

*National Centennial Act*

to patronage packing than to the great issues that face us. He added that the list of members was a who's who of Liberalism to the extent of about 75 per cent of the appointments. The right hon. gentleman should be the last in this house, it seems to me, to raise the issue of patronage in connection with appointments. But let us consider the assertion that about 75 per cent of the members of the national conference are Liberals. The conference is composed of 60 members, 20 of whom have been nominated by the provincial governments. This is one third of the members, so that the right hon. gentleman's claim that 75 per cent have been appointed by this government on a patronage basis becomes clearly untrue and unfair.

Let us look at the other members who have been directly appointed by the present government. In setting up the conference, we wanted to secure as wide a representation as possible by regions, ethnic groups, municipalities, artistic movements, university and professional groups and the population in general. I readily recognize that there are known Liberals amongst the members of the conference, but there are also active members of other political parties. I am one of those who believe that prominent Canadian citizens should not be denied the opportunity of serving their country just because they are active in the Liberal party. I resented more particularly the reference made by the Leader of the Opposition to two of our most eminent judges, Mr. Justice Michaud and Mr. Justice Monnin, who played a very active role in their respective communities in New Brunswick and in Manitoba.

We wanted to have a broadly based representation on the conference from the mass media. Here are some of the names of the representatives of that most important field of activity so directly related to the preparations for the centennial.

Mr. Donald Jamieson, president of the Canadian association of private broadcasting.

Mr. A. F. Mercier, president of the Canadian Press and general manager of *Le Soleil*.

Mrs. David Anderson, editor of a leading Canadian women's magazine, *Chatelaine*.

Mr. Jacques Brillant, president of radio and television stations CJBR.

Mr. T. Horton, mayor of Yellowknife and editor of *News of the North*.

Dr. Pierre Jobin, president of L'Action Sociale Ltee de Quebec and professor at Laval University.

Mr. Frank Glogowski, president of the ethnic press club and editor of *The Alliancer*.

Mr. Fred McGuiness, publisher of the *Medicine Hat News* and one of the most active organizers of the Saskatchewan jubilee.

[Mr. Lamontagne.]

Mme. Jeanne Sauve, a well known television commentator and a very active member of the artistic community in Montreal.

Reverend Keith Woollard, television editor, United Church of Canada.

Mr. Mavor Moore, a well known television personality and art director in charge of the celebration in Charlottetown to commemorate the 1864 conference.

Mr. Baxter Ricard, owner of a radio station in Sudbury.

We have there 12 members representing the mass communication media. Where is the 75 per cent of patronage packing? Will the Leader of the Opposition deny that these 12 Canadian citizens will very effectively and very adequately represent this most important field of the mass communication media? What names would he recommend that we should delete from the list?

We also wanted to have a good representation from the professional groups. What are the names of these representatives?

Mr. Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labour Congress.

Mr. David Kirk, secretary of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. Don Morrell, general manager of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. D. M. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Mr. Ralph Steinhauer, member of the Alberta farmers union and former president of the association of Alberta Indians. Again, I ask, where is the 75 per cent of patronage packing? Will the Leader of the Opposition deny that these five members will very effectively and very adequately represent our most important professional groups?

Then, we felt that in addition to provincial representatives it was essential to have representation also from the territories and municipalities. What are the names of these representatives?

Mr. Horace Boivin, former president of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and mayor of Granby.

Mayor S. L. Buckwold, former president of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

Mr. Gordon Cameron, commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Maurice Finnerty, mayor of Penticton.

Mr. Harry Viner, one of Canada's most colourful mayors.

Mr. Richard Wilson, mayor of Victoria.

Finally, we also wanted representation from the universities, artistic movements, cultural groups and from the population in general. What are the names of these representatives?

Mrs. H. F. Angus, wife of H. F. Angus, dean of faculty of graduate studies at the