

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

[English]

**Mr. Webb:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the hon. member whether he will permit a question?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** Order, please. I regret to inform the hon. member that—

**Mr. Webb:** I just want to ask the hon. member about the questions to be debated—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret):** Order. I must remind the hon. member that at this time an hon. member is allowed to present his question and the minister or his representative is allowed to reply; therefore no question can be put.

[Translation]

**Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the ardour of the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette) always reminds me of a definition of General de Gaulle who said that politics is a great quarrel. I hope this quarrel will be kept on a high plane.

The appointment of the commissioners and the procedure for such appointment is laid down in section 5, subsection 1 of the Statistics Act which provides that it is the minister's duty to appoint the commissioners. This is how they are selected: suggestions are made in each district and names are submitted to officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The Bureau has a competent staff; there are specialists, examiners who examine every candidate and when a report is made to the minister that a candidate has successfully passed the examination, the appointment is then made by the minister.

I should like to emphasize that such appointments are made in accordance with the Act and according to the candidate's competence.

On the other hand, if the procedure provided by the Act were different, I am quite confident that all members are convinced that the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Winters) would have adhered to the procedure provided by the law, as he has done in the present circumstances.

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE—  
POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF WORD "MOUNTED"  
FROM TITLE

**Mr. Lawrence Kindt (Macleod):** Mr. Speaker, the hour is late and I shall be very

brief, but I do wish to take advantage of the time of the house to establish the origin of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I want to talk especially about the word "mounted" in that name, and point out to the house that Macleod, the constituency which I represent, has the distinction of being the place in Alberta in which the Northwest Mounted Police force was established. I wish to place on the record the history and development of the force and register strong objection to any change in its name, regardless of the fact that since that time the horse is being replaced by the motorcar.

The Northwest Mounted Police force was established in 1874. Shortly after that date it was placed under the direction of Commissioner Colonel Macleod. In 1904 the word "Royal" was added by His Majesty King Edward VII and the force became known as the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. The function of the Northwest Mounted Police when they set up headquarters at Fort Macleod, Alberta, and built a fort there—this was in the early days, 1874—was to clean up the illicit whisky trade being conducted among the Indians. The Blackfoot treaty was established in 1877. In addition to cleaning up the illicit whisky trade, the force wanted to catch the horse thieves in the area. The town of Fort Macleod, the constituency I represent, was named after Colonel Macleod. John Herron was elected its first representative in 1908.

For many, many years the Royal Northwest Mounted Police wore the scarlet uniform. That uniform was respected, and is respected today, in all parts of Canada. I wish to pay tribute to this force and say it is one of the best organized police forces in the world. Its symbol of authority was the scarlet uniform.

● (10:10 p.m.)

At Fort Macleod today they have erected a museum to which the government of Canada has contributed \$25,000. I would like to see this government give consideration to having a detachment of Royal Northwest Mounted Police stationed at Fort Macleod during the tourist season to lend to the occasion a sense of colour and dignity.

I am told that at Waterton Lake it is optional with the R.C.M.P. whether they wear the scarlet uniform or not. I share the opinion with people of my constituency, and others who visit Waterton Lake, that we would like to see the scarlet uniform not optional but compulsory. The tourists who