

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: We shall have before us tomorrow a bill to permit one of the members of the Board of Transport Commissioners to continue in office although he is now seventy-five.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I can give a better instance than that. As we all know, in two or three sessions after the former Chief Justice of Canada had reached his seventy-fifth year we passed a bill extending his term of office. He finally retired some years ago at the age of seventy-eight, and he is still going strong.

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: These are not typical cases.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: They are pretty typical. I have been in this house for quite a few years now, and I know that some people whom I see here tonight would not be present if senators were compelled to retire at sixty-five.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Is my honourable friend looking at me?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: No, I was not looking at my honourable friend at all. It is principally the younger members who are staying here until the session ends; some of the older ones have gone home.

I move adjournment of the debate until tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: Before the motion is put, I would like to clear up a point mentioned by the honourable leader on this side (Hon. Mr. Haig). Under the present law the compulsory retirement age for civil servants is sixty-five, but thirty days before any civil servant reaches that age the deputy minister of the department may apply to the Governor in Council for permission to retain the employee in the service.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, there is a motion before the house for adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: I am perfectly willing to postpone my remarks until tomorrow, but it would save time if I were permitted to make a brief statement to clear up the point raised by the honourable leader on this side (Hon. Mr. Haig). If there is any objection, I will postpone my remarks until tomorrow.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The honourable senator may proceed with the consent of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: Under this bill compulsory retirement will be at sixty-five, but in the case of a man who is physically fit, and who wishes to continue, the deputy minister

of his department may if he sees fit, before the date of retirement, make application to the Governor in Council to continue the man's services, and that man may be kept on for a further five years.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Is that on a compulsory basis?

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: He will be carried on from year to year.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Even though he wanted to retire at sixty?

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: No. He may retire at sixty if he wants to, but if he prefers to stay on his services may be continued for five years. Under this amendment retirement is to be at sixty instead of sixty-five.

Hon. Mr. GOVIN: That is voluntary retirement at sixty.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Haig was agreed to, and the debate was adjourned.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. GRAY TURGEON (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved the second reading of Bill 453, an Act to amend the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936.

He said: Honourable senators, this is a simple bill, notwithstanding the fact that it provoked considerable irrelevant discussion in the other house with respect to the relationship between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and private broadcasting stations. The bill does not solve any of those problems and it does not aggravate them. By this proposed measure the revenue of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will be increased. The corporation will receive the total amount collected by way of licence fees for privately owned radios, and licences to private broadcasting stations.

As honourable senators know, under existing legislation the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation receives radio licence fees less 35 cents per licence, the cost of collection which is retained by the Department of Transport for performing the collection service. In future this will not be charged against the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, but will be borne by the Department of Transport.

It was stated in the House of Commons that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in its operations for the current year faced a deficit of \$265,000. It is estimated that this measure will increase the revenue of the corporation approximately \$500,000.