

strange when they see the federal and provincial governments bonusing people going on the land, to the tune of \$200 per year, when at the same time the sons of farmers, the young men, have no work. The young men find it impossible to settle next to their fathers. I believe the government should inaugurate a scheme whereby the farmers could build decent homes. I do not ask for luxurious houses, but only for comfortable ones where sanitary conditions would prevail.

Making these suggestions in all sincerity I believe no man could properly accuse me of bringing any political discussions into my observations. I have always given credit where credit is due, and I believe I indicated that fact when only a few moments ago I referred in favourable terms to the Minister of the Interior. Speaking for the town of Timmins, may I say that I hope the Minister of Public Works will find it possible to give to the post office in that fine mining town the seven hundred postal boxes which at the present time are particularly needed. I know that the minister is fully seized of the facts. In two or three years those boxes would pay for themselves, and would, so far as the government is concerned, be revenue producers.

Speaking for my section of the country I must say that at least to some extent conditions are improving. The lumbering operations have been a little more active during the last winter, although prices are not yet what they should be. It is our hope that during the present season they may be increased. The northern development branch of the Ontario government voted this year only the sum of \$3,500,000, while the usual vote had been \$5,000,000. While we may have a more limited number of unemployed in our section, we still have a great number of them. I suggest that the present public works program does not justify the government in shutting off the relief on July 15. Again, in all sincerity I make an appeal to the government, because a great many of our rural and industrial population in northern Ontario are in the same predicament they were suffering from two or three years ago. The government must carry on its initial public works program; it should enlarge it if possible, but direct relief is still necessary for a section of our population, at least for a certain period of time.

Again I make the fervent request that before this bill is passed the minister should take action, if he has not already taken it—I know some statements have been made—to give the people in northern Ontario the

[Mr. Bradette.]

radio service to which they are entitled. I know that if the people in my section of the country were receiving the service they deserve they would be willing to pay not only a two dollar licence fee but more if necessary. But at the present time the Department of Marine is actually losing revenue, it is not collecting more than ten per cent of the radio licences in the north country, and under the present public works program it should be possible to initiate the expenditure of \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 for radio purposes. I was told that this matter had been discussed in the radio committee and that the committee was in favour of bringing to the attention of the Minister of Public Works and of the government this expenditure of five million dollars. I do not think there is a member of this parliament on either side of the house who would criticize such an expenditure. I implicitly believe that it would alleviate the present situation in our part of the country, and that it would be a permanent remedy, and a step in the right direction. Our part of the country has never been sectional in its viewpoint. It has always had sympathy for other parts of Canada, and I trust that this suggestion will receive the attention which it deserves from the Minister of Public Works and the government.

On motion of Mr. Mercier (St. Henri) the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Bennett the house adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 27, 1934

The house met at three o'clock.

#### FRANCHISE AND ELECTIONS ACT

##### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BILLS NUMBERS 101 AND 115

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice) presented the second report of the special committee to which was referred bill No. 101, respecting the franchise of electors at elections of members of the House of Commons and bill No. 115, respecting the election of members of the House of Commons.

#### PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. W. CHESTER S. McLURE (Queens) moved:

That the first report of the joint committee of both houses on the printing of parliament, presented to the house Tuesday, June 26th, be now concurred in.

Motion agreed to.