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humble member—and so there will be no question about my modesty I suppose I should add a relatively ineffectual member—built roads and bridges under the department established by Mr. Lesage to a degree that would warrant the view that not much more should be done.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Where were the roads?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** My hon. friend knows perfectly well. In addition to those I have mentioned—

**Mr. Dinsdale:** They were from igloo to igloo.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** The minister, who is a very fair-minded man, will not contest what I have said. It was under Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Lesage that this northern vision really developed.

**Mr. Henderson:** If you ask the man in the north, what would he tell you? He certainly would tell you that nothing was done under the previous government.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** They did not say that when they elected a Liberal member for Mackenzie River in 1958.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I am going to deal with my amiable friend from Cariboo in just a moment but he must wait until I reach him.

**Mr. Henderson:** The hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate said I was not here in 1958.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I did not say that.

**Mr. Henderson:** I am sorry if I got you wrong. Let me tell you that I was in the west and in the north.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Perhaps I could explain—

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Perhaps the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate would permit me to conclude before answering the hon. member for Cariboo.

I am saying to the minister I am sure that he as a responsible minister and as an honourable man will not contest my statement that it was under Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Lesage that the real beginnings of the concept of the northern vision were developed.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Chairman—

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Perhaps the minister would permit me to continue.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I thought the hon. member was asking me a question.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I am attempting to complete my remarks before five o'clock. I am hoping to complete my little speech by

that time. As hon. members know I do not often have an opportunity to speak in this chamber.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I am sorry, but I thought the hon. member was asking me a question.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** This is all by way of parenthesis and has nothing to do with what I really wish to say. Having listened to what the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate said and as the only other member of the former government in the committee I thought it only appropriate that I should support the hon. gentleman in what he said in his very accurate historical review of the work of the department. In that connection I am sure we all recognize—

**Mr. Nielsen:** I don't.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I am sure we all recognize that the late hon. member for Mackenzie River, Mr. Mervyn Hardie was one whose name will ever be associated with northern development. He was one of the supporters of this party. Day in and day out, as the minister knows, he gave evidence of his deep interest in the development of this important section of our country.

I rose to make this suggestion to the minister. He will recall that on February 6 I made representations to him and wrote to him about that time in connection with Banwell house near Windsor in Essex county. My hon. friend is, of course, aware of the Hiram Walker historical museum which serves a useful purpose in Windsor in Essex county. He is also aware of the museum in Amherstburg in the constituency represented by the hon. member for Essex South. These are all important attestations of the historic character of the county from which I come and in which is located the riding I have the honour to represent in this house.

The presentations I made to the minister arose from those made to me by Mr. George Marshall, Mr. Alan Douglas and Mr. Gordon F. Mann of the Essex county historical association. They had reference to Banwell house, which is one of the relics of French Canada in this historic part of our country.

Banwell house was discovered recently and in the field of architectural history it is a finding of importance to the history of the Windsor region and of Canada in general. The discovery means we have had survive a building erected in the French Canadian technique at a time when all such examples were thought to have disappeared from the Ontario scene. I am told that Banwell house and others like it that have so far come to light in Essex county differ substantially from their counterparts in the remainder of French Canada, and therefore to the best