

Canada, has done a work that will be a monument many centuries after he has passed away, one that will be appreciated by the people throughout Canada. I repeat, the Canadian people owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Bronson in particular.

I think there is something to be said in support of the hon. member for Fraser Valley in the suggestion that each province should have a representative on the commission, because each province should be entitled to have its aims, ambitions, industries and undertakings demonstrated within the federal area.

I do not believe that the phrase "beautifying the city of Ottawa" correctly expresses the views of those who support this bill. In my opinion it is the exemplification of Canada rather than the beautification of a city that we are interested in. I say, therefore, to those who, dealing with federal district relations, and others who have studied the history of the movement to create around Ottawa a federal area, have said that a great deal has been put into it, that a great deal more is necessary.

We must bear in mind that now, and for a considerable length of time, the government of the day has engaged one Jacques Greber, a town planning expert from Paris, France, to prepare a plan for the federal area. I would have been happy to see the government give to the house a great deal of information on the progress which he has made. I believe the house is entitled to much more information than we have had on the progress which Mr. Greber is making on his plans for this area. I do not think it is sufficient to have a town planning expert, good or otherwise as he may be, work for the length of time that Mr. Greber has been working and then ask parliament to apportion money for the expense of developing a federal district, without having seen some results of his work.

Within Ottawa, particularly these days, work for the sake of employment is not necessary. For that reason the house should be acquainted with the definite and concrete proposals which the government has to offer in the immediate future so far as a federal area is concerned. When the committee sat a year or a year and a half ago we made concrete proposals. So far as the expansion of the committee and the nationalization of the committee are concerned the recommendations are pretty well incorporated in the bill; but the development of Ottawa, from a practical point of view, has not been incorporated nor have we had information on it. As an example, in Ottawa we have the cross-town tracks. As a matter of progress, as a matter of strict economy, the removal of the

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cross-town tracks and the re-routing of the railways in Ottawa should be the first consideration, so that municipal, provincial and dominion enterprise could work together in the federal scheme.

I believe the federal area scheme contemplates building certain highways. Land on both banks of the Rideau and Ottawa rivers has been set aside. Much of the congestion in Ottawa complained about by nearly every visitor to Ottawa, be it member of parliament, tourist, commercial traveller or business man, is created by the railways, the defective transportation highways and the difficulties of traffic within Ottawa. In asking parliament to apportion money, the government should have some definite proposals to place before the people on this particular point.

I noticed in last night's paper that the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier) had made some comments indicating that in the immediate future he might commence the building of a bridge across the Ottawa river some ninety or one hundred miles northwest of Ottawa. Although that bridge is needed to accommodate Pembroke, I believe it should be built within the capital area, so that if both sides of the Ottawa river are to form a federal district there will be driveways along the scenic Ottawa river with a crossing within the federal area at some place within the county that I have the honour to represent. I would suggest that it be some forty or fifty miles north of here. If that were done I would not be bothered incessantly by members asking me where they could go for a drive and get back safely. I would just tell them to follow the federal area.

I believe that we should look upon this as a matter of national pride, as a demonstration plot of national industries, national cultures and national ambitions. I do not think any Canadian will object to a true depicting of the Canadian spirit right in the federal area. I do not think the hon. member for Humboldt by any means had the vision which should be possessed by anyone who would discuss the bill before the house at this time. If he feels that the face of Ottawa needs uplifting I would tell him that the face of Canada needs uplifting and this is the place to do it. I do not think his worthy leader will agree with the comments that he made this afternoon and to-night, because on several occasions I have seen the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell) rise in his place and give ample support to a move to establish a real federal area. May I ask the hon. member to look up *Hansard* and see the record of the leader of