

The Address—Mr. McLure

the reception given by the capital city of Canada to The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The city was gay, and all functions were carried out in a wonderful manner. That is one reason I say that we should try to make this city greater and more beautiful than ever.

I have never objected at any time to any amount in the estimates for the improvement of Ottawa, although I might have had reason to criticize who spent the money and how it was spent. Everyone should look upon Ottawa as a beautiful city. It is our capital city. It is my capital city. I say "my capital city" because as the capital of Canada it is as much my capital city as it is the capital city of someone from Ontario or any other province. I should also like to say that even if there was some criticism about the entertainment, on the whole we should be proud of the way our capital city honoured Their Royal Highnesses on the occasion of their first visit. I am not going to take up a great deal of time with reference to any other preliminaries except to say that, as is customary, I should like to congratulate the mover (Mr. Cauchon) and seconder (Mr. Simmons) of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. As many others have said, their speeches were of a very high order. I should also like to congratulate my leader at this time on having scored a grand slam in the recent by-elections. It seemed to give him a great deal of pleasure. I should also like to congratulate Mr. Speaker on the wonderful way in which he presides over the house. Furthermore I want to congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) on being a connoisseur of the humble spud, which is produced in great quantities in my province. I listened to the speech he made, but I had no idea that he was going to set himself up

as a connoisseur of the humble potato. At page 37 of *Hansard* for October 15, 1951, we find that he said:

I am sure a good many would feel that Ontario potatoes are just as good as Maine or Long Island potatoes. I know I got some from northern Ontario, from a friend of mine who was kind enough to send a bag to 24 Sussex street, and they are as nice potatoes as I have ever seen anywhere in the world.

I was delighted that he had not compared those potatoes with those of the maritimes, particularly New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, where potatoes are really de luxe. However, his remarks as to these Ontario potatoes are all right and I agree with them as long as they are not compared with the product of my own province.

On motion of Mr. McLure the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Tomorrow we will take up third reading of Bill No. 21, an act respecting the Canadian forces; third reading of Bill No. 22, an act to implement the agreement between the parties to the North Atlantic treaty regarding the status of their forces; Bill No. 19, an act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act; Bill No. 17, an act to amend the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936. This last bill is to be referred to the special committee on radio broadcasting. Then we will take up Bill No. 23, an act to amend the Government Annuities Act. This bill is to be referred to the committee on industrial relations. Then we will take up the resolution of the Minister of Finance concerning financial matters, the bill to be referred to the public accounts committee when it is given second reading.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to the order of the house passed on November 2, 1951.
