

The Address—Mr. Pugh

must more actively encourage the adjustment of these communities to the main streams of Canadian life. There has been too much of leaving the new arrivals to drift for themselves. I am disquieted by the large numbers I have met who have been here 10 and 15 years without applying for naturalization. In Toronto a splendid job of training immigrants in skills is being performed by COSTI, but the chief benefactors are not Canadian. Were it not for the Italian government COSTI would have closed its doors.

Because we are a nation of minorities I particularly want to underscore the importance of the points I made about clarifying the use of the phrase "public interest" in our code. We must ensure that groups within the mosaic of our society are not the prey of those who would destroy our peace.

I have spoken of national unity and tensions both at home and abroad which test our mettle. I have discussed some of the problems of our freedoms which are precious to us all. New men are expanding the horizons of liberty, and I want to quote from one of the most eloquent who has something to teach us all. Speaking from the marble steps of the Lincoln memorial in Washington last September to more than 200,000 in a march for jobs and freedom, the Reverend Martin Luther King said:

Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream—

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the people's injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope.

Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, may I congratulate the mover and the seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Frankly, from what I have heard of those speeches and the comments upon them in the house, these hon. members deserve congratulations and they certainly did honour to their constituencies.

May I confine my remarks to the Liberal government's unhappy handling of the community antenna television problem, which is

commonly referred to as cable T.V. Actually this is just one more example of the extremely muddled thinking, the leaping before looking attitude, the careless disregard for the rights of Canadians as a whole, of this government. A further example was the way in which certain steps were taken in the budget. There was a leaping before looking, a careless disregard of the results of the securities tax. This measure was introduced with a certain amount of fanfare. However, it had barely been introduced before it was suddenly withdrawn. It was withdrawn for the very good reason that sensible people all across Canada took exactly the same attitude as the Conservative opposition took, that is that this tax should not have been introduced because it was going to be detrimental to the Canadian economy. The Minister of Finance as well as the other members of the cabinet heard the word and they withdrew that tax.

Then too we have heard a lot of talk about the 11 per cent sales tax that was imposed in the budget. I do not intend to go into that thoroughly now, but the lumber industry as well as other industries in my constituency have been hit extremely hard by this tax.

Mr. Macaluso: Sales are up.

Mr. Pugh: The hon. member says "sales are up". I would not believe that, but I will say that sales would have been up a lot more if the tax had not been imposed.

Mr. Macaluso: Prove it.

Mr. Pugh: Prove it? I believe the lumber industry could prove it. Actually I am glad the hon. member mentioned this measure, because it gives me an opportunity to speak about it. Each and every lumber operator in my constituency, and there are a lot of them, took the trouble to call on me during the Christmas holidays. They then confirmed their conversations in writing. What they had to say about this 11 per cent sales tax would not bear repeating in this house. The official opposition introduced an amendment suggesting that this tax should have been looked at more carefully before it was imposed. I say this government should remove that sales tax. We should get rid of it, and I demand that as of now.

As hon. members are aware, I am speaking more or less about the quiet withdrawals of the Liberal government and the fact that the government did not look ahead, did not realize the consequences of their actions. As an illustration of this I cite the imposition of the 11 per cent sales tax. The measure had only been introduced when the members of the cabinet said "The Conservative opposition is right and the people know they