

minister and head of a department of which you know very little. This has happened to many people. For the most part, cabinet ministers are given departments of which they know very little. All of a sudden they are the chief, the minister. Naturally they get the help of the civil servants; they are the slave of the civil servants, and they can be very good to or "murder" the minister if they choose to do so.

In my experience of going from the street level to a cabinet minister, I depended on the assistance of the civil servants. I am sure they were very helpful and gave me sound advice. Of course we had differences of opinion. We would sit down and discuss mutual problems. I was not always right, nor were they always right, but between the two wrongs, right solutions usually emerged.

This is the first occasion on which I have been able here to express my sincere thanks to the civil servants of New Brunswick and the Power Commission for their helpful cooperation during my eight years with them.

However, I have less use for some of our crown corporations. I think their use has been overdone. The crown corporations build themselves into an ivory tower; Parkinson's law very often sets in and they become the masters of their own campus. True, they pretend to be responsible to a cabinet minister by submitting a yearly report, which tells very little about their administration.

The answers to the notices of inquiries prove in many cases that they could be wrong. For instance, we had the notice of inquiry about the C.N.R. and I have the notice of inquiry about the C.B.C. The answers to the inquiries about two films produced by the National Film Board have proven to me that they were wrong. The answer to the first inquiry showed expenditures of \$333,000 and revenue of \$8,000—in round figures. The answer to the second inquiry showed expenditures of \$524,000 with a revenue of \$113,000. As far as I am concerned this will be the end, because these films today are outdated. These are only two that we know about, but there are many such films that have been produced, and they are very costly.

I point out these things to show that the corporations have been wrong. How do we know the facts unless we put notices of inquiries and get answers? The C.B.C., in my mind, has no respect for the public, and could care less except to have the public pay for their extravagances and abuse of public funds.

[Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche).]

We Canadians, and possibly the whole Christian world, have two major holidays, Christmas and Easter, which is usually blessed with religious spirit. Those of you who watched television Easter night before the national newscast will recall the shameful film that the C.B.C. saw fit to present. There was nothing religious about it. There were hundreds of other subjects which would have been better shown on the program, but instead they showed a rebel hippie who was just out of jail and had to return. This film, which was broadcast across the United States, showed this hippie going from one place to the other, preaching rebellions, ridiculing laws and cursing the courts and justice.

What a great example that was to stir up rebellions among the young people by making heroes of these monsters! Surely there should be sufficient judgment in the C.B.C. to show us a better selection for Easter Sunday.

Coming back to the crown corporations, honourable senators know that we now have in Ottawa 46 crown corporations. They are shown under schedules B, C and D. Under Schedule B we have 13, Schedule C 17, and Schedule D 16, making a total of 46.

Honourable senators, with your consent I would like the list of these crown corporations and the department to which they are responsible to form part of my remarks tonight.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is that agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

[For list of crown companies, see Appendix "A" pp. 847-8.]

Hon. Mr. Fournier: Before I close, I wish to mention a trip to France in 1956, where I spent two weeks making a study of the possibility of developing tidal powers of the Passamaquoddy. As you know, the French built a project at St. Malo which operates on the tidal power. I took this trip along with some civil servants at a time when France had twenty-two political parties and also when some governments lasted less than sixty hours. So I asked them how they operated a government when they cannot form a cabinet. They said, "We could not care less about the government; we civil servants run the country." I never forgot that.

I must say that if we are not more careful we are well on the road to having a similar situation in Canada. If we do not wake up and re-establish the authority where it should