

*The Address—Mr. Follwell*

to continue, as long as I am here, to learn some of the things that are vitally necessary to the Canadian people.

I should like to bring to the attention of hon. members something which I think needs a bit of streamlining. I think the leader of the Social Credit party in this house said the other day that probably it would be a good thing if some of the parliamentary rules and regulations were streamlined. I believe that hon. members on all sides agree with these remarks. I am sure that I do. During the two openings of parliament that I have been privileged to attend I must admit that during the time that the speech from the throne was being read by the governor general I do not think I heard one word, and I doubt very much whether many of the hon. members who were standing at the rail in the Senate chamber heard anything more than I did. Therefore I would suggest and recommend that whoever is charged with the duty of seeing that it is done should see that we modernize at least to this extent, and instal a public address system if only on the occasion of the opening and prorogation of parliament so that the words of the governor general may be heard, and heard clearly. I would even go further than that and say that, in installing this public address system for the use of the governor general at the opening, it would be well to instal loudspeakers throughout the rest of the parliament building. I observed many hundreds of Canadian citizens here for the opening of parliament, who I am sure would have liked to hear the address of the governor general on the radio. I believe it would be good Canadianism and good public relations for this parliament to broadcast from coast to coast the ceremony of the opening of parliament. We now have ten provinces. The province of Newfoundland is the baby province of our great dominion of provinces. I am sure that all the people in Newfoundland are very much interested in the rest of Canada, as we are in Newfoundland. These people at the far end of our country may never have the opportunity, as you and I have, of attending the opening of parliament or even viewing these beautiful parliament buildings and the beautiful surroundings here in Ottawa. Since we have the government-sponsored Canadian Broadcasting Corporation I believe we should make the fullest use of it. We should bring to every citizen the opportunity of hearing a full word-picture of the complete opening of parliament at all sessions.

We might even go further than that. We might prevail upon the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast on certain days the debates of this House of Commons. I am

sure there are many thousands of people in Canada who would be pleased to take the time to listen to a broadcast coming direct, on the spot, from this house.

While speaking of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation I should like to congratulate the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. McCann), who heads that department, on the way in which, under the direction of this parliament, his department is proceeding to establish television broadcasting stations. I understand that these stations are to be established in Montreal and Toronto in the first instance. I am sure that as time goes on more television stations will be established from one end of the country to the other, so that all people may enjoy the benefit and pleasure of television as they now enjoy the pleasure of radio.

In my constituency I find that there are many people who have television receiving equipment at the present time, but unfortunately they are limited as to the reception and the length of reception that they can get. I believe that in my constituency they are limited to two stations, Rochester and Buffalo, and these two stations are not very clear on the television screen. Therefore I compliment the minister on the way he and his department are proceeding to establish these stations. They will be a boon and a pleasure to all the people within receiving distance. But I urge this parliament to consider also the people who are at either end of the country.

In the constituency of Hastings South we have a Royal Canadian Air Force station. It is known as the Trenton air station. It is the largest Royal Canadian Air Force station in Canada. During the war, under the commonwealth air training scheme, the air force station at Trenton trained many of our Canadian boys and many of our allied boys from Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, yes, and many who came to enlist from the United States.

In that connection may I pay a just tribute to the man who was then the Minister of National Defence for Air, namely, the hon. member for Quebec South (Mr. Power). It is a well-known fact that his leadership and his counsel made this scheme an outstanding achievement, and one that contributed in no small way to the winning of the great conflict. I am sure hon. members join with me in paying this tribute to the hon. member for Quebec South (Mr. Power).

On September 30 last, in company with the hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. Robertson), the county which adjoins Hastings, I had the pleasure of being present at the