

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

time are matched only by the occasional gullibility of some members of the press who actually take as serious input that which I am sure he himself puts forward as a joke. Perhaps it is not surprising that there are some strange paths being taken in communicating his favourite ideas to the public and perhaps to his colleagues.

While the minister might draw comfort from the solace and relief which a Crown corporation might provide him in his troubled cabinet career, and while he may strut gloriously as an advocate of change, any change, neither the minister nor the unfortunate victims of his maladroit administration will really benefit until the one great and essential change is accomplished, namely, a change in the Postmaster Generalship of this country.

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, this has become almost a weekly event in which I stand sprinkled with the, I suppose, sweet ambrosia of the irony and satire of the man least likely to be the next Postmaster General of Canada.

A Postmaster General, Mr. Speaker, has at his disposal human, physical and financial resources which daily are being used up in the service of the people of Canada. It is his responsibility to ensure that the most effective use is made of these resources. First, in

respect of financial, that they are spent wisely; second, in respect of physical, that the facilities are constantly modernized; and third, in respect of human, that the working conditions improve and that exciting opportunities for advancement and personal development multiply.

Accordingly we have been examining the concept of a Crown corporation—this is not new—for 18 months to determine if it would provide a better method of organizing our resources, human, physical and financial, so that the employees in the Post Office would be better off and that the people of Canada would enjoy finer postal services. So before presenting this proposal to the government and to this House we are studying all aspects of the Crown corporation with the departments and agencies which presently work with us, and with the unions that represent our employees.

• (10:20 p.m.)

Mr. Martin, or any future adjudicator, will not be able to criticize us for Victorian attitudes this time. Perhaps that is what really bothers the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie) who can be repetitious but never constructive.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.
