

to the speed with which one can travel by T.C.A., enjoying with the C.C.F. people in that province the results of yesterday's elections.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. KNOWLES: I notice considerable laughter, including a smile on the face of my genial and hon. friend, the leader of the opposition who, according to *Hansard*, was rejoicing last night at the fact that the C.C.F. had been, as he thought then, badly beaten in Manitoba. That was before he knew we were winning eight or ten seats. An interesting thing about the vote in yesterday's election in Manitoba, according to to-day's *Ottawa Citizen* is that the Progressive Conservative party polled 31,000 votes; the Liberal Progressive party 69,000 votes, and the C.C.F. 70,000 votes.

Mr. WEIR: How many acclamations were there?

Mr. KNOWLES: The results were not at all in this proportion when it came to the seats won, but when one compares the percentages of that vote with the percentages of the vote in the election of a few months ago, the picture is—

Mr. MACKENZIE: Does that include the nine seats by acclamation?

Mr. KNOWLES: It does not include the seats by acclamation and there were only seven.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Does it include the seven seats by acclamation?

Mr. KNOWLES: No.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Will you please add the votes of every one of those constituencies to the figures you have given us.

Mr. KNOWLES: It so happens that the constituencies in which acclamations took place were rural constituencies in which the vote is quite small. The C.C.F. led the field in those constituencies where the vote is large. The largest vote polled in Manitoba was polled by S. J. Farmer, the C.C.F. leader. The bearing of all this on the bill is that I wanted it to be clear that I am not saying this just to get something off my chest about Mr. Murray and Mr. Trestrail because so far as our part of the country is concerned their kind of propaganda has not had a great deal of effect. But if organizations of this kind, and individuals such as these gentlemen, are to have the privilege of collecting money in this way, that money being in turn charged up against income tax payments, which means that the people of the country are paying for

[Mr. Knowles.]

it in one way or another. The people have a right to know what is going on. I do not think I need to say any more, Mr. Speaker, but—

An hon. MEMBER: Have you said anything yet?

Mr. KNOWLES: At least there seems to be a good deal of enjoyment over the differences that we have and we seem to enjoy particularly any discussion that touches upon political developments in this country. I sense in the laughter and in the readiness with which hon. members of various parties jump to their feet, the fact that all are conscious of the progress of this movement. At times it may be slow; nevertheless it is steady and sure and it is just a matter of time until we get there.

An hon. MEMBER: Which way is it going?

Mr. MACKENZIE: It is going back fast.

Mr. HOMUTH: We are not laughing with you; we are laughing at you.

Mr. KNOWLES: To go back to the bill, I just wish to say in conclusion that democracy functions best in the clear light of day. That is the case when dealing with government funds, and it is equally true in connection with the funds of large corporations which make their profits out of the people of this country. I urge the house to endorse the second reading of this bill.

Mr. RALPH MAYBANK (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all members of this chamber will agree that the people of Winnipeg are ordinarily a most agreeable set of citizens.

An hon. MEMBER: And intelligent, too.

Mr. MAYBANK: And intelligent, too. But I think on this occasion I should rise as soon as possible to indicate that in some respects there may be differences of opinion among members from that city. I cannot very well follow my hon. friend in support of this recommendation in the form of a bill which he has introduced. I think he probably stated matters correctly when he endeavoured in the midst of interruptions to show that while the people of our city disagree sometimes, they keep agreeable in the process. Such, indeed, is, I think, a fair picture of the place in which I live.

In the first place I am in disagreement with my hon. friend in respect of manner. He said at the conclusion of his remarks: Democracy best functions in the light of day—a trite observation with which no one would disagree, but on the other hand I cannot see