

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

8:00 o'clock, Friday, August 21, 1964

Opening Prayer by Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions
Reading and Receiving petitions
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees
Notices of Motion
Introduction of Bills
Orders of the Day

Order for Return standing in the name of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition) (Ste. Rose): Madam Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Member for Lakeside, that an Order of the House do issue for a return showing: 1. The total cost to the Government of Manitoba for the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg Review Commission; and 2. The total cost to the Government of Manitoba for the Royal Commission on Local Government Organization and Finance.

Madam Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

HON. MAITLAND B. STEINKOPF (Provincial Secretary) (River Heights): Before the Orders of the Day -- I mean now that the Orders of the Day have been entered, I rise on a matter of personal privilege.

Members will know that in accordance with custom I have absented myself during the discussions on Bill No. 3, a bill affecting me. Bill No. 3 was brought into the House in the expectation that it would receive general support on all sides of the House. I felt that the bill covered nothing more than a possible and inadvertent technicality and that that was all that was involved. I believe with all my heart that if there was any defect in my position that it was nothing more than a technical inadvertence. I also thought that as the matter has been before the Members of this House, particularly the members of the Liberal Party for many weeks, it would indicate to them that such was the case.

This afternoon there was a vote on the motion by the Honourable Member for Lakeside that crystallized the whole discussion, and by that vote thirteen members showed that they do not share my belief that the matter was one of technical inadvertence although the rest of the House gave me their support for which I cannot be sufficiently grateful. The attitude of the other thirteen leaves me only one honourable course, and that, Madam Speaker, is to advise you that I have tendered my resignation to Premier Roblin as a Cabinet Minister and the member for River Heights. The support that I have received from my constituents will be acknowledged when they receive from me all of the facts in the matter and when the decision is arrived at when and whether to seek their continued support and goodwill.

MR. MOLGAT: Madam Speaker, I am sorry to have heard

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier)(Wolseley): Madam Speaker, before my honourable friend speaks, I would like to put a motion to the House. I move that the House do now adjourn and stand adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.

MADAM SPEAKER: Your seconder please.

MR. ROBLIN: Seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Madam Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.