoba. Mr. Boyce's visit with us today coincides with the arrival of these canned goods which are on every Member's desk, Mr. Speaker. They come from a processing plant in Morden, Manitoba, owned and operated by Morden Fine Foods Limited, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Manitoba Development Corporation. The manager of the operation along with Mr. Boyce are concerned to do what they can to promote the use and sale of prairie produced products and that is the reason for his visit to Saskatchewan and to Regina today. We have said many times that we are concerned about the prairie basin market. We have no producers of such canned goods in Saskatchewan. We are very

happy to see that our sister Province of Manitoba is able to process these prairie agricultural products and for prairie consumers. We hope to reciprocate by sending goods to them.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

QUESTIONS

COMMUNITY CLINICS – SASKATOON, REGINA, PRINCE ALBERT

MR. G.B. GRANT (Regina Whitmore Park): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Health (Mr. Smishek). I wonder if he would tell us whether any of the Community Clinics in Saskatoon, Regina or Prince Albert and/or the physicians working in those Clinics are presently submitting medical accounts to the MCIC Commission for payment on a fee-for-service basis?

HON. W.E. SMISHEK (Minister of Public Health): — Mr. Speaker, I gather when I was absent yesterday there was some discussion in the House as to what arrangements that have been made in Prince Albert an allegation was made that I tried to misinform the House the day before. Mr. Speaker, we have reached agreement with the Community Clinics in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina for a global budget of payment to the Community Clinics. I advised the House of this the day before yesterday. The Hon. Member has asked the question whether any of these physicians that are working in the Community Clinics are still submitting accounts on a fee-for-service basis. I can't answer that question directly because the global budget went into effect as of last month. Now whether any accounts have been received billing MCIC on a fee-for-service basis during this month or last month I would have to check. I would be glad to check with the Medical Care Insurance Commission and give the House the information.

MR. GRANT: — A supplementary question, I would appreciate if he would bring that information in tomorrow. When he makes his remarks tomorrow he might also comment on the legality of the global type agreement that was entered into with these three Community Clinics.

MR. SMISHEK: — I'll be glad to do it.

CANNED GOODS FROM MANITOBA

HON. J.E. BROCKELBANK (Minister of Public Works): — Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a word of two about the item that was placed on our desk earlier today which the Minister of Industry and Commerce (Mr. Thorson) had something to say about. As the Minister-in-Charge of the Purchasing Agency I note that the quality of the product is "Canada Fancy" and as a consequence I think I can safely say that the Purchasing Agency will be giving that product every chance to tender on orders that may come before the Purchasing Agency.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. J.G. RICHARDS (Saskatoon University): — Mr. Speaker, you will have heard no doubt that the Manitoba Legislature this week decided to allow Members to drink coffee in the Legislature. This may be an insidious move to have us eat our meals in the Legislature too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUMBOLDT HOCKEY TEAM WIN CENTENNIAL CUP PLAYOFFS

MR. E.L. TCHORZEWSKI (Humboldt): — Mr. Speaker, I should like through you to ask the Members to join with me in congratulating the Humboldt Broncos Junior Hockey team in their winning the Centennial Cup playoffs over the Dauphin Kings of Manitoba last night. The Humboldt team swept the first three games of the series by scores of 8-4, 4-2 and 6-4, they lost the next two to a very excellent Manitoba representative but they took the sixth game by a score of 8-3. They will now proceed to play the winners of a series between Alberta and British Columbia to determine the Western Canada representative. I know that all Members of this House will join with me in congratulating the players and the management and wishing them the best of luck in their next series.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

QUESTIONS

SCHOOL TEXTBOOK GRANT

MR. C.P. MacDONALD (Milestone): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Education (Mr. MacMurchy). Tell me if the School Textbook Grant that was paid last year by separate check by the Department of Education is now being included in the global figure for school grants this year and if this is included as part of the increase in grants?

HON. G. MacMURCHY (Minister of Education): — The School Textbook Grant is included in the global operation grant formula this year.

MR. MacDONALD: — Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Is he in reality saying that the \$1 million or the \$1.5 million that is included in that global figure is then in reality not an increase?

MR. MacMURCHY: — Mr. Speaker, I have the actual operating grants for 1971-72 and they are, according to my figures here, \$76,670 millions. That's the total operating grants to schools. The figure this year, according to what I have in front of me, will be \$90,063 millions.

MR. MacDONALD: — Mr. Speaker, would the Minister mind tabling for the Members of the House the breakdown of that \$90 million?

MR. SPEAKER: — That will come in his Estimates, or can be got in the Estimates at that time when the Estimates are before the

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House. I think Members should then get the breakdown to their satisfaction at that time.

MOTIONS

ADDITIONAL HOUSE SITTINGS

HON. R. ROMANOW (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, seconded by the Hon. Premier (Mr. Blakeney):

That notwithstanding Rule 3, this Assembly shall, commencing Friday, April 14, 1972, meet at 10:00 o'clock each sitting day, and that there shall be a recess from 12:30 o'clock p.m. until 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Motion agreed to.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:30 o'clock p.m.