

I know of no such registry.

5. Local communities to help in the work through local committees.

6. Wiping out dole, which was to be replaced by rehabilitation measures.

7. Slum clearance.

Nothing done about that.

8. The national body to be succeeded by a small administrative committee to be helped by an interdepartmental committee to prevent overlapping.

9. Financial provision for and administration of unemployment aid should be the responsibility of the dominion government.

10. Apprenticeship and learnership.

11. Youth training.

12. Housing plans.

I do not know whether apprenticeships and learnerships would be included in youth training. I do not know anything about that. Perhaps the Minister of Labour could tell me?

Mr. ROGERS: It would be included to some extent.

Mr. MANION: It is partly carried out, then. Youth training is partly carried out, and housing has been partly carried out. Those are the only three that have, to some extent, been dealt with, out of the twelve recommendations. There may have been more, but those are the recommendations I saw as I read the report.

For the moment I shall leave unemployment. I am sorry to be taking so much time; I have never committed that crime before, and I hope I shall not do so again.

Another important question is that of national understanding and harmony. Everyone sees the need for harmony. I do not think it is the prerogative of any individual to know the need of what is called by some, national unity, and by others, national harmony. But I say that to-day there is less national harmony and less harmony among our governments than there has ever been, without any exception, in the history of Canada.

I am sorry to see these family quarrels going on, but at the same time I do not intend to get into them, because after all the family quarrel which did start was finished by what one of the newspapers called a comical caucus, where the whole result was that the members from Ontario passed a resolution of confidence in the right hon. gentleman. Did they need to call the members of Ontario by telegram to attend a caucus to find out if they were loyal to the right hon. gentleman? I should have thought one might have taken that for granted.

However, that is not what I intended to say. One side of the quarrel which struck me as rather strange was the statement put out by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr.

Gardiner). He made a statement, which I have before me, in which he suggested that he had seen Mr. Hepburn in an attempt to bring about peace in the troubled family. And he said, apparently in an effort to keep Mr. Hepburn quiet, that he suggested that judges, senators and cabinet ministers might be recommended. The implication was that Mr. Hepburn could name them. I believe he used the word "recommendation," or something of that sort. If Mr. Hepburn only recommended them, and the recommendations were not going to be acted upon, it would not be much of a reward for Mr. Hepburn. However, I do not care how many senators or cabinet ministers he recommends. But I do think that recommendations for judges by anybody but the Minister of Justice, particularly by anyone like Mr. Hepburn or myself, who is not a lawyer, is a serious matter.

Our judiciary has always been kept on a high plane. It has always been chosen largely—there have been exceptions—through merit. That is one of the great advantages we have over the United States. Many of us believe that a great deal of the criminal activity in the United States is due to the election of their judiciary, due also to the laxity in their courts and to the fact that the judges are elected rather than selected through choice because of merit and good conduct. Our courts have been the bulwarks of justice and fair play. Our whole national life in a large sense depends upon fairness and justice in our courts. The appointment of judges has been the highest prerogative of the crown. The Prime Minister appoints them on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, and the appointees hold office during good behaviour.

Yet the Minister of Agriculture in a published statement suggests that he has advised Mr. Hepburn that—he does not put it in these words—if Mr. Hepburn will recommend some judges for this country, they will probably be appointed.

Mr. GARDINER: Did you never recommend any?

Mr. MANION: Did I?

Mr. GARDINER: Did you never recommend any?

Mr. MANION: I do not think I ever did. Anyway, I am not a provincial premier. If I did recommend any, I was a member of the dominion cabinet.

Mr. GARDINER: You are rather an exception, then.