

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This is an argument rather than a question.

**VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING**

**INQUIRY AS TO ASSISTANCE TO HANDICAPPED**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, following requests from the employment office coming under the manpower centre, I put this question to the minister concerned.

Could the Minister of Manpower and Immigration tell us whether the adult occupational training program provides for special assistance for the handicapped, as was the case in the past under program 6?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, our present program for the handicapped is being continued, providing there is an agreement with the province.

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Can the minister of manpower tell us whether handicapped persons in Canada will be retrained?

[*English*]

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT**

**LANGUAGE USED ON OPEN POSTCARDS TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, may I address a question to the Postmaster General. In so doing may I follow the lead of my seatmate, the hon. member for Kootenay West, by saying this is a most urgent and serious matter of great importance to all hon. members. May I ask the Postmaster General whether he read, agreed with and endorsed the written statement, which I now have seen, issued by the director of postal rates and classification concerning the open postcards being sent to members of the House of Commons containing such phrases as "Anglo-Saxon chauvinism; the enforcer R.C.M.P.; the intimidator, Ontario provincial police; the Bible thumping hypocrite; the Jew Fascist; the black Uncle Tom, and that other whoreson, the pseudo-reformist representative". Here I quote the director of postal rates:

—while the writings might be somewhat abusive, they are not considered objectionable—

May I ask whether the minister agreed that they were abusive but not objectionable? Did he authorize that statement?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

[*Mr. Caouette.*]

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

**CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, May 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. Don Jamieson for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, we have now embarked on the centennial session of parliament. My first words must be to express agreement with the eloquent words and expressions of the hon. member for Burin-Burgeo (Mr. Jamieson). His speech was one of those that make parliament the institution it is. I congratulate him, as well as the seconder (Mr. Côté, Nicolet-Yamaska), for the power and eloquence which each of them displayed. To the hon. member for Burin-Burgeo I would say that through the years I have followed him and listened to him but not with the same degree of agreement that I did yesterday. However, the manner in which he spoke to this house when he moved the address in reply leads one to believe that if perchance the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) decides that the minister reporting to parliament for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation should be one who understands it, then the hon. member would be able to accept the position without having the high ambition to occupy the presidency of the C.B.C. which apparently is the privilege of another.

So far as the seconder is concerned, his speech was not his first in the house. He dealt at length with the agricultural situation. As an experienced farmer, he spoke for himself alone when he said how happy the farmers are. Indeed, if he ever delivers such a speech on May 24 when the farmers gather in Ottawa the reception he received yesterday will be nothing compared with that which he will receive from them.

I join too in the expression of all good wishes to the new Governor General and to his wife. He was a House of Commons man. In the intervening years he has had experience in diplomatic affairs. We know that he will discharge his duties in a manner worthy of the traditions and greatness of his office.

I should like also to mention that I was somewhat surprised that in the session to celebrate our centennial we should have produced to us a throne speech containing many words and much repetition. Canadians in future generations, as those of today, will look