

The Address—Mr. Schneider

Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver is according to plan, and we are glad to note that applications for private licences may be considered when recommended by the C.B.C. to serve areas which cannot be served by public stations. Observing the mistakes which have been made in other countries, Canadians are anxious that this service be held under full control. It is my conviction that with 90 per cent of the people of Canada using radio receiving sets, it is now reasonable that we should discontinue the \$2.50 licence fee per home and put the costs in the general tax.

It has not been my privilege to be in the house for any length of time—only a matter of a few weeks—and I hope that what I have said, or what I am about to say, will not be misconstrued, coming as it does from one who is not yet familiar with procedure in the house. As a businessman accustomed to quick decision and action I have been disappointed in the amount of time spent on debate on matters that could surely be settled much quicker without risk of making a mistake. The right to express our opinions is the assured privilege of everyone in the house, but I feel that we should also consider the serious

loss of time to all members when we are forced to listen to endless repetition and quotations.

We are a growing country and parliament will have to grow with it in such a manner that we can dispose of the increased business smoothly and efficiently. This is a shortcoming of parliament; but I think in fairness to the Canadian people I ought to conclude by referring to the steadily growing pride among our people in the clean, honest government we have enjoyed in Canada. Much has been said about this but I think the *Ottawa Journal* of August 27, 1952, put it in a few words when they said on this point:

To the eternal credit of our public men no man in this country today dares to rise and say, or can say with truth, that a single cent of the billions spent was diverted to a private pocket from its proper channel.

For our democracy, whatever its shortcomings, that is a glory.

Mr. Speaker, I have great pleasure in seconding the motion by the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi (Mr. Deslières).

On motion of Mr. Drew the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent the house adjourned at 3.40 p.m.