

has been chosen it is important that the fair be well prepared. It is important also that it be a great success and that it constitute a source of wealth, from which we shall be able to benefit in the future, both from a financial and agricultural standpoint, and from a technical, industrial and social standpoint.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

(Text):

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

(Translation):

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, when the house took recess at six o'clock, we were on Bill C-103, to establish the Canadian World Exhibition Corporation.

There are only four more years to go before this world exhibition is held and the work to be carried out by that corporation is great on all counts.

It is up to the parliament of Canada to see to it that the title of the world exhibition: "Man and his World" be endowed with real meaning in 1967 for the people coming from all over the world who will visit us on the occasion of this exhibition. They should be able to see that Canada truly is the "Terre des hommes", that of Canadians. We have only four years left to take the giant step which will allow us to change the present system and say, "Canada, terre des hommes".

On that occasion we will receive a great number of visitors from all countries. They will come not only to derive knowledge from our culture, traditions and art, but to see if the theme we have chosen, "Man and his World", is consistent with the facts, and not "financiers and their world".

Today Canada, the world of financiers, is well known. The world of financiers, we know it. It is not man's world which prevails now in this country.

When this theme was chosen, in my opinion, it is because before 1967 we shall have time to give a Social Credit government to our country precisely to achieve that program, "Man and his World".

(Text):

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, after the eloquent words from the hon. members from the province of Quebec

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who have preceded me in this debate, it may not be inappropriate for a member from another part of Canada to say a few words in support of this bill. I think all Canadians should have interest in this bill to establish a Canadian World Exhibition Corporation which will be charged with the responsibility of the creation of a Canadian international fair in the city of Montreal in 1967. I suppose that the constituency I have the honour to represent in this house is at least as far away from the city of Montreal as any other constituency in Canada.

In rising to support this measure, I want to say, as one who has had too little opportunity to become acquainted with the colourful and historic metropolis of Montreal, I believe it will be a good thing for Canada and for Canadians if a great many of our people do find a worth-while occasion for visiting that city during our centennial year. Other hon. members have pointed out that the theme of this fair is to be the land of men. I may say that as I cross Canada, coming from my constituency to the capital city I realize that, while this is in a sense the land of men, we still have many great open spaces.

As some hon. members are aware, my constituency is bounded on the west by the great reaches of the open Pacific. I should like to draw the attention of the house to a particular spot in my constituency which has some significance for Canada as we approach our centennial year. I am referring to a little place which is relatively unpopulated and is known as Friendly Cove. It is significant, in my opinion, as we approach our centennial year because that is where the history of Canada began in so far as our western shore is concerned. It was at Friendly Cove on Nootka island in 1778 that Captain James Cook became the first European to set foot on the shores of what is now the western coast of Canada.

In a very few words, therefore, I wish to say I support this bill. I do so as one who, in a sense, represents the opposite extremity of Canada from the area in which this fair is going to be located. I felt I should like to participate in this debate to indicate to the members from Quebec who have taken part in this debate, and to the minister who introduced the bill, that there is a realization on the part of all members of this house, from wherever they may come, that the passage of this bill will launch something which we are all agreed will be a most significant and appropriate part of the celebration of our centennial year.