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Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 12 o\'clock noon today,

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., (Speaker); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (Minister of Communications and Works); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (Minister of Education); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries); Mr. R. St. C. WEEKES, J. P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; His Honour E. L. CARMICHAEL, J. P., (Deputy Speaker); Mr. N.W. BOXILL; and Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS, (Minister of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Development).

* Prayers were read.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER:
I regret to have to inform the House that there are no Minutes ready for confirmation at this meeting,

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:
Mr. Speaker. I beg to move that Standing Orders Nos. 5, 14,16, 18, 40 and 45 be sulpended for the remainder of today\'s sitting.

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS- I beg to second that

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Mr. SPEAKER:
I regret to have .to inform hon. members that today\'s Order Paper is not yet ready, and may not be ready until 1 o\'clock this afternoon,

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:
Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Government Business be now taken.

Hon. A, DaC. EDWARDS:
I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the first Order for today\'s sitting be to resume consideration of the Appropriation Bill in Committee of Supply.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House resume Committee of Supply on the Appropriation Bill.

Hon. C. E. TALMA; I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Chairman, in view of the observations made yesterday by certain ten. members who are not in their seats at the moment, I beg to move that consideration of Head 16 - Federation - be postponed until later this evening,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 17 - PREMIER - HOME AFFAIRS Head 17 - Premier - Home Affairs - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Chairman, there is an amendment to this Head. In Item 30 - Elections on page 33, die amount of $40,500 is to be deleted, and the amount of $52,550 substituted therefor,

I beg to move that the sum of $130,731 under Head IT - Premier - Home Affairs, as amended, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA- I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 18 - POLICE Head is - Police - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $437,427 under Head 18 - Police - stand pan of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that,

Mr. CARMICHAEL:
Mr. Chairman, I am speaking on this matter with a full sense of responsibility to this Cham* ber, to the Police and to myself. No one in this island can deny the efforts which have been made by this Government to create an atmosphere that is desirable amongst the Police. Money is being spent to develop this country and to make everyone, whether white or black, rich or poor, feel that be is a human being, and whatever is done is done for the benefit of all. The law is no respecter of persons, and whenever some people in a community feel that they are in such a favoured position, that they can ignore the law or ignore those persons whose duty it is to see that the law is carried out, they are asking for serious trouble, 12.25 p.m.

All is not well in the Police Force. It is far from being well. I admit that for all my years the people of this Island are law-abiding, but at times you get people who feel that they have a sacred right and are above the law. In any country the Police must play an important part to sec that peace and order are kept. There should be no attempt by the Police to show favour or to make some people feel that they are above the law. If that happens, the Police are not doing their duty, I may say that that is not strictly a charge against the Police as a whole because I think that there is no country which can boast about an impartial Police Force as this country can,

Sir, I think the Government has a right to make every effort to better conditions in respect of salaries and promotions in the Police Force, But the feeling among the Police is not that they should get an increase in salaries? the feeling is that their conditions should be mo re desirable, No one can come in here and say what has been said by me is wrong and that all is well in the Police Force, When you find a Policeman who is afraid to report a person for fear that he may be transferred or that he may be called

into the office, what are we coming to? Those Policemen who are present now and those who have retired recently after many years\' service would say the same thing.

We have Writ Servers. The Writ Servers will tell you if they have an execution for any person, they can successfully carry out their duty without interruption. In short, what I am saying is that the re is a spirit existing in the Police Force to show discrimination against some people, and it is reflected in the whole Force. You go into the Traffic Court and you see only a certain set who are charged for such offences. Why should it be for responsible officers, if they go to report people, they must be told by those persons: \"I am going to tell such-and-such a person\" Why is it that when an officer asks certain persons for their names, those persons can refuse to give their names? Why should an individual ask a Policeman for his name instead of giving that officer his name? If you have a duty to perform, it is your duty, and I do not think I should allow these things to pass without bringing them to the Government\'s attention.

To answer what I have said here needs an impartial investigation into the Police Force of this Island, Things are going worse. The number of the Force has been increased, and today I would ask this of those who are holding the rank of Private, Why should a Private in normal time, after going about and doing his duty, be pushed about and told that lie is shifted from such a place to put him in his place? A Sergeant can get his leave from a Superintendent whenever he needs it, but a Private cannot get his leave, and it is not that the Private has not been doing his duty. Why should he be told in normal time that he cannot get his leave because they cannot find a man to put in his position? That is not fair. A Constable in the Police Force is a human being and has the same rights as the Superintendent,

I am suggesting that an impartial investigation should be made into the Police Force,

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Chairman, the hon. senior member for St. James has made a statement, but his language is vague. He cannot expect any Government to carry out an investigation with his vague language, He is not specific.

Men who are going on leave in private employment do not always get their leave when they want it. I do not believe every Police Officer gets leave when he wants it. The hon. member is making rather wide generalizations. I do not think that, whenever the Commissioner of Police wants to go on leave, he can go. I am General Secretary of the Workers\' Union and I can go on holiday whenever I like on that basis, but I have not been on holiday for the past two years. Of course, it is not so with my staff. They go on leave every year.

I will say this to the hon. member. We may have problems in the Police Force: but if there are problems which they cannot get over, then they should have an investigation into them. The hon. member spoke about charges and that officers of the Police Force are not allowed to do their work. This is a small community. This is not the United States of America. How many members of the House of Assembly have ever got reported since they became members of the House of Assembly? Do you mean to say that we have not broken the law since then? I believe the hon. senior member for the City embarasses the Police often.

Mr. MOTTLEY; Mr. Chairman, I object to that remark. How can the hon. senior member for St. Peter

say that he believes that I embarrass the Police often? The first thing which I do whenever I feel that I am wrong, I say to the Police: \"Right, Sir! Right, Sir! Give me a chance,\" I have never embarrassed the Police yet. As a matter of fact, I help the Police whenever I can and in whatever way I can. If I happen to be anywhere and I draw up my car on the wrong side of the road, what I do,,,,..

Mr. WALCOTT; Mr. Chairman, how can that be a point of order?

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
The hon. senior member for the City has now gone far from his point of order, 12,35 p.m.

Mr. WALCOTT:
Mr. Chairman, the reason why I say that is that sometimes I have seen the hon. member\'s motorcar in a certain place, and that is how I know where he is. You know that this is a very small community. All of us may be guilty at some time of a traffic error, but it is not that we are law-breakers, I have told a Policeman that I am a law-abiding citizen. I would not break anybody\'s bouse and choke him and carry away his property, I have told a Policeman \"When you are looking for criminals, leave me out,\'1 On one occasion something was coming off my car, and a Policeman watched to see if this thing had dropped off, I asked him if he did not think it would have been a better thing for him to watch a criminal. Discretion is a part of a Policeman\'s duty, A Policeman would know if a man is a law-breaker in the sense that you stop your car in a certain place, and in five minutes time you are back but the fact is that you have stopped the car in that place. How many times has a Policeman stopped you? I was in New York last Sunday and I saw a Policeman who was looking to see if there would be any law-breakers, and he was looking at his tickets. Here in Barbados there is no case in which a Policeman will come up and say \"Skipper, remove your car from here\" and you will not remove your car. I do not think that a Policeman is extending anything to a member of the House more than to anybody else, I take the view that we are in a mixed society- whenever anything happens between a white man and a black man, the white man is right and the black man is wrong. If you stop your motor car at a certain place, and you see a white man stop his car in that place, people are always ready to attribute virtue to the white person. On the other hand, I find that some people like the law to be carried out. There are some people who walk about the street and use the most vulgar language and nobody says anything to them; but if I were to use that language, somebody will ask why I was not arrested.

If there are these attempts made at favouritism in the Police Force and the Heads of Departments are not meting out to the Privates what the Privates should have, and you once get the feeling that there is discontent and dissatisfaction in the Police Force, we are in for a very sad state of affairs, I have confidence in the basic commonsense of the

Barbadian public and of the Police Force. A Policeman today is a different man from his predecessor. His predecessor had to be big as his first qualification, and Us second qualification was that he had to be ignorant. That was the old-time concept of the Policeman, If he were a big and sensible man he might find it difficult to get into the Police Force because he might want to use his club. As I said today, a Policeman is different nowadays. In days gone by, a Sergeant would have to measure forty-two inches around his waist, but today things are different, In those days if the Policeman did not have a forty-two inch waist, you would think he was a hungry man. I understand that the lawyers are very hard on the

Policemen, but I would like to say that if the hon. member is satisfied that there should be an investigation into the Police Force, then he should be prepared to state that this or that is what is taking place or that such-and-such are the instances where the service is likely to break down? therefore an investigation is necessary.

Mr. Chairman, I do not think that there is one man whom everybody likes, I have always heard that the Police Force has been accused of favouritism. Wherever there is the exercise of discipline I may say that I am a believer in all disciplined forces whether it be the Army, the Navy or the Air Force, and I also believe that where you are asking for an investigation you should be willing to state what are the particular instances, The question of colour has arisen during the course of a police case. That has happened recently with the family of a member of this House, However, Sir, it would not be convenient for that hon. member to speak on this matter, but if the same thing had happened to me I would have spoken on it. If my son went to the Harbour in order to bring out anybody and a Policeman happened to treat Mm roughly, I would have to take some action, 12.45 p.m.

Some days ago I saw the hon. member in a picture of a half riot in Swan Street and he was acting as a Commissioner of Police, Later the same place at which there was the riot had a sale and the people almost broke down the place to get in; so I asked myself what was the objection all about? It went around that a white man had kicked a black man, and you would know that an action like that is bound to inflame people\'s feelings. I do not know if they can charge me in here, but I feel I have freedom to speak, I feel, Mr, Chairman, that these are things for which you want the Police Force. You can Imagine, if you did not have a Police Force and that bad taken place, where it would have ended. There would have been bloodshed, I do not therefore like to say things unless I am willing to pinpoint exactly what is wrong within the Police Force, because some of my friends in the Police Force may be dissatisfied with something they do not like, I believe all of us have friends who from time to time tell us things they do not like, but you have to be very careful about these things? otherwise you will create a problem, I say that as a citizen and not as a member of the House of Assembly. If there is need for an investigation in the Police Force based on specific things, I would agree to that, I say these things as a citizen, because I was born a citizen and then became a member of the House, Membership of the House overshadows some people\'s thinking as a citizen, but my citizenship overshadows being a member of the House; and when I leave I hope to be a citizen, because members of the House feel that because you were a past member of the House, you are no longer a citizen,

I know that my colleague, the hon. senior member for St. James, feels very strongly about certain matters, but I feel that if he is satisfied that an investigation should be made into the Police Force, I think he would have to let us have a specific Resolution, which would require all of us to debate it, rather than ask for an investigation to be made into the Police Force during the debate on the Estimates. If a serious thing occurred which necessitated an enquiry, it would be a serious thing for the Government to turn it down, because all of us are affected by the quality of the Police Force we have.

The question that the sum of $437,427 under Head 18 - Police, stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 19 FIRE SERVICE Head 19 fire Service was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $62,297 under Head 19 Fire Service stand pan of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that.

Mr. YEARWOODMr. Chairman, speaking on this Head, there is a general complaint from Firemen, especially in the rural areas, that certain conditions which go on at their station are not satisfactory. They complain that at the station a lot of pigs are kept, and most of them are discriminated against because they do not attend to these pigs. I do not think that the tending of pigs comes into a fireman\'s duties, yet there are called upon during

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
Would the hon. junior member for St. John indicate on which item he is speaking?

Mr. YEARWOOD:
I am speaking, Mr. Chairman, on Item 7, I do not think, Mr. Chairman, that a Fireman\'s dirties include cleaning a pig pen at work. If be keeps pigs at home, it is his duty to clean them; but I do not feel he should be called upon to do that at a station, and the Government should make sure that pigs are not kept at a fire station. We are now erecting a Sub-station in St. John, and I hope none of these complaints will arise. There are about five Firemen who attend to pigs all day and are not engaged in their substantive duties; and when one refuses to attend to these pigs, he is transferred from one place to another, thus causing him to pay an unnecessary amount of bus fare. This state of affairs should be attended to. At some of these stations, there are as many as eighteen pigs of which about ten are sows. I never thought a thing like this would obtain at this time, and I believe that the Government should look into the matter,

Mr. SMITH:
Mr. Chairman, I hope I tinder stood the hon. junior member for St. John clearly when he said that there are eighteen pigs at a fire station. 12.55 p.m.

I would like to know now from the Hon. Minister in charge who is supposed to be the owner of these pigs and whose money feeds these pigs, as well as who buys these pigs. What happens to the money when these pigs are sold? I would take it that if the pigs are raised at this station, it is just like a meeting turn between these Firemen. They would sell the pork and the money is distributed between them. To be raising 18 pigs and to have two Firemen attending them is something which I know nothing about. I can tell you that money is voted for them to attend to fires, and not pigs. Of course, I would prefer to attend to pigs, if I were a Fireman, than to go to fires when there is the possibility of my dropping off the fire wagon or being involved in a collision. The only thing which I would be involved in attending to pigs is the pig pen itself; therefore. I do not think it is anything wrong to be attending to pigs. What is wrong about it is that I would like to know who is the owner of these pigs. I can very well understand a Fireman attending to pigs at the station if there are only one or two pigs, I think the hon. member mentioned something about sows. So long as he knows the number of pigs, he should know the owners. If the Government, owns these pigs and the Government money is attending to these pigs, I would say that It is nothing wrong: but if a private individual owns these pigs and the money is going into an individual\'s pockets, then something would be wrong.

What is done with the proceeds from these Digs? Arc they sent to the market or are these pigs being killed and distributed to the Firemen\'s wives and children? If you get rid of the pigs by selling them, does the money go to title Firemen? I would like to know all these things before I criticise them. What brought me to my feet was that I beard that there were 18 pigs and that you had two Firemen attending to them.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, as far as I am concerned, I am one who is for these people because of the ability of the Head of the Department, I feel that I can give all praise to him, I must say that during the time of the head of the Fire Service, all his recommendations for promotion were of local men and it is a credit to Barbados, We all appreciate his services very much.

If these questions, which the hon. junior member for St. John asked, were left unanswered, it would go as if Firemenare rasing pigs for the Chief Fire Officer. I am wondering if that can be clarified, If it is proved that the Chief Fire Officer could be such a lunatic, running mad outside of the Mental Hospital, that he could have 18 piglets at a fire station with two Firemen attending to them, he should be dismissed, I do not know bow that can be true knowing the particular man as I do, I know it has been the custom for years in this country at an Out Station for Station Sargeants to keep cows, goats and so on. What I do know about the duty of Firemen is that because of their long hours of waiting, they must find something to do while waiting in anticipation of a call to a fire, At the Out Stations when the crop is over, Firemen do not have that amount of work to do as they do in the crop time,

I have seen and experienced that the Chief Fire Officer and his men at Christmas time have donated money and Christmas toys to various charitable causes, They have raised money to go towards the children of Firemen, and so on.

I have nothing against Firemen raising stock so as to give things to children with the money collected therefrom, What I am saying now is that as it stands now, one would believe that the Fire Officer has these Firemen keeping pigs for himself, I would be the first to say that the man who wants Firemen to do that should get out of this country as soon as possible. As I have said, I have heard that they do keep pigs and other things at these stations, but they belong to the people themselves. If it is felt that the senior Fireman has a bigger band in the purse, I do not know I have heard that these things arc kept as a means of raising money to grant scholarships and assisting Firemen in one way or another. I would say that this is one institution which has overshadowed the Police Force in many ways, I believe the hon. junior member for St. John meant piglets. There is no man in Barbados who would attempt to keep 18 pigs. As a matter of fact, there was a shortage of pork in the last few weeks so I do not know if that has anything to do with it,

There is no vote for keeping pigs. You must prove to me that the Chief Fire Officer has told Firemen that they must keep pigs for him, I do not know if you can prove that, I do know that some of them keep kitchen gardens at the Station, They find something to do and I do know that they must find something to do, Having nothing to do for four to seven days, they must find something to do? therefore, if one keeps a pig, there is nothing wrong in that. I do not think it is right to ask the Hon. Minister in charge of this portfolio to interfere with such a thing, but the inference in this case is that Firemen are made to keep pigs by the Chief Fire Officer, and if that is so, that should not be allowed, I understand that that is

not so. 1.05 p.m.

Instead of telling the Government that you have to bring in somebody from Honolulu or some place like that, he has been training men and doing a good job. He would not want them to rear pigs for him, but they have been keeping pigs and cultivating kitchen gardens and they have been keeping sheep too at these Stations, In these cases

permission must have been given to them by the man in charge. If you were to go to District \"B\" Police Station you will find that some of the Sargeants are keeping chickens. I would not be any party at all to any Fire Officer .compelling men to do a thing like this. I say again, that this is something for which permission must have been sought, I know that these men have to raise money for treating and assisting destitute children. Mr, Chairman, I do not know how they manage to do it. There are those who engage in cultivating kitchen gardens and there are others who keep pigs. I would like to say something now, but I may be bringing tales out of school. You are getting fish in St. James too.

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to associate myself with all that has been said by the hon. junior member for St.John, It has been drawn to my attention by some Firemen that they have to see after the rearing of these pigs instead of doing their jobs, (Mr. MOTTLEY By whom?) 11 do not know, but the statement which I have made is an authentic one, I know that some of these Firemenare called upon to attend to these pigs and piglets. I feel, Sir, that the time has come when the appropriate Minister should investigate the matter and stop such a practice at Seawell especially,

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman. I have been wondering if there is any possibility of truth in what I have been hearing that is to say, that firemen have to attend to pigs at these different Police Stations, I do not know if I could believe a thing like that. Today there are so many fires taking place and the vehicles have to be kept so busy that I do not see why Firemen should be attending to pigs whether on their own behalf or on behalf of anybody else, I think that the Policemen are being paid decent salaries, and I therefore do not see the necessity for them to be keeping pigs. I do not think that any pigs should be allowed to be kept at these Stations at all, whether those pigs belong to the Sergeant, to the Corporal or whoever it may be. It is a fact, Sir, that if you were to get your hands soiled with the filth of pigs, it will take some time before you can get the odour off your hands, I hope that the Minister in charge will have this practice at these stations eradicated,

Hon. E. W. BARROW:

Mr. Chairman, a few days ago the Russians accomplished the remarkable feat of putting a man in outer space and flying around the world, and yesterday the United States Government successfully landed two astronauts about 60 miles off the coast of the Bahamas, Today, in this House of Assembly, certain hon, members who have been put in here to represent the interest of the people are deploring the fact that certain Firemen, according to them, have to clean out pig pens on the premises of the Fire Station. I must regret that the hon. senior member for St. Peter is not now in his place because I am sure he would be able to deal with these latterday representatives in a much better way than I could deal with them. With the exception of the hon. senior member for the City who represents the capitalist classes and the autocracy of this island, all bon, members have, at some time of their lives, cleaned out pig pens. There are three members of the Government including myself now present - and I air? sure that they will

not resent my comments. The Hon. Minister of Education, the Hon. Minister of Health and I, have all had to clean out pig pens, I still have to clean out my pig pen, I know that the hon. junior member for St.Joseph has a special attachment to pigs. We have gone to his home, and a pig was dancing all around the dining room table. The pigs enjoy an equal status with the hon. member and his family; therefore I can understand his concern. However, I do not understand the attitude of other hon. members who have cleaned out pigpens at some time or other. Since they have become members of this House of Assembly, they have their wives and their children cleaning out the pig pens because they have become too great to do that,

Mr. Chairman, what is wrong in anybody cleaning out a pig pen? At the present time we have a shortage of pigs in the island and even a member like the hon. senior member for St. Andrew is suggesting that we should get rid of

the pigs from the fire station! I want to say, Sir, that the pigs do not belong to the Chief Fire Officer at all or to any individual like that; they belong to the Fire Service Sports Club, The Firemen are able to buy their pigs at a much cheaper rate than that at which I or anybody else can get them, and they can get their pork at 50 cents a pound. Furthermore* Sir, the profit which is made from the Department - I believe it was over $2,000 -> is used for the purpose as has been outlined by the hon. senior member for the. City who, at that time, must have been replying on behalf of the Government, If they would give me a share of the profits, I would be very glad to clean out the pig pens, and I refer especially to the pigs in the Seawell area, 1.15 p.m.

Now there are eight sows, four piglets and one boar at Seawell, If this was a matter of such great pith and moment, one would have thought that any of the members who have spoken would have had a question tabled to the unfair treatment which is being meted out to the men in the Fire Service. The hon. senior member for St. Andrew even went so far as to suggest that people have been cleaning out pig pens instead of attend ing to fires, but it does not take one single man looking after ten pigs to spend more than half-an-hour with a hose on mornings cleaning pig pens. The members of the Fire Service voluntarily take it in turn to feed the pigs, and they are the people to reap the direct benefits from them. No member of the Fire Service who does not want to, Mr. Chairman, need take a turn on the roster, and there must be about thirty of them available; therefore they would not have to clean a pig pen as I have to or the Minister of Health or the Minister of Education, both of whom have pigs, and I am sure that neither member of the Fire Service has to clean a pig pen as often as one of us.

The point is that we will get nowhere in this community at all if representatives of the people are going to get up and make the general public believe that there is something degrading in menial labour. As I said before, I know how this community lives, I am not making any accusation against any individual member of the House, but the ones who keep pigs and do not clean out the pig pens make their wives and children do it, I challenge anyone who is keeping pigs that he does not think anything about this wife cleaning the pig pen. But the Firemen cannot clean out a pig pen! They must sit down all day reading about James Bond. They ? must not have any vocational activities at all or any form of creative re* creation; but you will see a newspaper with a big headline reading \"Firemen Made to Clean Out Pig pens\", If they were in the Army, they would have to do more than clean out pig pens; and they are being paid. Those who do not want to take part can transfer to the Police Force of somewhere like that. The Mounted Police have to look after their own horses. Who cleans the stables for them? The Policemen who drive the vans and cars have to wash them. Are we going to suggest that there is something

degrading about washing a motor car? How many of us around this Table can afford to have somebody washour motor car for us every morning?

Mr. Chairman, any Fireman who has a legitimate complaint can write to the Permanent Secretary of Home Affairs or ask a member to table a question. It is very strange that for the past three years nobody considered it such an imposition on the Fire Service to be raising pigs and making a profit, but in the middle of the Estimates they come here and say there is something degrading about people cleaning pig pens, I clean pig pens; so the Firemen who do not want to do it, if they give me their share, I will drive to Seawell daily and do it. I cannot make a more generous offer than that, because somebody has to set an example in this island, I was seriously considering at one stage - and I disclose it now - that I would like each Minister in Government, if he did not have such a pressure of work, to go around with the scavenging trucks one morning a week to demonstrate to the people in the community that there is no manual labour which is unworthy of the people of this country, because I think this would keep people\'s perspective geared in the right way, and let them

understand the kind of economy we come from and what we are aspiring to. We can do the same menial task and still assist in promoting ideas. It is absurd for the hon, senior member for St. Andrew to suggest that we have people looking after pigs instead of putting out fires, because if he knew that situation existed, it was his duty to come here and bring it to the attention of the House so as to have it properly investigated, I will treat it with the scant courtesy it deserves, because no one is willing to call the Firemen\'s names or is prepared to say that a single Fireman has been made to do this as a matter of obligation and not on a voluntary basis, I think the allegation is completely unfounded and without substance, and I will not say anything more, I think I have made myself clear, This country has to change its thinking on a lot of things before we get anywhere,

Mr. WEEKES:

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate what the hon. senior member for St.John has said, I would like him to know that I look after the cleaning of my pig pen. But these men were taken on as firemen, and if they bring a complaint to any member of the House, it is the member\'s duty to draw it to the attention of the Appropriate Minister I differ from the Premier when he says it is part of their duty, because I have been informed that if a member does not carry out his instructions, he is victimised. These Firemen claim that if they do not perform these duties, they are not considered for promotion. If certain Firemen have to look after the pigs and not others, it is unfair to those who have to do it. If it were done in rotation, those who looked after the pigs would be satisfied; but there are certain Firemen who are called upon to do this job, and if they do not take care of these pigs, there is no promotion.

I am not against the practice of doing manual work, because I am from among the people and have to do manual work and look after pigs at my home; but as I have mentioned before, if a complaint comes to a member of this Honourable House, he should let the House know what is going on, because if the Firemen were not dissatisfied about keeping these pigs, they would not have reported the matter to us,

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman, I will not withdraw any of the words I have already spoken, I spoke after I heard the hon. junior member for St.John say how these officers are victimised if they do not clean the pig pens, and are transferred from station to station, I said I doubted that and would have to see it for myself, 1.25 p.m.

I am saying that cleaning out a pig pen by Firemen and that son of thing should not be carried out at a Fire Station or a Police Station, No pigs should be raised at a Fire Station where officers have to go and attend them. If such a practice is going on, I would like to say that it should be stopped immediately. Give Firemen a decent salary so that they would be able to carry out their duties in due season and out of season, I do not understand all this non- sense about officers cleaning out pig pens, I would not get here and voice it and say that it is true, but if it is carried out, it should be stopped,

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, you will remember my saying that I could not say much on this because I would like to hear the replies coming from the Hon. Minister in charge, The Hon. Minister has said that it is the Fire Service. If it is a law, I believe that every member has to contribute to the upkeep and the running of it. If a member had to take a hose and wash down the pig pen. that is his contribution. Some day or the other, he is going to share the profits. As I said just now, if I were a Fireman, I would rather stay and wash down a pig pen than to go out on the van because I am exposed to more danger out on the Van than by staying at the station and attending to pigs.

However, something is wrong with my hearing, I heard the Hon. Premier when be got up to say something, and I cannot be so rude as to ask him to repeat it; but I believe what he said was in reply to me. I heard something said to the effect as if I treat my children as pigs.

Hon. E. W. BARROW:

I said that the ton. member had a high regard for pigs. I welcome the circumstances, I do not want to repeat what I said, but I did not say that the boa member treated his children badly,

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman I would not worry with that, but as regards members of the Hon. Premier\'s party, you do not want anyone nearer to him than his colleague in the parish of St. John. If the hon. junior member for St.John could have approached the Hon. Premier, I believe that he would have approached him and asked him about this matter and would have tried to get it settled before he came in and voiced it on the floor of this House. This shows me that the hon. junior member for St.John cannot approach his colleague.

Mr. YEARWOOD:

Mr. Chairman. I rise on a point of order. I believe when the hon. junior member for St. Joseph says that, he thinks that I am like him when his master was leading the Government,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

! would ask the hon. junior member for St. Joseph to speak on the Head and not of personalities.

Mr. SMITH:

Leave those things for the outsiders and members of the Opposition to do. That is not for members who support the Government, I am telling you and your colleagues what you must do. The hon. junior member for St. John felt to do it. He either felt to do it or he could not approach bis colleague,

The question that the sum of $62,297 under Head 19 - pi re Service - stand part of the Schedule was

put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 20 - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING Head 20 - Town and Country Planning _ was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
I beg to move that the sum of $33,974, under Head 20 Town and Country Planning, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA; I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 21 - PRISONS Head 21 - Prisons - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD- I beg to move that the sum of $67,563, under Head 21, - Prisons, -stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that,

The question was put and resolved in the affirnative without division.

HEAD 22 - LANDS AND SURVEYS

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD- Mr. Chairman, there are some amendments to be included under this Head, There are as follows:-

On Page 46, Item 14-Delete Notes to items 13 & 14, 15-17 Survey Instruments

Insert note 14 - \"To purchase sundry survey instruments\".

On Page 47, Item 15 - Requisites for Survey Office - Insert note 15 - \'To purchase survey office equipment\".

I beg to move that the sum of $62,300, under Head 2, Lands and Surveys, as amended, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY:
Mr. Chairman, it is most appropriate on this occasion to debate this. What I am talking about is closely associated with Land and Surveys. This is an occasion when the opportunity should have been taken by the Hon. Leader of the House to explain this question. We have a Surveyor at the Town and

Country Planning Department, one at the Department of Highways and so on but at this particular Department which I understand, is like what you have in big countries where you have a set of Departments and where you have a particular Department where Lands and Surveys are undertaken for evey branch of the Service, 1.35 p.m.

I think it would be most appropriate for the Hon. Minister to tell us something about this matter. Outside of the Government, very few of us know what this is at all. We have a Lands and Surveys Department and that Department has been set up to the tune of $109,184, You have the Chief Surveyor, the Senior Surveyor, four Surveyors, one senior Draftsman, two Draftsmen, one junior Draftsmen, two apprentice Draftsmen, Long Grade Clerk and so on. They have all been set up under the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) No, 6 Order, 1964, That being so, are you still going to have, in the various Departments of Government, the services of Surveyors, Draftsmen, Planners and so on? Mr. Chairman, I am not raising this question just because I have the right to do so, I am not opposing anything, but I am raising this question so as to get some enlightenment as to this new Department.

When we brought in the Estimates in respect of the Town and Country Planning Department, we compelled them to tell us what these men are and what it was all about, I do not think I am asking loo much of the Hon. Minister in charge of this Head to explain this matter to us. In other Departments you have these Surveys and so on. I am asking whether this Department will be responsible for all the survey work which is to be done or what?

Hon. E. W. BARROW:

Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat surprised at the question which has been raised by the hon, member. If he looks at Head 22 he win see - Lands and Surveys - and that all of these Items are fixed by law The reason for that is that this House discussed this matter in 1964 when the appropriate Civil Establichment Order was introduced. Honestly, Sir, I did not come in here to debate all the details of this Established Department, but if the hon. member has forgotten, I will remind him that it is a part of the Government\'s policy that there should be this Department set up in order to reduce the cost of surveying lands and obtaining titles to lands in this island, the cost of which is abnormally high. The whole purpose of setting up a Department of Lands and Surveys is in order to implement the Government\'s proposals as to the registration of lands and in the securing of titles. When the registration of land has been carried out, periodic surveys will have to be made. This is a very monumental step which the Government has undertaken and this is the minimum staff which has to deal with the requirements of the island. We will have to start registration by a delineation of special districts under which registration will be compulsory until we can have an actual survey of the island carried out. We have just finished an aerial survey of the island and we have received all the maps. We have also done a comprehensive soil survey of the island in order to see how much can be done. There will then be no room for dispute or argument as to where a person\'s boundary runs because everything will be fitting into a master plan of the island. Again the re will be substantial reductions in lawyers\' and solicitors\' fees and in those of Surveyors. That is the whole rationale of the setting up of a Department of Lands and Surveys under my Ministry, Really Sir, I cannot go into all of the other details because we have already debated this Head.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

What the hon. member says was debated; but what he says today has not been debated, and he should not be surprised at what I have asked about because I said that I would ask about it. I thank the hon. member for his explanation. What I wanted to know was whether some of these men would be placed in

such departments like the Housing Authority and soon. In this connection they seem to

have omitted how many Chairmen are necessary for this Department. When hon. members go out of this Assembly they win hear: \"I see you have passed this Item under this Head11 and they will be asked what it is all about. You cannot merely say that this Head was debated. It is quite in order for hon. members to understand what it means, This is a question of an entire change in the system of securing titles to land. Will the Hon. Premier tell us why they have actually set out the number of other Officers whereas they have left out the number of chainmen?

Hon. E. W. BARROW:

Mr. Chairman, I think that the reason why the number of chainmen necessary has been left out is that these chainmen would not be any part of the Establishment, Chainman are really casual workers who may be needed from time to time and they are not skilled workers. Under that Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order. 1964, the establishment went as far down as the Messenger, as hon. members will see. The hon, member should know that the chainmen hold the poles, and so on, and, as I have already said, they are not skilled people. It is for that reason that they are not any part of the Established Staff. Anybody who is working, say, on the day before or who goes out of a job today, can be taken on as a chainman, (ASIDES). The hon. member can tell you how he will run it and I will tell you how we will run it, 1.45 p.m.

Now, Sir, on the other part of the member\'s question, I would like to repeat what I have already put before the House, that Mr. L. McD. Beard who was sub-intendent of Crown Lands in Trinidad made a representation for discussions with the Law Society and the Bar Association some years ago, and he recommended that a Lands and Survey Department be set up along the lines recommended, to be solely responsible for all land survey work required by the various departments of Government (the Works Departments will however retain responsibility for their own engineering surveys and layout work) secondly, to record all plans, field notes and survey computations in connection with survey work done in the island both for the Government and for private concerns; thirdly, to exercise effective control over surveying practices and provide safeguards in respect of the accuracy of plans and survey work generally; fourthly, to carry out control surveys to facilitate the working of a system for the registration of titles to land; and fifthly, to take over the duties of the Director of Public Works in respect of the Land Acquisition Act, 1949,

Now, Sir. the following surveyors on the staff of the Works Department will be absorbed under the new law: one surveyor from the Public Works, two surveyors from the Department of Highways and Transport, I said all this before when we introduced the Civil Establishment Order, and that is Why I told Your Honour in my first reply that I did not consider it necessary to go through all the details. In case the hon. member has forgotten them, I have explained that the surveyors will be absorbed, and the general work, would be controlled by the Chief Surveyor of Lands and Surveys.

Mr. MOTTLEY; I thank the hon. member for his reply, but he need not pontificate by saying that I could run the Department how I wanted it I asked a question about this $12,000 for chainmen, and I can tell the hon. member that every surveyor in this island keeps a man whom he has trained as a chainman, and who becomes acquainted with the laying out of his work, surveying gullies and so on, and there is no question of a surveyor picking up any man and using him as a chainman. Maybe I was not here when the Resolution was passed, but when you are spending public money, I think the public should know

what is going to happen. I be* lieve that you will find permanent chainmen attached to a particular surveyor, and very often a surveyor goes to the expense of putting them up near to where he lives,

The question that the sum of $62,300 under Head 22 - Lands and Surveys - stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 23 - METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

Head 23 - Meteorological Service - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Chairman, there is an amendment to Item 12 on page 48, The note is to read as follows-

\"To provide contributions to the upkeep of the Head- quarters Unit of the Caribbean Meteorological Service, one rawinsonde station in Barbados and one in Jamaica, and to meet the cost of forecasting services from Trinidad. The sum of $21,762 is refundable,\'*

I beg to move that the sum of $73,42? under Head 23 - Meteorological Service - as amended, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 24 - PREMIER - CABINET AND GENERAL

Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $158,955 under Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General - stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that,

Mr. SMITH:
Mr. Chairman, speaking on Item 10 - Conferences and Delegations - I notice that we are about to spend $25,000 more on this Item. Now, Sir, my speech may be termed a ragged trousers one on this matter; nevertheless I will still say that an increase of $25,000 for Con* ferences and Delegations is too much. This Government, Mr. Chairman, lambasted the last Government on this item when they were campaigning over the country. They told the electors that the last Government was flying all over the place when there were so many hungry people in Barbados, I am wondering if there are no hungry people now or people who are unemployed thai this Government can spend $25,000 more on this item.

If a hungry man was listening to the particular speakers at that time, he would surely have to change the Government or Ministers who were spending money flying about, and replace them by persons who were going to reduce expenses of this kind. 1.55. p.m.

Sir, I have had to say in here already that I do not expect that every time a Minister leaves this country to go anywhere, he should come back and tell me personally what he has achieved, what has been done or what he went for; but the people should know at all times the reason for going OBI or travelling out and if anything has been done or has been achieved. The hon. senior member for St. Peter said yesterday that every time he goes out be learns something. But every time he goes out, be goes out on the workers\' business and he goes to further the interest of the workers and tries to get something done on the workers\' behalf. Now, these Ministers are living up in the air, and doing the same thing or more than what the Ministers of the last Government were doing, and we do not know at all times the reasons why it is being done. We should really know about it.

The sum of $25,000 is a lot more money to spend on Conferences and Delegations, I think that some of these conferences or some of these delegations can be avoided because not long ago I read in the newspaper that a Minister left here to attend a funeral in Jamaica of an ordinary Minister: that is to say. the same man as himself. He left here try the taxpayers\' money to attend a funeral of another Minister, If we had a few more Ministers passing to the Great Beyond, then this vote for the coming financial year would be about $40,000 more, if you are going to make it your business to attend the funeral. A funeral is nothing from which the country is going to benefit and you are going to take it upon yourself to attend funerals! It is no wonder that this vote is more.

I was trying to remember if any Minister in the last Government ever attended an ordinary funeral at the Government\'s expense. You cannot say that I am only criti-

cising or attacking the Government because I have a mouth. This is the same Government that told the people that they brought in a law to make provision for a Public Accounts Committee to investigate the accounts of Government Departments because they were spending money in the wrong direction.

I can remember the present Minister of Education when he was in the Opposition having the Table of this House decorated with a nice basket, a butter tot, lard oil bottle and some parcels in his effort to convince the members of this House that something was wrong with the last Government, and how much it would take now for a pensioner or poor old woman of his constituency to maintain herself. Here it is, the same Minister is instrumental in increasing the cost of running the country and the taxpayer would have to be taxed more heavily by the increase in this vote by $25,000.

Very little is known of what happens as a result of these conferences, no more than what you know by reading the newspapers. You can not say that each time you read of the Minister, he is speaking on his own. It is not that he is always speaking on Ms own. That is all which the people would ever know about some of these conferences and delegations. Every minute a Minister is flying out - and not only a Minister is flying out, but he is taking along with him a goad few of his officers. It must be very important that you have to be carrying along so many people on those occasions. That is one reason why you have to call for more money. Before, it was the Minister alone; now, it is a Minister and company. They go out at the taxpayers\' expense and all that we have to do is to pay up the money, I say that because I am a taxpayer.

Here it is, $25,000 more is asked for Conferences and Delegations. I would like to know how many more conferences the Government is budgeting for and how many more they are expecting that they have to spend $25,000 more. If they are going for some more joy rides, it would mean that every Minister would have to enjoy a ride. I do not think that I would have the opportunity to sit in one of these luxurious airplanes, I hear that they can give you a fine joy ride. Every Minister would now be able to have a trip in these luxurious airplanes. But, at whose expense?

Twenty-five thousand dollars is a lot of money. I have said already in this House that if you have more than $100 that is a lot of money for many people. This is $25,000: and the same Government lambasted the last Government for going on too many conferences, which caused the last Government to be outside of this House, This is one of the things which caused the defeat of the last Government,

You are flying about; you are living in the air. This is the same thing which cawed the defeat of the last Govern* mem, I hope it will cause the same thing to this Government, My memoir is very short and I cannot do much reading, but I do not think that we ever increased this vote for Conferences and Delegations by $25,000, I dares ay that it may be increased again by another $25,000, However, I think that some of these conferences can be avoided, I will speak later on a particular one which I think can be avoided, 2.05 p.m.

I will mention it later on. Soon I win mention that particular conference when money should not have been spent and, Mr. Chairman, there are a few more like that, I can understand when you have Conferences and you are going to do something tangible for the benefit of the people. Every time you leave the country you are going to do some* thing for the benefit of the country. That is what I cad understand. Just as the hon. senior member for St Peter says, every time he goes out he gains something, and so it pays him to go out. The blindest man on a trotting horse can see that, and those with two eyes should be able to see it belter, I am one of the representatives of the people and I win have to make these remarks. There is some expenditure which can be termed as non-productive expenditure, and we have to be very careful about that and go very slowly on it. On things which are productive, you

can spend money. A businessman win not have any fear when he goes to the Bank Manager\'s office. When he goes into the Bank Manager\'s office and sits in the chair he will be able to convince the Bank Manager that he can get a loan or an overdraft. As a matter of fact, the Bank Manager is such a businessman that you cannot put anything on him because he knows his business backwards. He can tell you whether you will gain or whether you will lose,

Mr. Chairman, we have to be very careful with these non-productive things; we will have to face the music whenever it comes, but non-productive expenditure can be responsible for the downfall of any business. I am not speaking of the Government only. We are now increasing the expenditure by buying a nice place called \"Culloden Farm*\', That is something new on which we are going to spend some money. We have to be very careful in committing ourselves to all of tills expenditure when the windfall money is not there. Yesterday the hon. Premier warned that something is likely to happen, but even if he had not said so, we can all see it. Luck is a very good thing when it is in your favour, but when it is not in your favour then that is another matter. I would never be in favour of such an increase. I know that I will be the only voice crying in the wilderness. This Head will be passed, but I still have to voice my protest against it,

Mr. Chairman, as I have already said, I am a representative of the people, whether I am a ragged trousers representative or not. When the time comes, it is for the people to say whether I should be replaced by a representative who has a new pair of trousers, or if the same ragged trousers representative will be returned. Anyhow, Sir, I shall have to voice my opinion upon any matter which comes before this House, I am saying, Sir, that it is not fair to the Electorate to tell them in one voice to get rid of him because he is spending too much money, and then when they put me in, I am. spending more money, I feel that the people have been fooled by them, I would have to hang my head in shame if in every year this particular vote is being increased. They have promised the people that they will do a good Job, but they are not doing it.

This vote is on the way up and I do not know what will happen if year after year the amount of this vote is going up. This is a serious matter and I hope the Government will try and keep down expenditure of this nature. Nonproductive expenditure is something which must be taken very seriously,

Mr. WALCOTT:

The ten. Junior member for St. Joseph has paid me a left-hand compliment. But I must say that I do not thank him for it, and I cannot return the compliment to Mm, It is true, as the hon. member has said, that some expenditure is non-productive. That is quite true, I would say that some speeches are also non-productive, (Laughter). We have just had the infliction of a speech which is nonproductive and which is one of the hon. member\'s usual pastimes. I was going to appeal to him, but he used words which I will quote so that he will not be rising on a point of order. The hon. member says that if it were different he would hang his head in shame, but he is a man who is completely without a modicum of shame. He has used and repeated a shameless statement which could only convince Ananias, For example, the hon. member has been the re* cipient of money which has been spent on him to go to a Conference, The amount of money was about $3,000, and I would say that if you can spend $3,000 on the hon. member about ten years ago, which expenditure has produced what it has today, then whatever you may spend on a Conference vote is something microscopic when you make that sort of comparison. This country spent money and sent out the hon. member as our representative to that Conference and look at the results which we are getting now - this shameless exercise of production! What was the result of the Conference to which the hon. member went? But the hon, member is belly-aching as a member of his Party which went out of Office. They had a row the dinner table as to who had table manners (Laughter). I say, Sir, that the hon. member\'s going out was a waste of time. When the Leader of the Government arrived at the dinner table he laughed

at the hon. member\'s Barbadian rural behaviour which is so much unlike the English behaviour. The Hon. Premier was somewhat taken back with this rumbustious behaviour, which was not in keeping with the cool atmosphere in London. 2.15 p.m.

We all know the bitterness which that visit created between the hon. member and one of his best colleagues* so if that is how the hon. member is looking at this amount for Conferences and what they produced, those of us who look to Conferences do not look upon them like that. The hon. member spoke about a Minister go ing to another Minister\'s funeral How could a man be so ungracious as to begin to question an ordinary courtesy? To suggest that a person is doing something unworthy when be pays respect to another Parliamentary colleague in high office is not only shameless, but positive idiocy. You have to be a complete unadulterated idiot not to know that not to pay courtesy to another person in the

circumstances where a person dies, as in the case where a Minister in Jamaica died, is the sort of barbaric behaviour that one cannot associate with Parliament and somebody who has been to a Parliamentary Conference, All the hon. member has got from the Parliamentary Conference is to come back with rural behaviour, which is all right if he is speaking to a rural audience. The hon. member should know that this behaviour does not do him or Barbados any good, nor is it going to resurrect the Party of which he is a member, lam satisfied that the hon, member will not hang his head in shame on anything, because if I had been in the hon. member\'s position and was aware of what was said about me in my political life, by the Leader of his Party to the effect that he was going to make him beg his bread, I would have to be a confirmed idiot baptised in the Church of Hypocrites to be associated with such a leader, because if he had that in mind about me, he would want to see me in the almshouse. He did not hang his head in shame, but said \"Here\'s to the Lord\'s anointed\", and by some divine intervention the lorry on which he was standing started to move; therefore it seemed to have been blasphemy when he used those words.

When the hon. member talks about an election, if he is making an election speech, he should do it outside, because if he docs it other people can do it also, I heard the hon, member, say that the Hon. Premier would not like to hear him during an election, but if the hon. member regards himself as a threat to anybody in this country or to a Government politically, you can well realise what kind of Government we would have, because to be quite frank, the hon. member is only known to be affable and nice, but die riddle and perplexities of the state cannot come to him though be has been so many years here. If you multiply nought by twenty years you get twenty noughts, lam worried if the hon. member believes he is going in an election and tell somebody that the Government spent $25,000 more on Conferences and somebody is going to be pushed out of the House of Assembly based on that. The hon. member pays me a compliment now, but he regrets that I am aware that when this country was at the point of putting money to the same workers\' benefit, he is one who told the workers that if we wanted to pay members of the staff a pension, we should provide it out of some other source, I am not one of those idiots who accept that kind of compliment, because that type of wickedness that is being put under the guise of affability has to be smothered,

Mr. Chairman, if you do not have conferences and meetings with people, you will not be able to prevent the difficulties taking place as between Indonesia and Malaysia; so you have conferences to avoid these things. When the hon. member suggests that when you go to these conferences, you go on a joy ride, any fool would know that when you go in an aeroplane you cannot be taking a joy ride, because you do not know when it is going to come down. Which one of the jets carries a guarantee that it would never crash? We risk our lives when we go on these trips, and our families are involved in these risks.

Moreover, Mr. Chairman, if this Government made a criticism of the last Government on the question of dealing

with specific matters. If the hon. member is worried be* cause the last Government has fallen, I will tell him that it could not have fallen so dramatically based on conference votes. The last Government fell because the people were tired of them, and if the hon. member thinks he is going to resurrect them by this kind of exercise in here, we will have to re-impose something else on the people, because we cannot have them on our backs or even in our company. It is one thing to have somebody on your back, and another to have him in your company. Having the hon. member is enough, and I would say that if you talk about non-productive work, the hon. member has produced so much nonproductive work that I hope

the Leader of the House tries to dispose of him, though he is that sort of material that is beyond disposal. You might dispose of something by burning it, but the ashes still worry you; so what more can you do? If the hon. member is going to use this on an election platform, I think be ought to be told quite plainly that the Government of Barbados has not for the last five years sent a delegation to the Inter national Labour Organisation Conference. 2.25 p.m.

British Guiana with all its troubles sent one. Trinidad sent one; Jamaica sent one. The difficulty is that what is taking place at World Conferences, we do not know anything about. This country has a right to send people to such conferences, but none of your people is exposed to them. Reading what is happening in the newspapers is one thing. Getting to know things is a different matter.

You are going to deal with social security in this country. How can you deal with it when you do not have support for it? I have said this before. The Premier goes away, yet you do not have proper secretaries or anybody to do any work for you. The hon. junior member for St Joseph talked about people being hungry, Do you realise that people in the U.S.A. are hungry? I had the experience last Sunday morning of a man begging me for cigarettes in big New York. Of course, I do not have much time for such people because a man who begs you for cigarettes there may also be a bad guy. There are still dilapidated houses in New York,

I have been through the Estimates and I have seen what it costs for keeping the house for the Premier, There was a time when the people of this country were very soft about this matter, but these are things people must realise, that come along with growth. It is well known that Barbadians are very parsimonious about spending money in these things, I do not see Ministers here enjoying the things which other Ministers enjoy. The salary of the Premier is still $12,000. That is because you do not want anybody to feel that you want to take out everything for yourself I have read in the newspapers that I am getting so much for the job which I am doing. The Premier is getting $12,000 a year and somebody regards that as a good salary for a Premier. The money which we get in here is only Entertainment Allowance, I want to draw the attention of hon. members to all these things,

I think it is frothy stuff when you talk about spending $25,000 more on Conferences and Delegations. On the last occasion, when we dealt with the same Item, Conferences and Delegations, I spoke on it, not in relation to the money which we were spending, but on what Dr, Williams said, I was specific.

This sum cannot pay for every conference and delegation which I spoke about yesterday, I said yesterday that they should do things in a big way. Invite the big people to go with you so as to create an atmosphere. Of course, that would cost money. The boa member talked about having a liaison in banking. Bank managers are not fob-pocket men, I bet you that ill the bank managers here from their position are getting salaries and reimbursements greater than the Premier.

The hon. member is making these cheap statements about having hungry people. You may have hungry people.

but the leaders cannot be hungry people. As soon as you get leaders who are hungry people, you will get corruption. Do not make comparison with the spending of this money by saying that the people are hungry. When you withdraw $36 million from the community and you take it and pay it back to the community, you will soon find out that there would be no Government, Some people do not understand

the theory of Government and because of that, they make all these foolish errors in talking about the money which you are spending. If all the money that is withdrawn from the community is given to the poor, there would be nobody to put in your meteorological service; there would be nobody to do scavenging.

Let us wait for the time when we are going to deal with the political issues at stake, and the hon. member would see who is going to get back in this Chamber, I am wondering whom the hon. Junior member for St.Joseph thinks would not get back in this House, We had a Pentecostal preacher here called Brother Lally in the wilderness. I think his real name was Brother Barrow, He was a pentecostal preacher and be used to go around saying: \"Poor Brother Lally in the wilderness;\" It is not for me to know whether the hon. member is going to get back into this House,

I would appeal to the hon. member once and for all to realise this. Your Party is out of power, and this kind of exercise is alright for rural meetings on Horse Hill where there is nobody to talk back to you. The hon. member must remember that if he voices that kind of thing in here, we would talk back and better than he can. Stop that sort of thing. It is not going to do your Party any good. What it would do is that an of us who feel that you are affable and nice it would make us go out of our way to get you out of here,

Mr. SMITH:
Mr. Chairman -

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
If the Hon. Member would just give way, I want to say that I think it is time to take the adjournment because the hon. member seems intent on debating the matter again.

I therefore beg to move that you do now report progress and ask for leave for the Committee to sit again,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accord\" ingly.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORDMr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Sitting of this House be now suspended until 3.15 p.m.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative

without division and Mr. SPEAKER suspended the sitting accordingly.

2,35 p.m.

On Re-assembling, HIS HONOUR THE DEPUTY SPEAKER took the Chair.

RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKEROn the suspension of the sitting, the House was in Committee of Supply,

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair and the House resumed Committee of Supply, Mr. BATSON in the Chair.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
When the House was in Committee of Supply before the suspension of the sitting, Head 24 -\" Premier - Cabinet and General - of the Estimates was under consideration. The question Is,.,,

Mr. SMITH:
Mr. Chairman, you will remember that when the sitting of the House was suspended, I was on my feet, I think that you will remember that. (ASIDES}* Mr. Chairman, will you ask your colleague to behave himself? He is breaking the Standing Orders of this Chamber, The hon. senior member for St. Thomas is misbehaving himself

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
I think that the hon. member is looking in the wrong direction, I have always behaved myself.

Mr. SMITH:
Mr. Chairman, you must ask your colleague to behave himself and to be decent. It may be impossible for the hon. member to be decent, but he may make an effort to do so. The hon. senior member for St. Peter said that I went to England,,,,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
Can the hon. member tell me on what Item he is speaking? I do not like this personality,

Mr. SMITH:
Why did you not tell the hon. senior member for St.Peter so? You allowed the hon. member to say all sorts of things about me and you would not say anything. Why did you not call on the hon. member and ask him to do that? Even now that you are doing the right thing, you are still wrong, (Laughter). The hon. senior member for St. Peter talked all over his face. He washed out his mouth on me. He said all sorts of things, I am sorry that the hon. member is not now in his place. Oh! Oh! I sec that be is now coming. (ASIDES). Mr. Chairman, if you do not want me to speak, I will sit down.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
I do not want the hon. member to get into any trouble.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I like to get into trouble because I will get out of trouble easier than I got into it. I was exercising my right in this Chamber as a representative of the people, and if the hon. senior member for St. Peter did not like to hear what I was saying well, he did not like it. The hon. member knew more about me than I knew about myself. He said that I fought at the table.

Mr. WALCOTT:

On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, this is only an attempt being made by the hon. member to extricate himself. The hon. member spoke about hanging his head in shame, I said that he was the recipient of about $3,000 being spent on him to go on a Parliamentary Delegation, and when he and his colleague came back from England all that was revealed was that they had differences over table manners,

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I did not come back with my colleague and we never had any differences. My colleague might be like the hon. senior member for St.Peter a first-class manufacturer of lies,

Mr. WALCOTT:

Mr. Chairman, you must rule that the hon. member must use parliamentary language in this Chamber. The hon. member cannot use the words \"lies\" in this debate, I object to the hon. member saying that I am a manufacturer of lies. The hon. member must use parliamentary language.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, if the hon. member objects to that statement, I win withdraw the word \"lies\".

Mr. CHAIRMAN:

Let us try to get on with the people\'s business and deviate from lies.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I ask again why did you not tell the hon. senior member for St. Peter that? As I have said, he washed out his mouth on me for almost an hour, I would say. Sir, that from the Premier back down, every one of them attacks the hon. Junior member for St. Joseph. The hon. Junior member for St.Joseph must be a tyrant of a man. Every one is trying to knock him down.

but they cannot knock him down like that. The shoulders of the hon. junior member for St.Joseph are very broad: he eats something good. For almost an hour, the lion, senior member for St. Peter was washing out his mouth on me but the next time he does that, I will do it too,

The question that the sum of $158,955 under Head 24 - Premier - Cabinet and General - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without di vision.

HEAD 25 - BARBADOS REGIMENT Head 25 - Barbados Regiment - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman. I beg to move that the sum of $98,281 under Head 25 - Barbados Regiment stand part

of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that,

The question that the sum of $98,281 under Head

25- Barbados Regiment - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 26 - CIVIL AVIATION Head 26 - Civil Aviation - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD; I beg to move, Mr. Chairman, that the sum of $242,611 under Head 26 - Civil Aviation - stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA- I beg to second that,

The question that the sum of $242,611 under Head

26- Civil Aviation - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 27 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Head 27 - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - was called.

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
Mr. Chairman, under this Head there are several amendments with which the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries will deal. 3.25 p.m.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
Mr. Chairman, there are several amendments to Head 27, The first amendment is on page 64, Item 115 A (New) - Expenses of Commission of Enquiry - where the amount to be voted is $1,644, and the note is to read \"To meet remainder of Expenses of Sugar Enquiry Commission,\'* In Item 118 - Irrigation Equipment - delete the amount to be voted $1,500 and substitute therefor $16,500, and the note is to read \"To replace and extend irrigation equipment Mental Hospital farm, and Revote for replacement of equipment at four Agricultural Stations, Under Item 119 - Improvements at Central Livestock Station - the note is to read \"To meet cost of tiling the Milk room, resurfacing cattle shed and yard. The note to Item 120 is to read \"To purchase a milking machine, a microscope, spraying equipment, a lawn mower and tractor with ancillary equipment,\" Under Item 121 - Entomological Laboratory - the note is to read \"modernising the laboratory and purchasing the equip- ment.\'* Under Item 123 (New) - Census of Agriculture - the amount to be voted is $3,710, and the note is to read \"To carry out a Sample Survey of Agriculture,\"

There are several other minor amendments, Mr, Chairman, and they are as follows: substitute \"Item

91\" for \"Item 84\" in the note to Item 80; substitute \"Item 14 (vii)\" for \"Item 14 (viii)\"in the note to Item 81; add flic following words to the note to Item 82 - \"and to increase in wage rates\"; substitute \"Item 80\" \"Item 81 and \"Item 82\" for \"Item 73\", \"Item 74\" and \"Item 75\" respectively in the note to tern 91; insert me words \"printing and sta- tionery\" between the words \"Accounts\" and the word \"and\" in the note to Item 95; substitute \"Item 14 (xxiv)\" for \"Item 14 (xxiii)\" in the note to Item 99; and Insert the words \"to be available\" between me words \"expected\" and the word \"meet\" in line 7 of the note to Item 115,

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $915,538 under Head 27 - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - as amended, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to second that.

Mr. YEARWOOD:
Mr. Chairman, speaking on Item 95, I must compliment the Government for including provision here to pay for the audit of Co-operative Societies\' Ac* counts and extension of Educational work including the folding of seminars. The Co-operative Societies in Barba- dos are growing steadily, Mr. Chairman, but what I have discovered is that the staff is inadequate. The Co-operative Societies number 61 and there are 107 Friendly Societies, and all the work has to be done by four officers. What I am particularly interested in is the audit side of the Department, because I can tell you that we started a Co-operative Society in St.John, and this is approximately thirteen months they have had one of our journals and cannot return it, because they want it for audit purposes. Any treatment like that to a young Society is bound to offset the progress that it wants to make, I am wondering if along with the help Government has been giving to the Co-operative Societies they could catch another officer who could be a permanent auditor to these Societies, It is true that one of the four officers whom I have mentioned is a part-time auditor, but it appears to me that the Department has been having difficulty in finding someone to audit the books steadily. I felt it my duty to bring those matters to the attention of the appropriate Minister,

Mr. GODDARD:
Mr. Chairman, since the reduction of the pig subsidy vote a year or two ago, it is quite evident that there is a shortage of pork in the Island, It has been demonstrated over and over again that it is uneconomical to raise pigs without assistance to produce pork that is sold at the controlled price of 60 cents, and for that reason I think that fewer people are keeping pigs; now they have become almost unavailable. I know that representation has been made to Government to release the price of pork as they have done with potatoes and yams, This would have an effect on the selling price, but it would also encourage more keeping of pigs, and eventually it will settle out again. 3.35 p.m.

This is the effect on any commodity which is immediately de-controlled. I wonder what is Government\'s intention, if it is this suggestion or the re-instalment of the subsidy for the keeping of sows. That subsidy was based on the pig population. If a sow had a Utter of pigs, the owner was given a bag of feed for every five pigs. That certainly did encourage the keeping of sows, but I think we are at the stage where we cannot allow it to remain any longer. You either subsidize or decontrol the price of pork. I think the release of the control would be more desirable, I know it would have the effect of immediate deflation but it will settle out itself.

This is one query which I would like to know from the Government,

Another one is as regards tern 76, Advisory Services, The note reads: \"To meet the local cost of Experts for fish, vegetables marketing.\"

What success are we meeting with as regards these advisory services for fish and vegetable marketing? Years ago we bad a particular officer, Professor Halcrow, who paid special attention to gardening, I know that we recently passed in this House a Bill to establish an Agricultural Corporation, but it is very important that weget diversification and give encouragement to fruit gardening. You may remember my suggestion of admitting people who can show us new methods about gardening. I think it will be deserving of a trial. That has been proved in other countries and I would like to know if Government feels, in consequence to let that experiment be tried out here. We are having to import more and more. I do not mean the Marketing Corporation: I mean the private sector,

My experience is that more vegetables are grown in the dry season than in the wet season. My experience is that when you plant in wet weather - garden vegetables,

you have to sow four or five times before you get any growth. I would like the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to say whether these services which we are paying for are shedding any light, especially as regards vegetable garden* ing.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I have always considered this Head, Agriculture and Fisheries, to be one of the most important Heads under the Estimates, and it is well that you are shifting around Ministries so that Ministers from time to time may become acquainted with the very strenuous duties of this Ministry.

At the risk of hon. members thinking that I have been trying to curry-favour with the present Minister of Agriculture, I must remind you of the very gallant effort he made in trying to impart the knowledge which he had gained over a period of years to his brothers who go down to the sea in ships to do great wonders, such as the fishermen whom we have here. I refer to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture in the lectures which he gave to fishermen and to which I listened from outside,

I believe this is a very good cause, I do not believe any salary is budgeted to the Minister for doing this, but this is part of the duty of the Minister as a minister. I must therefore ask a few questions on the whole question of fisheries. My colleague has dealt with pork and I think other km, members will deal with other aspects of agriculture, I will deal with this question of fisheries which I think the present Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is the greatest authority on.

Within recent years we have changed from the small fishing boats to the sailing boats. Do not think that I am trying to trap the Minister on this sort of thing. This is just my searching for some knowledge in this respect and how we should benefit from fisheries in the future. Within recent years we have changed from the old system which we had over a period of 300 years to the present powered boats for fishing, I understand that we have in the vicinity of 400 powered boats. Government has been making loans to the owners of these boats, and I think you will agree with me that all the owners are not necessarily fishermen. Nevertheless, these boats are used for the purpose of fishing and they are bringing in fish for this country.

As a matter of fact, we have never been able to say that we have reached the stage where we have had a glut of fish for canning and the like, I think we have never had so much fish that the present Marketing Corporation could not take all, where the system is that they buy your fish and put it in cold storage and allow people in the parishes which are not bounded by the sea to have the opportunity of getting fish.

What is the position as regards the question of loans? I know that there arc some people who feel that I should not pose such a question. My view of dealing with Estimates is that Ministers should come in with the necessary statistics and prepared to answer any question posed by the Opposition, and if they cannot answer then, to be prepared to say that they will give the information at the next meeting. 3.46 p.m.

What is the position with these loans which you have outstanding? I understand that the loans are made for ten years or whatever the case may be. What is the life of the engines of these boats? Let us face the facts. Does the Government really expect to be repaid the loans which have \'been made for these engines? What is the Government\'s present policy in respect of fishing? Do they intend to change the present policy of having these small boats which can go out for a certain distance or is it that, with the facilities for full cold storage, they intend to bring into being the type of boat which would carry out deep-sea fishing so that we can have a constant supply of fish, thereby eliminating the sending out of money which we are at present sending out to Canada and other places for tinned fish which could never be as good as the fish which we use locally? Will the Hon. Minister also tell me whether be is aware of the fact that despite the fact that the price of fish is controlled.

the majesty of the law is not in any way respected, because you are controlling something which you cannot control? I should like to say here. Sir, that if any member of the Cabinet, or I may say if anybody from the Head of the Administration down, want to eat fish in this colony, he has to pay what the fishermen want for the fish or he goes home without any fish,

It is absolute nonsense for us to talk about having the price of things controlled when we know that, in truth and in fact, it is not controlled. I see that the Hon. Minister of Trade is laughing, I am saying that if you can buy fish at any 10 cents each - I understand that the price of fish is controlled at 8 cents each - I know that in Barbados ten flying fish for one dollar for a family of eight, can go much further than a half tin of salmon which costs $1.20. As the hon. senior member for St.Peter says, do not let us be pussy-footing; let us face the facts. You have a controlled price for fish, and you cannot get any fish at all below the price of 10 cents each. People are complaining about that. Whether it is a question of iced fish or not, you are going to pay 10 cents each for them if you really want them, I do not believe that I stand second to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in this respect. I come into contact with fishermen every year, as soon as the fishing season is over, I am not now talking about the owners of fishing boats as such, because the fishing boat owners are not necessarily fishermen. The great majority of people within the municipality who try to get aid after the fishing season is over are the families of fishermen themselves. The season is quite short. You do not go out and take chances in fishing when you expect hurricanes; therefore during the season in which the fishermen go out, when you tell them about selling their fish at eight cents each, you know quite well that in front of the eyes of the Policemen and of the Magistrates, you have to pay more than eight cents each for these fish. Therefore, it is absolutely stupid for you to say that you are controlling the price of fish,

Mr. Chairman, I would like the questions which I have asked of the Minister to be answered, A fisherman may borrow, say, the sum of $2,300. I understand that the life of the engines of these fishing boats is shorter than the life of the average engine, I have been informed that although this is a wonderful thing which you are doing, the engines of these boats will eventually become a tremendous amount of old iron, I do not know whether this has been going on during the regime of this present Government, but I have had complaints that, unless fishermen went to certain places - I think that this was during the regime of the last Government - with their motors, no loans were made to them, I sincerely hope that rumour is a lying jade. It has been represented to me that you had to buy your requirements from certain places as long as you were borrowing money.. A thing like that certainly makes one become suspicious, I do not believe that such a thing would happen with the present Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Chairman, I do not \"curry favour*\' with anybody in here; I do not ask anybody in here for anything. I say that I have been acquainted with the present Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries for many years and I know the current feelings of fishermen, I also know that if there is anybody who has a tender spot in his heart for the fishermen of Barbados, that person is the present Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries; but the Minister must tell me something about this matter. Anybody can argue until Sunday and you will still have to pay ten cents each for his flying fish. I am saying that the Minister cannot buy one flying fish unless he pays ten cents for it, 3.55 p.m.

On the question of fisheries, I would like the Minister to let me know what is the policy of Government, and whether it is your intention to go in for deep sea fishing now that you have a cold storage system. The Minister made me a promise which he should keep when I enquired into the Agricultural Department to the effect of the Department not selling certain vegetables to the labourers, but burying them back in the land. Since then I have had some plants from up there and they sent a letter threatening a man that if I did not pay for them the next morning, he would be fired because be told me about what I spoke of in the House. I told the man that I was in a position to pay for the plants which I had, but since that they said that nobody would be allowed to have plants to be paid for by cheque, I know that it is a fact that persons who were not Barba- dians and have nothing here went and had plants for which they paid by cheque, but the cheques bounced and turned back. (Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD: How do you mean bounced and turned back?) You know the kind of cheques that bounce; rubber cheques I I paid the man and told him to let them know that he did not tell me anything, The man who told me came to my bouse, and they know it is true because I went and investigated it, I hope the Minister will be able to enlighten us some more on this,

I consider, Mr. Chairman, that of all the Heads in these Estimates, Head 27 dealing with agricultural is the backbone and mainstay of this country, and together with fisheries, this is one of the most important, if not the most important, portfolios. There might not be a tremendous lot of popularity attached to it, as in doing tenantry roads or erecting standpipes, but it is the mainstay of Barbados, and I would like to see every Minister have the experience of dealing with it I hope the Minister will be able to give us more details about the points I have raised,

Before the Minister replies, I just want to make myself clear lest the Press should misrepresent me as they so often do. The price of fish is controlled at 8 cents, but if the Minister knows he cannot buy one at 8 cents, what is the point of controlling them? Dolphin is to be sold at 36 cents a pound, but you do not eat it unless you pay 50 cents a pound for it, and yet at the end of the season the poor fishermen do not have more than an old pants they have begged for, I would prefer to buy dolphin than go down at the hon. member for Christ Church and buy a tin of salmon, If the Minister knows these things, why keep

these items under control and keep the fishermen in that position?

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON- Mr. Chairman, I will answer the question asked by the hon. senior member for Bridge- town first with regard to the fishing industry in Barbados, Barbados is geographically placed in one of the world\'s best positions relative to the world\'s best fishing grounds. The pattern of fish all over the world is to follow rivers and currents, like the river Amazon and the river Orinoco on the coast of South America where freshwater enters the sea, and the small fresh water fish become stagnated. Where fresh water is found as far as three hundred miles off shore, the large pillagic fish follow in these currents to feed on the fresh water fish that become paralyzed when they come in contact with the seawater, Unfortunately Barbdos is accompanied by a very steep contour and very little continental shelf, and therefore we will always be de- pendent on most of our fish that come through the Orinoco river.

The pattern of fishing in this country has changed from 1952 from the sail boat, and will again have to change if Barbados is to keep in the world as a big fish-producing country. As I have mentioned already, we have not got a continental shelf nor rivers to give the flow of food for bottom fish. In 1952 this country had in the vicinity of 400 to 500 sail boats. Due to the particular design there was a substantial loss of life during the months of December and March when there were Strong winds. I have never seen the design any other part of the world, neither have I been able to trace where it originated. For the cubic capacity of this size of boat, the sail area per ratio was larger than the sail area of any other normal boat, because these boats had to be very fast, go long distance and still accommodate large catches of fish. If, however, the wind dropped sudden- ly or was puffy, these boats turned over.

In the turn over from the said boat to the engined fleet, very little consideration was paid with regard to the stability of the boat, and I still maintain that we have not improved in our fishing from this point of view. We had a boat of greater depth before, and therefore while fishing normally with sails down, the wind had very little effect on it and there was little drifting. In the changeover no consideration was paid to this at all, lam satisfied that the

depth did not only benefit the sail boats, but it also benefited the fishermen as the boats could not drift as fast, and I am saying that it is the changeover of design that is partially responsible for fishermen not being able to retract AS they did years ago, 4.05 p.m.

Therefore, if you have a boat with very little body under the water and a lot of superstructure, the wind must take effect on that boat.

Prior to that, our fishing boats had very much more superstructure and they were not affected by the current alone. If a fisherman today were to take one of the old sail boats and put it to sea and fished for five to six hours with a strong breeze blowing such as what we had Mowing last week, the present day launch would be more than 15 miles away in the space of these hours from the old time fishing boat. It would have proceeded that distance due to the super- structure,

As the Hon. Premier mentioned this morning, people in Barbados must be realistic, Nothing that a man is doing for the benefit of the community is a disgrace, Every man in his order should be able to do something which should accrue to the benefits of somebody in this Island; therefore, all of us must realise that there must be somebody who must do this job of fishing; therefore, there is nothing

degrading in one going fishing. In the old days, fishing was the job of lowly people; today, it is one of scientific art and education; and if Barbados must achieve anything out of that, we must introduce a higher educational direction to those who go to sea.

I agree with the hon. senior member for the City. It is necessary if you are to cope with the world and the average fishermen of today, that fishermen of this Island must be able to go out not only within the visibility of this Island, Not only must they be able to go further, for that matter they must have boats large enough to be able to carry refrigeration so as to bring back fresh fish to the Island, It would be useless for fishermen to be able to go further without having a larger boat because they would not be able to return with a good fresh catch of fish for storage or lor immediate consumption. The position should be one where ten or twelve boats could work in a convoy and would be equipped with ice or cold storage and would fish in the same vicinity. These men would have to learn certain dis- tress signals and certain calls and be able to know specific bearings as well as how many hours they have been out to sea so as to return to another ship,

We are also tied in with the United Nations with a $4 million budget given the entire area of the West Indies, and that is one of the reasons we have not actually wholehearted - ly gone into the matter of making immediate changes. We would like to find out first what types of fish we are going to find off shore, and what both our fisherrnen and the commercial people would get out of it,

I would like hon. members to know that Russians, Japanese and perhaps all nations in the world are fishing within these waters, I am surprised to see that we have not been seeing those sharks which we used to see around our fishing boats. We even have not been seeing bill fish or those big fish like albacore. I therefore am satisfied in my mind that Japanese ships are fishing within these waters and cutting off those big fish. They fish with lines fifteen miles long carrying hooks ten feet apart. These lines carry floating buoys, I suppose that these large floating buoys which have been seen from off these shores are those which these ships are using.

There is a lot of fishing going on off the Amazon with the shrimp boats of this country, and we have also got a few of our men going out on these shrimp boats and learning something of deep sea fishing.

However, I would say that the entire fishing industry is under review, I go further and say that fishing in this Island will become one of the most important businesses

by what we are doing in the shrimp industry. There are times when these boats catch small fish and they have to be dumped, I may tell you that for every pound of shrimp which is caught by these shrimp boats, about ten pounds of fish are caught and dumped for it I have heard that there is the possibility of a large ship going out off the banks of the Amazon to catch fish because the fish there is very good; but because of the very high price of shrimps and the high earnings, these big ships cannot afford to bring in fish because it would be uneconomical to disregard the cubic feet space for their shrimp to bring in fish suitable for our market. All these are things which are under review.

The hon. senior member for the City also mentioned something about the prices. I am aware of the present prices which are charged for fish, and what the demands are. But I would say this. One of the main points that kept the indus- try from progressing before was due to the fact that in the prime of the fishing season there were these very low prices for fish. Although we have the price set at eight cents for

a flying fish, yet when fishermen brought in large catches, this fish was sold for a penny because of the glut and sometimes even below a penny,

I am satisfied that it requires the Marketing Corpora- tion to help by guaranteeing prices not lower than six cents for each flying fish. Actually, each fish that is sold at eight cents each to the public by the Corporation, the fisherman would be paid six cents for it as compared with years ago when these fish were sold for a penny and sometimes as low as 80 cents per hundred. Last year was the first year that the Marketing Corporation was in operation and l am giving it a chance to see if the fish would be sufficient.

Before the conversion from the fishing boat in those days to the one which is in operation now, fishermen could buy a boat for $600, The same fishing boat would bring in something like $600 or $700 in fish during the fishing sea- son and it would not take more than a year to pay for that boat. Today you are investing $4,000 plus in a boat and you are earning practically the same thing as before, 4,15 p.m.

There is only so much for one to go out of the area of this island, and whether you had two hundred boats or not, you would catch the same amount of fish. In certain cir- cumstances, the two hundred boats would produce the same earning power as if you had more. When you are dealing with fishing boats, you have to consider the draught, the design and the cost of the boats.

The hon. senior member for the City has also en- quired about the engines of these boats. These engines have to be properly looked after. The hon. member referred to the marine engines as compared with industrial engines; I will inform the hon. member that the one would last just as long as the other. The essential part of the matter is the question of proper lubrication. However, Sir, I would still like to say that in this island there is quite a lot more knowledge which is required for the best working of the engines. As fishermen, these people are in need of a cer- tain over-all knowledge. The fishermen must know some- thing about an engine and he should be able to apply bis knowledge; he should also be able to do a little swimming.

Mr. Chairman, I have no fear whatsoever as to the life of the boats, I take it that the hulls of the boats would deteriorate much faster than the engines, I was the owner of one of the first marine engines some years ago, and I would not exchange it today for any one of the new engines, I feel quite happy with that engine as against any of the new ones which might be brought into the island today. What I would suggest at this stage is that we should have some establishment for looking after the marine business and allow the fishermen to do some of the dirty work. During the hurricane season I paid a visit to the Bathsheba district at the time when most of the fishermen were getting their en- gines ready for use, and I was surprised to see the work which was being carried out by the fishermen. All the work which was being done was being done by fishermen; there were several fishermen doing the dirty work while a mechanic would come in and deal with the setting up of the engines. I should like to say that if they had to call in

mechanics to do this work, it would cost the fishermen quite a high price; they would have to pay a high price for work which they should be able to do themselves. All of that work, if the fishermen did it, would mean a big reduction in their expenses,

Mr, Chairman, on the question of repayments, I have discovered that we have had more repayments recently than we have had for a longtime. We have been trying to get the fishermen to realise that it is

aquestion of their own busi- ness; we have made it clear to them that we are quite pre- pared to help them, but they must also be prepared to help themselves. We have made the position quite clear to the fishermen, and we are happy to say that we have had a first class response from them this year. There are payments which have not been looked after for some years, and during this year the fishermen have hurried up and made good payments.

As to the price of fish, there is a guaranteed price for them at the Barbados Marketing Corporation, and that pre- vents the price from falling below a certain figure, I do not want to give any idea that the sky is the limit where the price is concerned, and that the Marketing Corporation is guaranteeing the minimum, I do not think that we should have no limit to the top and one to the bottom,

I should like to inform hon. members that I have gone into the figures and examined them carefully and have got the Economic Planning Unit to carry out a survey of the pig industry. In that connection. I have a recommendation which I will bring forward within the next few days.

There has been some sudden change as to the number of pigs killed, and it has been discovered that it would re- quire one and a half the number of pigs killed in order to produce the same amount of pork as before, Hon. members can very well realise what is happening when it is requiring one and a half or twice the number of pigs killed so as to produce the quantity of pork which was being produced formerly. The demand for pork was so great that we were beginning to slaughter the young animals. We quite realise that there is a scarcity of pork in the outside world and not only in this colony, so that if we have to import this commo- dity we would have to pay a greater price for it. If it is a question of our having to import pork at a higher price than that which we were paying for it, then it would be much bet- ter, from the economic point of view, to allow the price to go up where the revenue would remain in this colony, Mr, Chairman, within a very short time I shall be making a release to the people of this island in relation to the situa- tion where pork is concerned and the situation as to the pig industry of this island.

The hon. senior member for the City made reference to the sale of plants at Codrington, If there is any harm done as to the sale of these plants, l am prepared to take the re- sponsibility for it. When I took over the Ministry, there were a large number of debts outstanding in this respect, 4.25 p.m.

These things are paid for out of taxpayers\' money in Barbados, and as Minister I would have full responsibilty if I sat down and let any Department receive bad cheques or allowed certain people in this island to take plants and not pay for them. I personally issued a directive to the Depart- ment that nobody, be it Premier or myself, be allowed to move anything from any of these Departments unless it was paid for in cash, I therefore accept full responsibility for that in the interest of the public.

With regard to the other matter, I have made enquiry into that and it has been found that with string beans and other kitchen gardening plants, it is better, where the qual- ity is very low and the labour cost is greater than what you would receive for the product, to turn it in a fertiliser, I enquired not only from the Stations but from private indivi- duals who said that it was all right in the case of a first crop where you can pay for labour and still make a profit from production, but when you have a low yield where the cost of picking is more than what the field is producing, it is cheaper to turn the produce over in the soil as fertiliser,

and this is one of the instances that occurred at the Pine. The main crop of beans had already been

reaped, and this would have been a short crop where the labourers would have to be paid for something without value. We try to run these De- partments on as close a commercial basis as possible, and we are very strict in spending the people\'s finances, I am a guardian of the taxpayers purse, and naturally I am more obligated to the protection of somebody\'s money that to my own. I can spend my own money and nobody can ask me anything; but Government finances must be spent properly and therefore I cannot afford to spend money to reap some- thing to give away when it is uneconomical to do so.

The hon. junior member for Christ Church asked about advisers in vegetables and vegetable gardens. You will pro- bably have heard complaints being made by persons, Mr. Chairman, who take their produce to the Marketing Cor- poration and are not able to dispose of it. When I first got this complaint, I thought the stuff was below the standard required, because me Marketing Corporation is required to operate its business on aneconomical a basis as possi- ble. From a money making point of view, at least it should pay its own expenses, I have been going around to certain of these stations at night and meeting the people themselves to find out what have been their complaints, I was at Christ Church two Wednesday nights ago, and with me were the Manager of the Marketing Corporation and the Assistant Manager, Mr, Ramsay, who has been in the vegetable and kitchen gardening business for many years, and we heard several complaints. With some of these people, the position was that they were producing low quality stuff which the Corporation did not purchase, and I told them they would have to learn to produce high class vegetables if they wanted to sell to the Corporation.

We have been trying certain processing methods at the Corporation to see at what temperature certain products can be kept and for what length of period, and if I am satisfied that we are producing to such an extent that cold storage is not the best means and other chemical means are required, or canning is essential, I am prepared to recommed a can- ning plant. We cannot in one breath ask people to produce more food and when they do they cannot dispose of it, It is not encouraging. If people accept the Government\'s policy of diversification and are prepared to produce good stuff, then they should know what they can get off, and they should get a fair price if they can produce a good grade. If they produce a high grade and the hotels want to pay a very high price for them, by all means they should sell,

As I have said already, too many people in this Island think that cold storage of refrigerated stuff is something to be played with. Anything that is refrigerated must maintain a certain temperature, and if the temperature ever drops to the extent that it starts to thaw out, the commodity be- comes absolutely worthless, I have been dealing with cold storage since 1932, and I worked with carrying cold storage to the United States which is one of the strictest nations in the world with regard to cold storage commodities, 4.35 p.m.

The hon. senior member for Bridgetown also enquired what is the policy with regard to loans. We are not making \' any more loans at present. One of the main reasons is, as I have mentioned already, that you have too many fishing boats already and another is the operating costs. With less boats, you win be able to keep the boat in a better condi- tion. It is worthwhile that a fishing boat should be kept up to certain standards. Whether a boat earns money or not, it should be kept in prime condition so that it can always be seaworthy.

At present, there are 473 boats and they can go a max- imum distance of 22 miles off shore. The length of the loans is six years. In other words, the loans should be paid back in six years,

Mr. Chairman, the hon. senior member for the City asked about fishermen being told where to buy their engines from. In an Island like Barbados when fishermen are going into something new, personally, I think they should have some advice on the horse power of engines. All engines are

good engines: but then it should be for them or their fellow- men to use various types and find out which they prefer. They should have some advice as regards the horsepower. Some fishermen have the idea that the more horsepower you use, the more speed you get That is not so. Speed de- pends on the build of your hull, A 24-feet hull with a ten horsepower engine cannot produce more than eight or nine knots, It would burn the fuel, but it would not go over nine knots, What you will find is that the propeller would be turn- ing actually in dead water and it would have no response, As regards the technical knowledge, you should get it from the company. They should be in a position to tell you that such- and-such a horsepower engine with such-and-such a type of hull would give you so much speed. There are engines, the normal 10 horse-power, that operate for a day with fuel in the vicinity of three and one-half to five gallons, but you would find some people going out of their way to fit a 24 feet boat with a ten horse-power engine which would not give you any more speed and which would be three or four times the cost of a smaller engine, These are things which I think they should be told and which they should have a cer- tain amount of knowledge on.

Mr, MOTTLEY; Mr. Chairman, apparently the Hon. Minister has given us all he can on this subject. The Hon. Minister has been able to reply with that ability on this subject wherein - there can be no two ways about it - he has very sound knowledge, I appreciate the reply and I suppose he has taken a leaf out of the book of his predecessor who always was very courteous in giving you a reply, and if he could not give you a reply then, he would let you know when he could do so,

I am not making any controversy, but my feelings as regards the marketing organisation over which the Hon. Minister said that be agreed with me is that whereas, prior to your Marketing Corporation when fishermen had a glut of fish and could not get sale for all of them, had to throw them back into the sea, now that there is a Marketing Cor- poration, it must start to work as soon as possible and help them in storage. When you come to the marketing of fish the price by the schedule of the Government is eight cents for one; therefore, the fishermen would have to sell to the Marketing Corporation at six cents each so that the Market- ing Corporation in turn would be able to sell you at 12 cents. If I can buy today at eight cents. I am going to buy at eight cents because I know that if I do not buy now at eight cents, tomorrow I would have to buy at 12 cents. The price by law is eight cents, but I generally pay ten cents. However, you must look at it in this way, The Marketing Corporation is helping the commonity.

On this question which I posed to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries sometime ago which he has investigated, I counsel the Hon. Minister to be wise in this matter, I can tell him that everything be said was told to me, but everything which was told to hime was not true, I ask the Hon. Minister if it is within his knowledge that there were certain vegetables at Codrington Experimental Station which were ploughed back into the land when the labourers could have used them I am going to deal with the Belle or Lower Estate, If the owners of Lower Estate had a section of their estate planted in rouncival and they reaped the first picking, do you think that they would plough the balance back into the land? It is not a matter of their paying their labourers; what they have been trying to do with you is try- ing to fool you. The labourers were willing in their own time to take these vegetables which did not come up to stan- dard for market. If you paid labourers for picking this second crop, it would cost more than what you would get when you marketed them. The argument of the labourers is this: \"Here it is we have

planted these vegetables. You picked the first crop, we are doing something else for you; do not plough these vegetables back into the land; let us get them for our children.\" Therefore, when the Hon. Minister told me what had been told him two weeks ago about this thing at Codrington, he is quite correct. But why have they tried to fool him, when they said that these labourers were demanding money for picking them and they wanted them free? 4.45 p.m.

That was not true and they know that it was not true; and when people began to tell you about it, they abused them, I say that no Government in this twentieth century should encourage that sort of thing; I do not care what Government it is. I do not complain about the Minister asking people to pay cash for their requirements, I have never owed the Agricultural Department anything for plants. They have said that they do not accept cheques at the Department and I told them that they were lying because I knew that they ac- cept cheques. The trouble was that they felt that I was not the type of person who could pay by cheque. However, Sir, I do appreciate and accept the Hon. Minister\'s replies about the fishing industry and in relation to this Head and I think that it should be passed now. The Minister is doing all that he can do in these matters.

The question that the sum of $915,538 under Head 27 - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolred in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 28 - MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WORKS AND HOUSING

Head 28 - Ministry of Communications, Works and Housing - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $270,855 under Head 28 - Ministry of Communications, Works and Housing - stand pan of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
I beg to second that,

Mr, MOTTLEY:
Mr. Chairman, will the Hon. Minister in charge of this portfolio let us know (ASIDES).If you want to know what Item I am speaking on, I am speaking on every Item which is not fixed by law. Will the Hon. Minister tell us something about the houses which are under Government control and about the rents which are charged by the Gov- ernment for them? What has the Government done about the rents for the properties? The insurance on these pro- perties having been increased, the Hon. Minister can tell us about the rents,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
Mr. Chairman, we are now dealing with Head 28 which is Ministry of Communications, Works and Housing, and the matter of Housing would be under the portfolio of the Hon. Minister of Health, The note is pro- bably misleading. This Head deals with the Ministry pro- per. There is a mistake in the Head and I am asking that the words \"And Housing\" be deleted. When we come to Item 13 \"District Councils\", provision is made for it under the appropriate Head \"Ministry of Communications and Works,\" That Item has been transferred to the proper Ministry. It therefore no longer exists under the

Head \"Subsidies and Grants\". That head has been deleted. The idea is to include as many as possible of the Items affect- ing a particular Ministry under the proper Ministry,

Mr, MOTTLEY:

Mr, Chairman, in connection with Item 9, \"Insurance of Buildings, \"I notice that the cost of this Item has gone up by $10,000; it has been increased from $80,000 to $90,000, That is on Page 66 of the Esti- mates,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Mr, Chairman, that is to provide for the insurance of Government buildings and expensive equipment under the Insurance Scheme. As the note says, the amount has been increased in order to provide for the construction of new buildings. The provision is calculated at one quarter of one per cent of the value of the buildings. The value of Government buildings is estimated at the sum of $13,026,032 and the value of expensive equipment included in these buildings is $401,850.

The question that the sum of $270,855 under Head 28 - Ministry of Communications and Works - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 29 - PUBLIC WORKS

Head 29 - Public Works - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Mr, Chairman, under this Head there are a few Items to be moved in. On page 69, in con- nection with Item 28 - Government furniture - the note is to be amended to read as follows \"Upkeep of furniture and minor replacements at Government-owned houses and lettings,\" 4.45 p.m.

Under Item 45 - Highways and Transport Inspector Shed - delete the amount to be voted $1,460 and insert $4,974; and the note is to read: \"To extend and enclose the Inspectors\' shed at the Department of Highways and Trans- port\", On page 70, Item 47 - Police Stations - delete amount to be voted $15,700 and insert $17,700, Add to the existing note \"Includes provision of $2,000 to purchase a transformer and ancillary equipment for Police Headquar- ters\", On page 71, Item 51 - Seawell Airport - the note is to be amended by substituting the word \"shutters\" for the word \"shelters\", I should also like to substitute \"Head 29 - Notes\" at the top of the explanatory notes on pages 68 and 69 for \"Head 27 - Notes\",

Now, Mr, Chairman, there is this large amount of $278,596 under Item 32 - Upkeep of Government Buildings, on which I think I should give the Committee some break- down. The following stations have been added to the re- quests: Groves Plantation; Sedge Pond; Sayers Court; Haggatts; The Home Agricultural Station; Soil Conservation Headquarters; Bullens; Jerusalem; Turner Hall and Lan- caster House, There is also an amount for maintenance of $17,500 for \"Culloden Farm\", The decreases are Military buildings, $8,900; Mental Hospital $3,700 and General Hospital $11,400,

If there is any further information which hon. members would like, I would be willing to give,

Mr, Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $633,934 under Head 29 - Public Works - as amended, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
I beg to second that.

Mr. GODDARD:
Mr. Chairman, under Item 41, I am very pleased to see that the Minister has been able to get the Cabinet\'s approval for a sum to improve the amenities at Hastings Rocks, That has been in a state of disrepair for a number of years, and this year a beginning was made by replacing the railings and paintings. With the growth of the tourist industry particularly in that area, the amenities at Hastings Rocks should be improved not only for the tourists but the local inhabitants. Many fairs are held there to pro- vide for Church funds and things of that nature, and great use can be made of that esplanade, I look forward to the day when some reclamation can be done there by the erec- tion of groynes or maybe a pier that would add to the pleasure of the people of this island.

While we are on this point, what is needed more than anything else at Hastings Rocks is an adequate public con- venience for the number of taximen in that area. The siting of it should be very carefully gone into so that it can be nicely disguised. There used to be one there before, but that has now gone and the insanitary conditions at present existing leave much to be desired, I should also like to see a post office there. This is a very built-up area and there is need for a post office on that site. Access to that could be from the main road, so that Hastings Rocks would be provided with a proper Bandstand, public convenience and a post office, I do not know more details than what are set out in the notes, and the Minister will be able to tell us if this is a beginning and he hopes to come back for further votes. We have seen a very healthy development in the tourist industry this year, and it is well that this will be used for bandstand and the like.

Mr. LOWE:
Mr, Chairman, speaking under utem 47- Police Stations - I am very proud to see that after many years of forcing the last Government to make the quarters at District \"B\" more adequate for the Sargeant in charge, this Government has taken a different attitude towards the custodians of the peace, who should at least have some kind of privacy with their family when they are off duty, 5.05 p.m.

It is something befitting when I reallse now that this Goverment in its wisdom has decided to place within the Estimates a sum to provide for a bedroom for the Sargeant at Boarded Hall. I can tell you that this is one of the mat- ters which wo long overdue. Last year at Boarded Hall, I was more than proud when a wing was built there in order for the constables to prepare their meals in some kind of surroundings which were fit for human beings, and I am proud to see that this Government has taken the initiative in providing something for the comfort of those who are at the station,

Mr. SMITH:
Mr, Chairman, I am speaking on Item 9, Tracer and Clerk, I would like to know what this Tracer and Clerk and Advisory Clerk has to do.

While I am on my feet, I would just like to say some- thing in respect of Item 49, Hurricane preparation. Now, Sir, I do not remember anything about a hurricane until we practically get a warning

and that in some cases can prove to be too late. The District Councillors and the va- rious Committees go to work and they plan and appoint the Wardens and they select the shelters and things of that sort. Bur the people do not know where a particular shelter is nor the name of the Warden who is in charge of it. They do not know his address either.

The time is getting near for the Hurricane Season to commence. Soon the Councils win be meeting and appoint- ing the various Hurricane Officers and selecting shelters and submitting the names and me lists of the shelters to the Government, and I think that this Government should publish this information over their broadcasting service every night or two or three times a week to let people in each parish and district know where the particular shelters are, in case there is a hurricane and they have to move out of their homes. They should also give the names of the Hurricane Officers and the Wardens who are in charge of the shelters because if a hurricane should come, you do not have any chance to look around and ask where you are going to, especially after you see the first shingle blown off. You may then begin to get serious, but then it may be too late.

Let Government, as soon as the Councils submit the lists, put the information over the air so as to let every person know. I would not ask that you do much advertising in the newspaper because every person does not read the newspaper. In this Island 90 per cent of the people have radio sets in their homes, especially Rediffusion, and when you put it over the air, the people would know where to go. I know that there was a time, if a hurricane had turned up, nobody would have known where to go. I would not like that to happen.

Hon. C.E. TALMA:

Mr, Chairman, the hon. Junior member for Christ Church raised the question of repairs to the Hastings Rocks, Hon. members will recall that last year a certain sum was spent - I think it was around $2,450 - in doing repairs to the rails. In reality, the money was voted to assist the Hastings Rock Committee in building and re-instating the bandstand and replacing the rails and repairing curbs and so on. That money which was voted was much too small, and the hon. member himself knows that the finances of the Hastings Rock Committee are very limited, Hastings Rock is maintained by the hotels in the area and they usually give subscriptions to keep it going. In re- cent times, the conditions there have become fairly bad or undesirable, with the result that the income to the Hastings Rock Committee has become depleted.

The sum which we voted was to do what we considered was the most essential needs and that was to replace the rails. It is true that the money which was revoted was for

re-instating the pavilion, but in the normal course of events, first things first; and owing to the fact that the rails were all broken down and on the whole the place looked very dilapidated and shabby, I took it upon myself as the Minis- ter concerned to give a certain amount of latitude and I thought that we should remedy the greatest difficulty first. The rails were replaced and put in their original position and the general aesthetic value of the Rocks are of a dif- ferem standard now.

That is past history and I am bringing the hon. mem- ber up to dats. The hon. Junior member for Christ Church happens to be a member of the Hastings Rocks Committee now in the place of his brother and I feel very happy that he is taking that interest in the Hastings Rocks. You will see the amount of $11,500 has been included this year to do further repairs, and the further repairs are to construct a shed to meet

expenditure on grounds and paths, demolish existing sheds and repair the band stand, I think that this will fulfil the hopes of the Rocks Committee, In other words, the hopes of the Hastings Rocks Committee would be achieved in that at long last they would be able to carry out the repairs they desired, 5,15 p.m.

I remember some years ago - it was in 1958 - when I attended the office of the then Minister of Communications and Works along with a delegation of the Hastings Rock Committee in connection with this same matter. We were given certain assurances and a very good hearing; but nothing happened. But in the year of grace, 1964, the former Minister of Communications and Works who is the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries today and I, have forced the point and we have had money included for the repairs of the Hastings Rocks and the Pavilion, We value the contribution which the Hastings Rocks Committee has been making to the Tourist Trade, I should like to say that any money which is spent on the improvement of the facilities at the Hastings Rocks both for the benefit of the tourists and of the local win prove to be of inestimable value to the econo- my of the Island,

As far as Item 47 is concerned, I do not think that what has been said about that needs any reply and therefore I will not waste the time of the House, The hon. senior mem- ber for St. George merely expressed his pleasure with the Government in having taken the steps which we have taken. As I have said, the hon. member merely expressed his satisfaction about that. As to the other question asked by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph about the Tracer and Clerk, that officer is a junior draughtsman, and provision has been made for his salary and wages in Appendix C of the Estimates. When we turn to Appendix C, we will see that his emoluments are in the scale $1,200 x 96 - 1,776 (E.B.) 1,872 x 120 - 2,832, This officer is really a deputy draughtsman, I think I have taken a note of all the points which have been raised, I beg to move that the sum of $633,934 under Head 29 - Public Works - as amended stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
I beg to second that,

The question that the sum of $633,934 under Head 29 - Public Works - as amended stand part of the Sche- dule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 30 - WATERWORKS Head 30 - Waterworks - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
Mr, Chairman, under this Head there is an amendment to be made to Item 28 - Pumping - on page 74 of the Estimates,

The note is to read as follows:-

\"Cost of electricity consumed at the thirteen pumping stations, repairs to machinery, purchase of spare parts and labour costs for any additional staff required and not pro- vided under Item 24 - Uhestablished Staff\".

With that amendment, I beg to move that the sum of $1,560.415 under Head 30 - Waterworks - stand part of the Schedule.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
I beg to second that

Mr. SMITH:
Mr. Chairman, I am speaking in connec- tion with Item 39 - \"Purchase and Maintenance of Meters\". The note reads as follows \"For purchase and maintenance of meters for gardens and industry,\" Sir.this is a very good thing for gardens and industry, but as you will know, the present Act states that you assess the occupant of a home according to the rate of taxes which are being paid on that home, and the owner of that home has to pay accor- dingly. That is the law, but that was at the time when a house which would have been valued at $600 would be valued at something like $2,400 now. Valuations and everything else have gone up, and that being so, it causes the Water- works Department to increase the water rates on particular homes. That was the only way in which you could get around it before. I think that the fairest way would be to leave it as it is. I know that certain people go to work daily and they are not back to their homes until it is night; however, according to the value of the houses, they have to pay their water rates. In other words, those people are paying for water which they do not use; on the other hand, there are people who are not paying for water which they use. The people who do not use the water are those who are paying for it.

Mr. Chairman, I think that this important question was responsible for a particular Minister losing his seat in this House. If the Government were to put meters in people\'s homes, the next door neighbours would not be allowed to get any water. The people took the matter seriously and they worked according to plan. Up to the present time, these meters have not arrived, yet the people were told that the past Government had been importing meters to be installed in people\'s homes. However, Sir, if that had taken place, it would have a saving to these people because they would not have to be paying the rates which they are paying now, Since the last Government has taken over, the water rates have been increased, in some cases, more than one hundred per cent according to the valuation of the houses. As I have already said, if the Government had installed meters in these homes, the occupants would have saved money; but, as the position is now, the only per sons who will suffer are those people who misunderstood the instructions and the teaching of the particular Party. Mr. Chairman, I am not saying that the rates which people are paying are too much because you cannot pay too much for water; but what I am saying is that you are making \"A\" pay for water which he is not using whereas \"B\" is not paying for the water which he is using all over his face. 5.25 p.m.

I hope the Minister will go into the matter and put in as many meters as possible in these homes, because you want to be fair to everyone. The note explains that these meters are for gardens and industry, but there are some homes which use quite a lot of water for other purposes for which meters should be installed. Sometimes the reservoirs begin to get a little low; yet people still waste water; and I am sure that if meters were installed, this wastage would be avoided, because there is no use having a dollar in your pocket and you cannot get a gill of water. We want to con- serve as much water as possible, and the installation of meters would avoid this wastage,

Mr. CARMICHAEL:
Mr, Chairman, for the past three years the water conditions in St. James have improved greatly, and I think it is right for me to congratulate the Minister of Agriculture who started the programme of Improving the water system in St. James which is now being continued by the present Minister, One or

two mains have been laid in places where people have been crying out for years and the people are very happy about it, There yet remain two places which need attention, and I believe the Minister has these before him, since the Waterworks De- partment has already taken certain measurements at Jor-

dans Gap. The other place is Fitts Village. I mention these personally to the Minister because so long as he has these names, something will be done. Sometimes requests are made, but they never reach the Minister.

There is one point on which I should like the Minister to make a special note, and it concerns the Thorpe\'s area. The flow of water in this area in normal times is very low, but what has been a bit suspicious is that on every occasion I have had to ask a question in this House, the conditions improve and water flows regularly and freely. Some mom- ings between 6a.m. and 7 a.m. or between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. when people want water for domestic purposes and to bathe, they cannot get it, and then about 2 o\'clock it comes on. It is true that the fault may be due to a hydrant, but I leave that to the Minister who I am sure will have remedied any technical difficulty which may exist in the hydrants.

Mr, WALCOTT:

Mr, Chairman, I do not get into too many water debates, because I regard the service that Bar- bados renders in water is excellent, in terms of our econ- omy, I would however like to warn the Government against what the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has said about installing meters, because the hon. member may have a left-handed way of marching his group back in here. Meters are out for good. Meters are used for industrial purposes. It is all right when you are on a platform to say that a per- son\'s house has so many pipes, but that does not necessarily mean that the consumption of water is greater in a house with four or five taps than it is in a house with one tap. There are some places where laundering is done, and that takes a lot of water. People pay for water on the value of the property, but that does not indicate the amount you use. Every house in New York does not have a meter. Water comes from an underground source here, and as such it is more expensive than if we had large rivers and falls from which we could get it more easily, I do not like this idea of installing meters as the hon. member has said, 5.35 p.m.

If the hon. member lived in the City, he would know this, Those who live in the City who did not have the pri- vilege of having pipes in their homes at the word \"given-go\", paid more for getting water provided to their homes. This is what you really have to get people to understand. One of the things which should be in the Town and Country Planning Act should be to make it obligatory for all bouses which are being built and erected to have a water service installed. It should be insisted upon. You have this primitive idea where a man builds a house and thinks nothing about sending his wife and children in the street to fetch water from a standpipe because he feels that pipes were not meant to be put in his home; they were meant for the big people. What is a most unproductive use of women than to have them stringing out on the road and exhibiting bad behaviour and then going and keeping Magistrates\' Courts busy? You find them going to fetch a bucket of water, and in the course of doing that, they are making a lot of noise at the pipe, and hitting one another with the buckets. Certainly they can do more work in their homes than exhibiting that behaviour at the pipe, What we have to do is to get the people out of this primitive idea and make them understand that a house should be erected along certain lines and it should have a pipe in- stalled.

If you were to go to Port of Spain, Trinidad, you would not see anybody at a pipe fetching water.

There are no pipes in the street, I hope that instead of our encouraging people with this ignorance and making people think that these are things which they should not pay for, that they would see the necessity for having them. Some people ac- tually run their children out of their homes by carrying on these sort of methods, The children happen to get all these facilities when they go to school so that after they leave school they feel that their home is not what it should be and they leave earlier than they ought to. That is what they are doing.

Anybody who buys a glass of mauby would know that it contains more water than anything else because, you see, the person who is selling it fetches the water from the pipe and

puts it in the can; therefore, people who are doing these things are getting a lot out of it because the contents of the thing is more water than anything else. This person turns around and charges you 10 cents for about a pint of mauby when the greatest part is water.

It is a difficult exercise to know what is the better sys- tem to employ to lay on taxes in this matter. All of these things are done in the world with arbitrary dealings. There is no scientific formula for arriving at the way they should be done. You have to look at the capital cost and the repairs of meters. Bear in mind, as the hon. member said, you cannot pay too much for water. Nobody is really able to pay for water. Water is provided by the State as a service, and some people are paying for having the service in their homes. Water would be too expensive to drink if you had to pay for it. You will be only able to drink water once a year - at Christmas.

The Government budgets to provide these things for the people. I use less water in my house than many people, (A VOICE: What about bathing?) You do not use so much water for bathing. The people who bathe do not use so much water. The people who do the washing are those who use more water, I do not pretend that whenever I go and bathe I submerge in the bath and have the water all the time. What you have to bear in mind, is that it is not the price you pay for the water you use you pay for the service.

The hon. member said that the last Government was defeated because of the meter service. If he wants to re* commend the meter service, all he has to say is that his Party intends to introduce the meter system during its next campaigning and they would see how far they would get.

Mr. CORBIN:

Mr. Chairman, speaking on water, the people in the hilly districts of St. Andrew such as Chalky Mount were suffering for water for the last six years. Every day they suffer from a shortage of water in White Hill. St. Simons and Chalky Mount, It grieves me on mornings, as I am their representative, to see them travelling so far to get water; sometimes you see 50 to 80 people walking that long road going to the particular pipe to get a little water. It was only yesterday that I rang the Waterworks Depart- ment and asked if they would be so kind as to send a little supply of water for the people there,

That is not good enough, I know that they may have been put on the priority list; but as a Barbadian, I hate sometimes to hear the noise of the people crying out that they cannot get water. When I hear them, I tell them Gov- ernment is making the necessary preparations, I do believe that they are making preparations because I hear that they are running a small main from Turners Hall to White Hill, As a matter offact, I have heard that and I have seen it, and that will relieve the people in the White Hill area, I hope the Hon. Minister will take this matter in his hands and try to help these people,

Mr, LOWE:

Mr, Chairman, speaking under this Head, I must again compliment the Government in its programme of carrying water to the unfortunate people in Barbados, and I am only hoping that in this year\'s Estimates the Hon.. Minister will kindly lay a main in the back of Ellerton in order to alleviate the sufferings of the people in that area. I am in receipt of the knowledge that to put this main down, it would be a good to the Government because the people in this particular area are ready to obtain water in their homes.

I must speak on standposts, because my honest convic- tion is that standposts are outmoded, 5.45 p.m.

If we are fighting for education, the presence of stand- posts is one of the stigmas that remained on the children over all the years. People always found themselves in the law courts because of children having rows at these stand- posts. Therefore I am asking the Hon. Minister that when it comes to the point of allocating mains for the different parishes, he will remember the main for the back of the Ellerton District in the parish of St. George,

Mr, BOXILL:

Mr. Chairman, I am not going to reply on behalf of the Hon. Minister because he is here and he is capable of doing that for himself. What I am going to do is to make sure that hon. members do not try to mislead this House, In the first place, I have to be in agreement with the hon. senior member for St. Peter when he spoke about Trinidad and die absence of standposts knocking around the streets. That is true, and it is something which I am hoping to see taking place in Barbados, especially in the areas of St. Michael. It is my opinion that every house should have a pipe installed, and if that were so, it would alleviate many of the burdens which the people are now experiencing, and it will also save a lot of unnecessary standposts rows. It would also save a lot of time.

The hon. junior member for St. Joseph has said that he has seen on more than one occasion where people were wasting water. As one of the representatives of the people, I would like to know what the hon. member has done about this wastage of water. It would appear as if the hon. mem- ber did not stop for the purpose of saying anything to the person or persons who was or were wasting the water, be- cause he did not realize that the water which has been wasted today is the water which he will want to use tomorrow. He must have thought that it was the water of his Party, Each and every one of us should realize that the island as a whole possesses about 29 million gallons of water, the pop- ulation is increasing at the rate of something like 3,000 persons a year and there will be 3,000 more people who will have to be using water. Right now, we are using something like 14 million gallons of water per day and it is the duty of every one, not merely the members of this House, to try and conserve as much water as possible,

It is true that the water is being obtained from an under- ground source, and it is also true that in the next few years the water supply may be exhausted, the hon. gentle- man (MR. CHAIRMAN; The hon. member, not the hon. gen- tleman). Well, the hon. member has said that he knows that there are people who close their premises during the day and do not use any water, so that they should not be paying any water rates for those premises. The hon. member may be right; but if the same persons did not use any electricity or their telephones, they would still have to pay the electri- city and telephone rates. People do not realize that they themselves are the Government and we are only the trus- tees who have been

asked to manage their affairs. Some- times, the matter of insularity runs so far that these national interests effect each and every one of us; but the members of the hon. member\'s Party have been accustomed to managing these affairs. They have now lost that place and they would like to see the island run to ruin, A member of the hon. member\'s Party has said that he heard some- body say that if this Government did not resign, the whole cane crop win be burnt. Now the hon. junior member for St. Joseph says that he saw somebody wasting water. As President Kennedy has said -----

Mr. SMITH:

Mr, Chairman, on a point of order, I can- not sit here and allow the hon. member to twist things. Have I said that I have seen people wasting water? I do not know what is wrong with the hon. member,

Mr, BOXILL:

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member did say that he has seen people wasting water. I should like to say that it is not what the country can do for you that counts, it is what you intend to do for your country that counts. What I am surprised about is that the hon. senior member for St. James has said that in the Thorpe\'s area there was a shortage of water. That may be true. The water which comes through Thorpe\'s area is not coming from the reser- voir which is as heavily tapped as that which comes from Castle Gram, Anyhow, every time that the hon. member sees this situation arise he can speak about it until the Government gets on with its programme,

Mr, SMITH:

Mr, Chairman, I am saying that it is not fair for one to pay for water which he does not use, I have never said that I saw people wasting water. What I said was that there are people who go to work during the day and all the day, and they only go home at night; but because of the law because the houses are valuable houses and because the valuation has gone up, these people have been

called upon to pay twice as much as they used to pay for water which they do not use. 5.55 p.m.

Mr. Chairman, the meter system is the better system, because you pay for the amount of water you use. If the hon. junior member for St. Thomas becomes a Minister, I am going to leave Barbados, because if he does so much now that he is a Parliamentary Secretary, what would happen if he becomes a Minister? His two-cents a month job has swollen his head and his belly too.

Mr. Chairman, I have a garage and a home, and I pay four times as much for water at home as I pay at the gar- age where I have a meter. Is it fair? The hon. member is talking about my Party, but I am nothing to do with party when I am representing people in here. Let the hon. mem- ber follow his Party, because up to now he has not got a Party.

Mr. BOXILL:

Mr. Chairman, in reply to the hon. juni- or member for St. Joseph who said that the job which I have has swollen me, I should like to say that it has not swollen me to die extent that the one which he has not got has swol- len him.

Hon. C. E. TALMA- Mr, Chairman, my duty is to get these items agreed to and the various Heads passed. In answer to the question raised by the hon. junior member for St. Joseph who has gone out of his way to assist us in a lot of advice as to meters, we are very grateful to him for the advice, whether it

is good or bad* but I can assure him that this Government has no intention of repeating the blunder which the last Government was making in the in- stitution of meters ad lib. This Government will not be lur- ed by him or anyone else to commit such a blunder, and as long as I am in that Ministry, I shall resist it at every stage. As the note states very clearly, this provision is to meet the cost of new meters and the maintenance of old meters which was provided for industrial and gardening purposes as requested by consumers. There is nothing compulsory or mandatory about it. If you are in some indus- trial, commercial or vegetable gardening business and you request a meter, then one is installed.

The hon. member is very perturbed as to what mea- sures we are adopting by way of water conservation; So I must tell this Committee that there are other measures which may be adopted for purposes of water conservation, and better distribution of water services. Such matters are always under constant attention and scrutiny by the Ministry. The Standard of water has been improved re- cently. This Island is at present receiving a good tourist trade, and tourists from all parts of the world speak well of our standard of water. One measure which will be adopted by the Chief Engineer of the Waterworks Depart- ment to ensure a constant supply of pure water free from bacteria will be to increase the actual dose from 0.3 to 0,4 of chlorine per million pounds of water to conform with international standards and for precautionary purposes. Certain devices at standposts and other measures of a technical nature are being adopted to ensure that as little water as possible is wasted,

I suppose hon. members are aware of the facilities ex- tended by the Waterworks Department for the installation of water services. Every month any number of water services are installed on the instalment basis, I think about 150 ser- vices are installed each month, but we will still have to re- tain standpipes for a number of years as everyone cannot take full advantage of these facilities.

In reply to the hon. junior member for St. Joseph who spoke about the increase in water rates, I want to draw to his attention that the assessment and re-valuation of pre- mises were done during the reign of the last Government, but came into being during the tenure of office of this Gov- ernment; so we have not increased the water rates as such.

The hon. senior member for St. James drew to Govern- ment\'s attention such places like Jordans Gap, Fitts Village

and Thorpe\'s area, A regular programme of extension of mains is proceeding, but I will tell the hon. member that the \"Gold Coast\" has developed immensely within recent years with luxurious hotels and bungalows built by people of means with the result that the consumption of water has increased proportionately, and therefore we arc making every effort to replace the mains which were there fifteen or twenty years ago by larger ones, 6.05 p.m.

We are not only replacing old mains; we are laying additional mains of greater capacity and extending on the basis of the present water supply because we have installed a new well in the Carlton, St. James area, which will bring in about 8 million gallons per day of water. We have also dug a new well at Ashton Hall in St. Peter which will provide one million gallons a day and there is also one at Haymans, Therefore, it can be said that the water supply has been met,

I will assure the hon. senior member for St. James that I have made a special note of the district which he men- tioned and he can be sure that it will be given priority.

Now, the hon. senior member for St. Andrew drew the attention of the Committee to certain areas of that parish - White Hill, Hillaby and St. Simons - which have been suffer- ing from a dearth of a full supply of water throughout the year, I can assure the hon. member that there are certain plans for the extension of a large main to Belleplaine, The object of that is not only to supply the Belleplaine area, but so that more water would be released to these affected areas and also to service the East Coast Road, I am re- ferring now to the expenditure in the Capital Estimates, The quicker we can get a large water main laid from Newcastle, St. John, right on to Belleplaine over the East Coast Road, the sooner people in that area would be relieved of their normal complaints.

As far as what the hon. senior member for St. George said, I can assure him that I am grateful for his compli- mentary remarks and we will see to it that the main at Ellerton in the Back of St. George is given priority,

The question that the sum of $1,560,415 under Head 30 - Waterworks - as amended, stand part of the Sche- dule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 31 - PRINTING OFFICE

Head 31 - Printing 0ffice - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Mr, Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $82,329, under Head 31, Printing Office, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. A. DaC. EDWARDS- I beg to second that

Mr, MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I think the Hon. Minis- ter of Agriculture win agree with me that there is the necessity for a Proof Reader at the Government Printing Office, I referred the matter to the Clerk of the House who would be more responsible for the Estimates and for this part of the Legislature as to whether there was the need of a ProofReader, Imagine today that the Minister actually had to change a Head which was wrong. It shows the need for a Proof Reader. The Government Printery having work of this magnitude and of such importance to do, it should have a Proof Reader, Sometimes Ministers have not got the opportunity to scan these things, and die Clerk of the House would have to do them, I wonder if the Hon. Minister, speak- ing for the Government, has any intention of providing a Proof Reader for me Printery.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Sir. the hon. senior member for the City enquired whether or not there is a Proof Reader at the Government Printery. If you look at the list of posts set out under this Head, you will see that there is no post as such of Proof Reader, The hon. member will realise, Mr. Chair- man, that the Estimates are prepared by the Ministry of

Finance and I can hardly need to say too much but than to say that these Estimates were prepared on

this occasion very late, and owing to that, there have been quite a few amendments. If the hon. member is referring to errors, it is not the fault of the Government as such; it may be that the staff has more work to do and they need more people there to assist in checking; but: the reason for these lot of Moves- in and so on is that it was really caused due to pressure of work and the rush in which these Estimates were prepared.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Surely the Hon. Minister cannot talk about having a Proof Reader employed at the Printery. During these years what we have found is that we have too many errors coming from that Printery, I have found Bills and other documents coming to hon. members with many errors, and there must be somebody who should be able to check between the compositor at the Printery and the Clerk to see that the documents are delivered without any errors. All I am saying is that if there is no provision for a Proof Reader, the Hon. Minister should give attention to it, I have not asked this question because there was an error under this Head, The incidence of having to insert and take out things under a Head is all right, but we have seen worse errors. Take the Hon. Premier, himself, He had to admit to the fact when I asked a question that the heading was wrong, 6.15 p.m.

That could hardly have come down to the Ministry of Finance in that way. If it went down in that way, well some- body would have had to read it I am saying that a Printery of this type should have a Proof Reader. I have asked the Clerk about this matter several times. I may say that I have the right to read all the speeches which I make in here before they are printed. However, I do not worry about that, but when you see certain things you wonder what is happening. This is a question of having a Proof Reader,

Hon. C.E. TALMA:

Mr. Chairman, I quite appreciate what the hon. member has said. There have been quite a number of amendments, and it is clear proof that the staff of the Printing Department needs re-examining and strength- ening. When that is done, it will result in the Ministry doing work more expedftiously in order to cope with this situation. The proof reading is done by the Staff at the Ministry; it is not only a question of office space, but the employees are insufficient to cope with the situation. An in- crease in the Staff is being considered. The proof reading is done by the Staff in the first instance and then it is done by the Department concerned. They are also blameworthy.

The question thai the sum of $82,329 under Head 32 - Printing Office - stand part of the Schedule was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 32 - HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT Head 32 - Highways and Transport - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Under this Head, Mr. Chairman, there are some amendments to be made. On page 78, Item 2 - Executive Engineer or Engineers -the Note is to be amended to read as follows-

\"(a), (b), T. The post of Executive Engineer will be abolished when vacated by the present incumbent. There- after there win be two posts of Engineer\"..

On page 79 - Item 29 - Travelling - the amount to be voted. $53,000, is to be deleted and the amount, $53,600, is to be inserted. On the same page, Item 31 - Furniture - the amount to be voted, $300, is to be

deleted and the amount, $450, is to be inserted. On page 80, Item 44 - Parish Roads - the Note is to be amended to read as follows:- The words \"and Northern District Council area\" are to be substituted for the words \"St. Lucy, St. Andrew and St. Joseph\",

With those amendments, Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that the sum of $2,301,935 under Head 32 - Highways and Transport - stand part of the Schedule, I will be quite willing to answer any queries which hon. members might raise. I beg to make that motion.

Hon. Da. C. EDWARDS:
I beg to second that,

Mr. CARMICHAEL:
Mr, Chairman, about two years ago when the Northern District Council turned over the roads to the Central Government, a wise step was taken. From my observation in the past, much money was spent, very little work was done and the work which was done was defective, I am happy to say that since the Central Govern- ment has taken over the roads, several major projects have been completed and quite an appreciable sum of money has been spent. Indeed, the whole atmosphere, as far as the highways arc concerned, has been completely changed. Cer- tain corners which would be regarded as hazards have been attended to, and the danger of accidents taking place has been reduced. l am therefore pleading with the Hon. Minister this year, inasmuch as in the past very little attention was paid to these roads prior to the taking over of them by the Government, to pay these roads the necessary attention. I am referring now to the subsidiary roads. Very few of the sub- sidiary roads have been attended to as distinct from others which have just been made because of building projects. The roads to which I am referring are subsidiary roads - old roads which, according to the Development Plan, are roads which run through crowded residential districts; they are the roads which are in need of reconstruction. Par- ticularly in the parish of St. James, l am asking the Minis- ter to give priority to these roads.

When I say that, I am certain that the Hon. Minister will appreciate what I am saying. The highways are in a very satisfactory condition, but the grievance is in connection with subsidiary roads. The Parliamentary Secretary is very en- thusiastic, like the Hon. Minister, and in every district I can say that at least three roads should be given priority. I need not mention that because the Minister, if not his Par- liamentary Secretary, knows that. There is a road in Halls Village where a fire took place and I was ashamed when I went to see that fire. The road there has the width of 14 feet, but it wants re-surfacing. There are at least three roads in every district which are in dire need of repair, and from what I understand from the experts it cannot cost much money to repair them. It is a question of re-surfacing those roads, and with the use of the Barber Greene Machine I am quite certain that some of these roads can be done, I am therefore asking the Hon. Minister to give these roads priority this year,

Mr, WEEKES:
Mr. Chairman, now that we are dealing with the roads I must draw to the attention of the appropriate Minister that there are roads in this island, especially in the Southern District area, which were built by the defunct Vestries approximately ten or fifteen years ago, and some of these roads are in a very deplorable condition. Not one cent was spent on these roads since the Vestry built them and they .were taken over by the Southern District Council. In the parish which I have the honour to represent, l can tell the names of a few of these roads. You have Marchfield, Diamond Valley, Eastbourne, Brereton, Four Roads and Kirtons, These are only a few of the roads in the parish which I have the honour to represent -

roads which I have mentioned to the Hon. Minister as being in need of repair, 6,25 p.m.

I feel, Mr. Chairman, that the time has come when a certain amount of money should be allocated towards the repair of these roads. If they are not repaired soon, it will cost approximately ten times as much to repair them as it would cost today. When the rain falls, people have to walk through ditches to reach the main road, and it is time that something be done. The Council is granted a certain amount of money annually, but we cannot afford to repair these roads because we have to think about building new ones so that people can get out of their homes. I must let the Minister know that since the Council took over from the defunct Vestries no repairs were done.

Mr. Chairman, people expect from us water, roads and light, and in spite of the big schemes you have, if you do not provide these three amenities, they will be dissatisfied, I am appealing to the Minister to give us money not only to build a road or two annually, but enough to repair roads which have already been built.

Mr. GODDARD; Mr. Chairman, I can agree with the last speaker that the Southern District Council does not seem to have continued the work that was done by the old Vestries, With the slender resources at their command, the Vestries did good job, but there are some roads In Christ Church which really now need attention. One can hardly get through Cox Road which is a very important road. This year the Government has done a good job on roads in Dayrells Road, Brathwaite\'s Gap and a few others, but there are others to be done. I know that these areas have been drawn to the attention of the Parliamentary Secretary who lives in that vicinity, and I hope that the Minister has these areas in this year\'s programme. We all know that from Seawell right down has been well taken care of, but I would like to remind the Minister of the promise made two years ago by the owners of Hotel Windsor to set back the wall so that a sidewalk can be built. I had hoped that some money would have been included in the Estimates to erect this sidewalk on the land given to Government. I have been told that the owners of the property on the other side are willing to give up land too. and I look forward to the day when a better sidewalk will stretch along the whole of Hastings, so that people can walk on it on their way to and from the beach, I must again commend this Department for the amount of work it has done in the last year, and I hope that attention will be paid to the Hastings area with the tourist season in view, so that the roads will have been fixed by the time the season opens.

Mr. MOTTLEY:

Mr. Chairman, if you considered the amount of money collected in St. Michael, we would have to have more roads done in the Municipality than in the North or South. I am sure that the Parliamentary Secretary has been travelling through some roads which some vindic- tive, cancer-minded people prevented me from doing with the thought that I would lose my seat, but they had another thought coming. I should like to remind the Parliamentary Secretary that the road in which his car got stuck while going to a wedding needs repairing badly, because there are nice houses in that area for which taxes are collected.

Some time ago the hon. junior member for St. Joseph raised the important question of providing more officers for the inspection and weighing of vehicles to be licensed, and we would like to know what is being done in this respect because it takes three or four months before vehicles can be licensed, and as a matter of fact the law is observed in the breach. I can testify to this delay in examination by the fact that we try to send the trucks from the Scavenging Department before the time is up, but we still get

setbacks, I agree with the hon. junior member for St. Joseph that consideration should be given to the appointment of more officers to do this work because it is most important,

Mr. SMITH; Mr. Chairman, what the hon. member has Just said is true, and it is time that something should be done on the Resolution that was passed long ago. I have not made a check at the office to find out if an additional in- spector is on the job, but the traffic is increasing dally, and accidents occur minutely, and these inspectors are busier attending these accidents than anythin else. Sometimes an inspector has to attend four or five accidents in one day, so he does not have time to inspect the vehicles properly, 6.35 p.m.

I know in some cases that they will turn down a machine for a fault, and when you remedy fault A, and the machine goes back for inspection, they find another fault again. If they made the inspection thoroughly and turned you down for faults A, B and C to be remedied, when you go back they should not find fault of something else,

What that means is that these people are overworked. These people have to take home books and write them up at night. There are over 8,000 vehicles in St. Michael atone, and you only have the same number of Inspectors as when you had 800 vehicles, Therefore, you cannot get proper

work dore. I feel the Hon. Minister should tell us if It is his intention - or the Government\'s-to remedy this state of affairs because really and truly it is not good enough.

While I am on it, an hon. member spoke about roads and said that there are some roads which want doing. There are roads which want doing ail over the Island, I hope the Hon. Minister and his Parliamentary Secretary, who is very active on this question of roads, will take it upon himself, especially in the parish of St. Joseph, to check on the bad roads there, I am sure that he will find out that St. Joseph has the least amount of roads of all the parishes. I do not mean the main roads. The roads especially those in St. Joseph and in St. Andrew take proper attention and careful attention all the time because every rainfall which you get, these roads \"have a tendency to slip. You can see at times water running all over the road and that is due to lack of good drainage. I hope the Parliamen- tary Secretary to the Hon. Minister would do a little home- work and let us have these roads done.

I repeat; do not let it be. when you go in with your machine for inspection and then when you have your vehicle fixed two months ahead, that you cannot get the machine inspected because you do not have the staff to cope with that job. As a matter of fact, I do not see any reason why you should not have it all over the year. At inspection time, the Inspectors are very busy, and as is known, you cannot get your licence unless you present your certificate from the Department of Highways and Transport, As a matter of fact, some people have to put down their machines until they get their inspection. Your licence expires on the last day in June and you are not allowed to go on the road with your vehicle until it is inspected and passed by the Inspec- tor, Sometimes, it is not the fault of the owners that they cannot get their licences in time; it is because you do not have the number of staff there which would be able to carry out the inspections, There are very many vehicles now, and I think it would be a wise thing if you had some other inspectors in the other parishes so as to take off the country traffic from having to go to that Department for inspection. Sometimes the Inspectors have to attend the Courts, On those days that the Inspectors are at the Courts, no inspec- tions can be done, I hope the Hon. Minister would soon see to this because it is drawing near to inspection time.

Mr, WALCOTT:

Mr, Chairman, this Department is very important from the point of view of personnel and I would like to say that I hope the Minister would be able in the coming months, may be, to deal more expeditiously with these matters.

As I take up these Estimates, I see that there is a total of more than $2 million to be voted under this Head, A large amount of this money is placed under this Head to be paid to persons under Items 26,27 and 28 - Uhestablish- ed Staff, Casual Labour, Temporary Staff, That shows that a greater pan of the expenditure of this Department is under these three items, These three items take up about $1 million, and the total to be voted under this Head is $2.5 million. You will, therefore, see that these three items represent the core of expenditure in this Department, which means that some attention should be paid them.

Firstly, I would say when all the arrangements have been completed for the Barbados Workers Union to be dealing with this matter which we hope would be soon, it would give a new dimension to this Works Department be- cause our concept of dealing with workers is a little different from the outlook of other people.

I may say here that I was pleading for the Personnel Officer, but there is no point in having these false positions in your Department, You need in this Department, if you have personnel of the size which you have and who are going to draw the bulk of money, a different type of salary for the Personnel Officer. I am sorry that the Minister of Finance is not in here because in the current year you will have to think of increasing the salaries and wages of these people Four years is a long time to ask people in this

category to stand still. The time has come when these peo- ple would have to march. You will have to readjust these things. A Personnel Officer is important and I do not think he is getting the salary which you should be paying in a Department like this. You have to think in terms of the size of this Department.

If you want people to produce, you must be prepared to pay them. This salary which you are paying to the Per- sonnel Officer who is under Item 13, is nothing at all. You have to think in terms of recasting your whole idea on this matter. I think I have already drawn it to the Hon. Minis- ter\'s attention. The Key Scale has definitely outlived its usefulness. This can no longer be a modern method of dealing with the labour which you have to recruit, and you will find that the Head of the Department is put in an in- vidious position of not being able to retain the workers, 6.45p.m.

If my organization were different and if I were a dif- ferent man, the crushing works at Mangrove would have had to be stopped. That would have taken place if we were willing to embarrass the Government, You have not made any proper adjustment for the work which people have to perform. People are working under adverse conditions. There is an atmosphere in St. Philip and a part of Christ Church, and when you come to the South East coast, you find that the Atlantic breezes create that atmosphere, I would like to see a settlement made in this matter. We do not like to have a dislocation in the public services because everybody will be affected by the sort of demonstration that we could bring about for a stoppage of work. There is the attitude of a person who is not sure of himself. I would like to draw to the attention of the Hon. Minister that we think that an expeditious and a reasonable settlement

should be made.

Some of these people work under adverse conditions and there is the terrible situation in the Government to which we can relate this scale, I feel that an organization could give assistance and guidance in dealing with this matter. In the process of time we will be taking our res- ponsibility seriously. We are not afraid to tell people that they are working in the public sector, and that requires a mentality or approach which any militant organization from the outside can give. We are not afraid to tell work- ers that if they do not work they must pay the penalty for that, whether it be dismissal or otherwise. We are not supporting the idea that because a man is working in the Public Service, he can do as he likes. Although we do not believe in any easy dismissal, we do not support the idea that a man in the public service can do as he pleases and he will never be dismissed or disciplined, I would like to see some attempt being made to expedite this matter be- cause it can become very explosive. We can slow down the progress of projects. It is essential that these things be done because the labour force should be satisfied, contented and well protected, and we hope that when we have the opportunity of meeting the Government at all levels they will be able to institute the machinery which is more ap- propriate for dealing with a Trade Union without the heavy hand or the half-way system which is what you have now.

We do not want matters to be shunted through all of these channels in order to stop something. We are asking the Government to institute the type of machinery which is more appropriate to industrial undertakings so that you can deal with things on the spot, and not that a workman has to wait for six months before he can get any redress because of the bureaucratic system in many instances. You must have machinery to deal with what we regard as being appropriate at this stage, I hope that the Minister will see that these things are speeded up and got off the ground so that we can get ahead. I also hope that the Minister will be able to make a pronouncement and see that within the Gov- ernment\'s Public Service there are as many trade unionists as there are in the private sector,

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

Mr, Chairman, I win endeavour to answer some of the points which have been raised by the hon. members. The hon. senior member for St. James

referred to the question of subsidiary roads. These roads have now taken the place of what were regarded as tenan- try roads. To call them tenantry roads is really a misno- mer. The Government is not repairing any private tenantry roads, but this nomenclature of tenantry roads has been used over all the years, You have tenantry roads and other roads, but in future these first mentioned roads win be called subsidiary roads. The Government expenditure on tenantry roads, or rather subsidiary roads and other roads is not unlimited. It is not that we have an unlimited amount of money to be spent on subsidiary roads and other roads. The vote for tenantry or subsidiary roads is limited to about $200,000 and, of that amount, $48.000 has been re- leased to the Southern District Council for the repair of their subsidiary roads. The vote for other roads is $60,000, We have $260,000 in all for expenditure on subsidiary roads and other roads, and we can only do what we can in the context of money which is available. We also have Item 63 which deals with road surfacing. By the use of the Barber Greene machine which effects a great deal of saving, it is possible for us to do much more work and re- pair many more roads at a cheaper rate than was the case formerly, 6.55 p.m.

The building of roads is an expensive business, Mr. Chairman, We have to put in haunches and curves, and the surfaces have to be properly constructed. With regard to the roads which the hon. senior member

for St, James mentioned, I have made a note of them. With the Director of Highways and Transport, the Permanent Secretary and another Secretary from the Ministry, I have seen some of these roads - one at Greenwich and Halls Village; so we will give them early attention.

The hon, junior member for St. Philip made mention of certain roads which were constructed by the Vestries and are now falling into a state of disrepair. I take it that the roads which the hon, member named are main highways, as he did not say they were tenantry roads. He mentioned Eastbourne, Farm Road, Four Roads, Diamond Valley and others; there are also Perry Road, Perry tenantry and Penny Hole,

Mr. WEEKES:

On a point of order, I should just like to clarify my point for the Hon, Minister, The roads which I have mentioned are tenantry roads which have already been built, but no money has been spent on them since the Ves- try built them. The Council has not got the money to spend on them, and until the Minister can give a grant for the re- pair of these tenantry roads, they will remain in a bad con- dition,

Hon, C. E. TALMA:

I am glad the hon. member has clarified the point, These are tenantry roads which will fall under the category of subsidiary roads, I want to re- mind the hon, member who was Chairman of the Southern District Council - I do not know if he was Chairman of the Highways Committee as such - that an amount of $94,000 was granted by this Government during this finan- cial year and released to the Southern District Council for maintenance and repair of tenantry roads. Of the amount voted, roughly $46,000 will be released for tenan- try roads in the Southern District Council, so that the hon, member cannot very well blame the Ministry as such for the non-repair of the so-called tenantry roads. There are quite a few roads I would like to see done, but I am afraid the tenantry roads fall under the Council, I will, however, see to it that under the new arrangement the Barber Greene machine is utilised to the fullest capacity possible, and that some maintenance is done on some of these roads.

Now the hon, junior member for Christ Church men- tioned certain roads which were done and others which were yet to be done. We have done Brathwaite\'s Gap and Bibby\'s Gap in St, Matthias, and we have dons roads at Rendezvous, Clapham, Club Morgan, and in the City Whar- ton\'s Gap, Parris Gap, Rock Gap and Alkins Road; so to- gether with the school building programme we have done a lot of valuable work, and I do not think the Government can be blamed. I think the least you can do is complement the Government for the work it has done.

Mr. SMITH:

Mr. Chairman, I am sure die Minister has forgotten to reply in relation to the additional staff in the inspectors\' Department at Highways and Transport.

Hon, C. E. TALMA:

In answer to the hon. member\'s query, we have agreed to the establishment of this post of Inspector. The Civil Establishment Order has been pre- pared or is being prepared, and will be submitted for the establishment of this additional post of inspector of Ve- hicles, In the present Estimates a substantial amount has been included for the erection of sheds to provide greater facilities for these inspectors of vehicles, and new arrangements are being made to improve conditions in connection with the weighing of new vehicles by the Depart- ment of Highways and Transport.

The hon. senior member for St, Peter raised a ques- tion which should be answered also, I will say that the question of recognition of the Union as representing workers employed by Highways and Transport, Public Works and the Waterworks Department, is in truth and in fact an Estab- lishment matter, and is receiving the attention of the Establishment Department, 7.05 p,m,

I want to draw this to his attention. The question of the recognition of these casual workers and workers of the Public Works Department and the Department of Highways and Transport is an Establishment matter and it is re- ceiving the attention of the Establishment branch so that you can expect a reply in the foreseeable future. I have no intention of denying them any recognition which they re- quire,

The question that the sum of $2,301,935 under Head 32 -Highways and Transport - as amended, stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 33 - LIGHTHOUSES

Head 33 - Lighthouses - was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:
I beg to move that the sum of $25,824, under Head 33, Lighthouses, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
I beg to second that,

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

HEAD 34 - ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Head 34 - Electrical Inspection - was called.

Hon, C. E. TALMA:
I beg to move that the sum of $23,379 under Head 34, Electrical Inspection, stand part of the Schedule,

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON:
I beg to second that.

Mr. MOTTLEY:
Mr. Chairman, I am drawing to the attention of the Hon. Leader of the House, that this is a very important head. We have been in here from 12.00 o\'clock. (A VOICE This Is Head 34.) I did not mean this Head,

The question that the sum of $23,379 under Head 34 - Electrical Inspection - stand part of the Schedule, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Mr, MOTTLEY:

I would like to draw to the attention of the Hon, Leader of the House that the Heads under the control of the Minister of Education which we are about to commence now deal with education. I know the Hon. Minis- ter of Education is prepared to deal with them and has his answers and what not; but we, on this side, would like to make our contribution. Therefore, l am appealing to the

Hon. Leader of the House, owing to the fact that we have to to come again tomorrow, to take the adjournment now so that we would come in fresh to deal with this important matter of Education and then Medical Services,

I am, therefore, wondering whether at this stage the Hon. Leader of the House would move the adjournment,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

If the hon. member would give way. I would just like to say that we do not expect a four- day debate on these Estimates as the hon. senior member for the City envisages. We are hoping to conclude the debate tomorrow. When we come at mid-day tomorrow, we hope that in six or seven hours to finish discussion on these Estimates.

Mr. Chairman, I hope the hon, member is not threaten- ing us with a lengthy discussion on these heads,

Mr. MOTTLEY:

You know that I am not threatening you,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

When I used the word \"threatening\", I did not mean, threatening us with violence, I would like the hon, member and his colleagues to state at least some of the requests and information which they want because we may be able to come in tomorrow and finish more quickly. I do not know, but I will ask to let us go on until 7,45 p.m. or thereabouts.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR:

Mr. Chairman, I hope to follow the procedure which we have been following every year since this Government came into power where I asked the hon, member of the Opposition who is responsible for education whether he would submit to me before hand any hints of questions on matters which I have the responsibility of, I asked him already and he told me that there were no ques- tions which he wanted to put up. Therefore, I accepted his assurance. I do not think the hon. junior member for St, Joseph has any questions to put up other than what he raised with respect to the School Meals Service.

Mr. MOTTLEY- Mr. Chairman, we have made a sug- gestion. We are not threatening anybody- we are not telling anybody what to do. I am just saying that we are not fresh enough to go on with this important Head of Education.

On the point of what the Hon. Minister of Education said, he is correct. Ever since I became Leader of the Op- position, I always hinted to him when we were dealing with the Estimates what questions my Party was going to ask; therefore, what he says is correct. It is the correct pro- cedure to consult with him on the questions we are going to ask with respect to Education. When he says that we did not have

any questions to ask, that does not mean that we would not have anything to say on Education. However, I think at this stage tonight we should take the adjournment because we were in here from 12.00 o\'clock (noon). I see the Chairman is itching to get out of the Chair,

Mr. CHAIRMAN:
The hon. member cannot say that I am itching to get out of the Chair,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:
The hon, senior member for the City knows well enough that it is traditional for years during the debates on the Estimates that we have gone on from noon until midnight and after, I am not saying that we want to go back to the old days, but we do feel that we can go on a little further and complete a few more Heads before we adjourn. I do not know if the hon, member who has just sat and threatened us

Mr. MOTTLEY:
I have not threatened anybody, but I would just remind the Hon, Leader of the House that these things have a way of boomeranging. Do not believe that your strength is going to last forever. That is not threaten- ing anybody. I am one of those people who can talk on this for the balance of the night.

We can come in here from 10 o\'clock tomorrow. We cannot in a half hour do justice to Education if we begin consideration of it now. All you can do now is to start and talk: but if you come in here tomorrow you will get the

hon. member of my Party who is in charge getting up and putting Ms questions. If you feel that because you are the Government and you have the power, go on,

Mr, CHAIRMAN:
Your point of order is made. 7.15 p,m,

Mr, MOTTLEY:
I have been in here long enough to know what I am doing, I will tell you the items I want to talk about, I could tell you that I am going to talk about every item which is to be voted, but I do not want to do that. I have been so reasonable in this House during this Session that I have been accused of not being worthy of having the office of Opposition Leader. I have been so accused because I said that I would not oppose anything just for the sake of opposing it, Hon. members are tired because we have been in here from 12 o\'clock today. We are coming back here tomorrow and we will remain and finish these Estimates tomorrow. This Head plus the Head dealing with the Hos- pital will cause some debate,

Hon, W. A. CRAWFORD:
The hon, member has got to attend another meeting. We cannot come here before 12 o\'clock and it is getting near to the end of the month. We have to get through these Estimates in order to give the Other Place time to consider them. At least, the shadow Minister of Education can get rid of what he has to say on Education tonight,

Mr. SMITH:
Mr, Chairman, I am appealing now to the Hon, Leader of the House, We were in here from 12 o\'clock (Noon) today and we are tired now. We are quite willing to co-operate with the Government in

getting through with these Estimates. They have my assurance, along with that of the Opposition, that we will come back here tomorrow and finish these Estimates, but let us adjourn at this stage. The Hon, Minister has referred to the past when we used to remain in here until morning in dealing with these Esti- mates, but the Hon, Minister must be fair enough to say that in the days when we remained here until morning, the Opposition was so strong that only two Heads of the Esti- mates would be passed after a whole day\'s sitting. On one night the Hon, Minister of Education took the whole time for himself. You are not meeting any opposition nowadays and yon must give in to us, If you want midnight work, well, then, I win remain in here and give all day and all night, and yet you will get very little done, I win speak word for word and you win still be here until tomorrow. The hon. senior member for the City win do the same thing

and we win not get anywhere at all. If you adjourn now, by tomorrow at 3 O\'clock you win be finished with these Esti- mates, Otherwise, if you are out to give trouble, wen then, you win get trouble, I repeat: let us adjourn now. You can start at 12 o\'clock (noon) tomorrow and come to an end at 2 or 3 o\'clock. If you keep us here until after half past seven this afternoon, we will go on until half past seven in the morning. I appeal to the Hon. Leader of the House to let us take the adjournment now,

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, if we were to go on until half past seven tomorrow- I understand that the Fix-it-Right has two coffins. Really, Sir, this is all stupidity. For us to stop at a quarter past seven during our consideration of the Estimates is stupidity. As a matter of fact, that has never happened. We have gone on for years sitting from 12 o\'clock (noon) until 9 and 10 o\'clock at night during the consideration of the Estimates.

CHAIRMAN REPORTS PROGRESS

Hon. W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that you do now report progress and ask for leave for the Committee to sit again.

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that

The question was put end resolved in the affirmative without division.

The CHAIRMAN reported and Mr. SPEAKER re- sumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

THE ADJOURNMENT

Hon, W. A. CRAWFORD:

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, 25th March, 1965, at 12 o\'clock (noon).

Hon. C. E. TALMA:

I beg to second that,

The question that this House do now adjourn until Thursday, 25th March, 1965 at 12 o\'clock (Noon) was put and resolved in the affirmative without division and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

7,35 p.m.