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the start for, as Mr. Bennett said here when he was dealing with this matter, if there were not public control of radio broadcasting it would mean that there would be no Canadian radio activities at all; and that would mean that quite a large number of our artists would have to find employment in other countries or turn to other fields of activity.

But be that as it may, anything that the hon. gentleman might find it possible to squeeze out of these items would be many times offset by the additions that he would have to consider making in the expenditures of government if we are to take seriously the policies that have been propounded, both outside of this house and inside it, by the members of his party. For instance, the hon. member for Peel (Mr. Graydon), in the foreign policy debate last March, was desirous that there be at least \$25 million added to the appropriation for the Colombo plan. That is something which I am sure he would press fairly strongly upon his colleagues.

Mr. Graydon: Might I ask the Prime Minister to read what I said on that occasion? There was more to it than that.

Mr. St. Laurent: The hon. member will find it in *Hansard* of March 21, 1952, at page 677.

Mr. Graydon: I can find it. I would ask the Prime Minister to read it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. St. Laurent: It is suggested that it might be arrived at by economies in other items of expenditure.

Mr. Graydon: That is exactly what I have said.

Mr. St. Laurent: I have endeavoured to deal with the other items of expenditure where economies might be made, and I have allowed not only what might be a reasonable proportion of them but rather the items entirely. The hon. member said, as reported at page 677 of *Hansard* of March 21, 1952:

I have no doubt that if the minister were to go through the various departments and comb out all unnecessary expenditures, we could give another \$25 million to India without scarcely requiring even another vote by parliament.

Mr. Drew: That is right.

Mr. St. Laurent: The next item to which I wish to refer is the \$200 million which the hon. member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker) is reported in the *Globe and Mail* of March 28 as having urged in cash and food

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for Britain. I will admit that the hon. gentleman might not have to include that item in his budget because I understand that, since that time, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) has realized—

Mr. Drew: I would ask the Prime Minister—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Drew: Even though this material may be prepared by someone else, I would ask the Prime Minister to stick to the facts. He knows perfectly well that never at any time have I advocated any different course than that which I advocate at present.

Mr. Cruickshank: Is there a change of leaders again?

Mr. St. Laurent: I do not think I suggested that the Leader of the Opposition would take any different course. I understood that the hon. gentleman was still, and had been even on March 28, the leader of the opposition, and that he was not the hon. member for Lake Centre. I was pointing out that the hon. member for Lake Centre had recommended this course. I was saying that perhaps the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Macdonnell) would not find that he had to implement that recommendation, because I have since read in the papers that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) had said that what was wished for in the United Kingdom, and what should be recommended, was not aid but trade.

Mr. Drew: Quite.

Mr. St. Laurent: However, this was the recommendation of the hon. member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker), who is a prominent member of the official opposition.

Mr. Hees: You are now getting Pickersgill, chapter II, page 1.

Mr. St. Laurent: I shall have an opportunity of dealing with the hon. member who has just interrupted, if he will wait until I get to him, in the usual order in which we deal with these hon. members.

Another matter the hon. gentlemen would have to consider is the recommendation which was made by the Montreal district annual meeting of Progressive Conservatives the other day in Montreal.

Mr. Graydon: Pickersgill could not have been there, sir.

Mr. St. Laurent: I do not know why it is that the name of Mr. Pickersgill is recurring so often in the interruptions that come from the other side. I have received very valuable assistance from Mr. Pickersgill—