



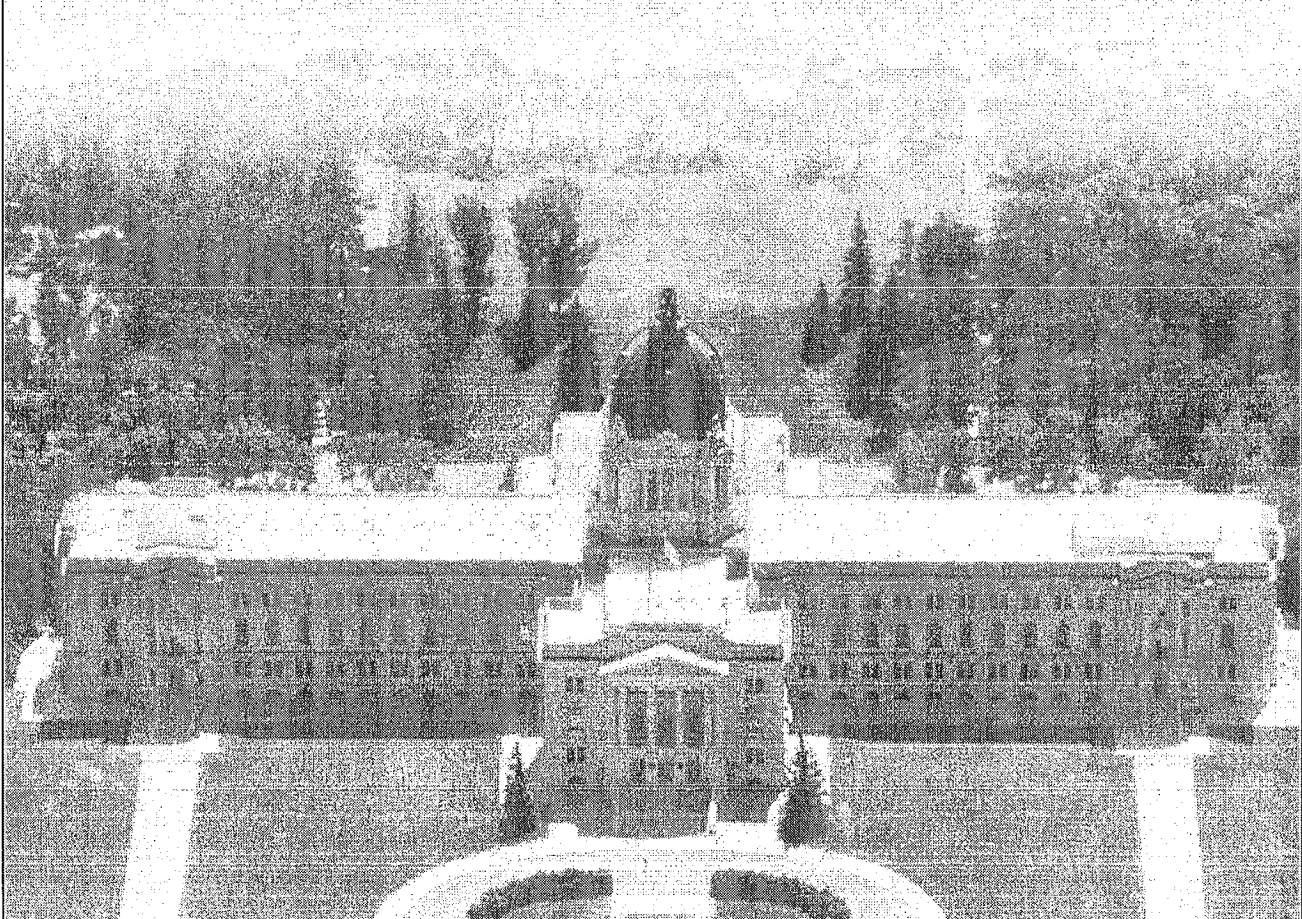
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In late November, from the 20th to the 26th, the Broadway Theatre held a week-long fundraiser. Each evening had its own theme celebrating diverse cultural and artistic entertainment. Patrons of the theatre enjoyed live music and films, and all of the dollars spent went to directly to the Broadway, as all performers donated their performances to the cause. PotashCorp generously donated to support the Broadway cause by matching all ticket dollars, donations, and memberships sold during the week for a maximum of up to \$20,000.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers and staff, especially the Friends of the Broadway Theatre, for all their fundraising. Due to its prime location, unique history, and its commitment to cultural entertainment, the Broadway Theatre is a treasure of the Saskatoon Nutana constituency. Please join me in recognizing this amazing institution.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Batoche.

Christmas Concert in Marysburg

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The tiny community of Marysburg is located about nine miles north of Humboldt. Marysburg has a very large and beautiful church that has the most awesome acoustics imaginable. The church was not being used enough to justify its upkeep, so to rectify this, the community formed the Marysburg Centre of the Arts Inc.

On Sunday afternoon, I had the great pleasure of attending their 14th annual Christmas concert. The concert was made up of 88 voices from 13 different communities. There was an adult choir, the men's choir, the ladies' choir, the youth choir, and the children's choir. As well there was piano by Sharon Guina, organ by Greg Schulte, clarinet by Dale Avison, violin, and even a handbell quartet. The youngest performer was eight years old and at the other end of the spectrum, two singers at 80 years young.

The concert closed with the ageless Christmas favourite, *Stille Nacht* — for you non-Germans, *Silent Night*.

Many thanks go out to the community of Marysburg for organizing this event and to Sharon Carter of Middle Lake for conducting. In the words of one of the guests, "The music was nourishment for the soul and enriched the spirit." As we were leaving, a friend said to me, "Now it feels like Christmas." God bless and Merry Christmas, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cumberland.

Children's Hospital Fundraiser in La Ronge

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation teamed up with Cameco to host a six-hour radiothon on Friday, November 25th, 2011 from the La Ronge Hotel & Suites. The live event was a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. The Children's Hospital Foundation is currently trying to raise \$25 million for the creation of the new children's hospital to be constructed in Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, the six-hour radiothon raised over \$625,000. Over

300,000 was raised through the generous support of northern First Nations, northern communities, individuals, and companies. Cameco agreed to match all donations raised on November 25th, dollar for dollar. This brought the total raised to \$625,856.

Mr. Speaker, the Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership and Lac La Ronge Indian Band, departments, communities, individuals gave a combined donation totalling \$115,685. Mr. Speaker, another major supporter was the community of Ile-a-la-Crosse, where the combined donation from the development corporation, schools, individuals, within the community totalled 25,000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Deborah Charles from Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation and Gary Merasty from Cameco for their sponsorship and great work. I wish to recognize all companies, organizations, and community members who volunteered and pledged financial support for this worthwhile event.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Fairview.

Dream Brokers Program

Ms. Campeau: — Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise in the House to extend congratulations to the Dream Brokers program on their successes in providing youth facing social and economic challenges with opportunities to participate in sport, culture, and recreation activities. Mr. Speaker, aside from the many positive benefits of becoming involved in physical activity, programs such as Dream Brokers provide children and youth with a sense of pride in their accomplishments and confidence to pursue additional challenges.

Mr. Speaker, the Dream Brokers are employed by Sask Sport in partnership with the Saskatoon and Regina public and Catholic school boards. The Dream Brokers work in the schools to respond to the interests of underprivileged youth who are seeking out recreational, sport, and cultural opportunities but may have existing barriers such as lack of finances, transportation, or access to the potential opportunity. Once a youth expresses interest in a particular activity, the Dream Broker works with organizations, agencies, and groups to explore ways in which these barriers to participation can be eliminated.

Mr. Speaker, I would like this Assembly to join me in recognizing the Dream Brokers for their many successes. I am sure I can speak for the House when I say that we look forward to hearing more success stories as the program continues to grow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Moose Jaw North.

Cultural Fair Raises Multicultural Awareness

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, on December 7th, Central Collegiate hosted the second annual Cultural Fair in Moose Jaw. The Cultural Fair raises awareness of