

do it. I hope that the committee will allow this item to stand until January or when the house next meets.

Mr. MacINNIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak solely because I believe in competition. We have had competition here since early this morning between those who favour government ownership of radio broadcasting and those who are opposed to it. That is the issue which is involved. I am one of those who favour government ownership.

An hon. MEMBER: How about monopoly?

Mr. MacINNIS: I am not masquerading in false colours. I am opposed to competition just as my hon. friends say they are opposed to monopoly. As a matter of fact no one is in favour of competition.

An hon. MEMBER: No?

Mr. MacINNIS: No. No one is in favour of competition. You may favour competition in the abstract, but the moment you begin to do something for yourself you want a monopoly. Is the C.P.R. in favour of competition? Does any business in Canada favour competition? It is in favour of competition in other fields but not in favour of competition in its own field. It is all tommyrot to say you favour competition—

Mr. KUHL: Your argument is tommyrot.

Mr. MacINNIS: You haven't brains enough to understand it.

An hon. MEMBER: That's the boy.

Mr. MacINNIS: This is the kind of argument that we have here. The hon. member for Wetaskiwin said he was opposed to the C.B.C., and would oppose it at every opportunity—

Mr. JAQUES: It is a monopoly.

Mr. MacINNIS: —and the very next moment he said, why not leave this over until next January when we come here? He would be opposed to it next January. I am as anxious as anyone to go home. I have a nice home which I have not seen lately; I have been away from this house only three days since we met here on March 14. But I say this to the government, let them resolve that they are going to deal with this matter however long it takes, and that we shall stay here until we deal with it, and not try to get these things done in a hurry and be stampeded into doing something which we do not approve. As I said, I am as anxious as any other member of this house to get home, but I am prepared to stay here until we finish our business in an orderly fashion. There is no substance in the argument to leave the matter over until next

[Mr. Jaques.]

session. The people who oppose it now will oppose it next session, so that if we are going to debate it, let us have a full debate on it, with those who favour government ownership taking their share, as well as those who are opposed. In my opinion we have a much better case.

Mr. FERGUSON: When I hear the unnecessary noise and shouting from other quarters of this chamber, I can hardly believe that a matter affecting \$2 million of the public's money is under discussion. I remind hon. members that this is a serious problem; it is not in the main their money, they are only small contributors to the \$2 million involved. They are treating this matter as though they had nothing to do with it, but they are supporters of the government, and should not forget that the government in power is the only means through which this \$2 million of the taxpayers' money can be spent, and the government insists on rushing this through, although we have asked that it be put over. It is verging on—

An hon. MEMBER: A filibuster.

Mr. FERGUSON: Liberalism, communism, nazism—

An hon. MEMBER: Toryism.

Mr. FERGUSON: —all these isms which depend on government control. Let me remind my French-Canadian friends of this house, who are giving wonderful support against communism in Canada, that this is a direct step toward communism. The government benches to-night are treating in the most flippant manner a huge expenditure to do away with private and public corporations and replace them by government rule. That is the first and decisive step on the direct road to communism.

Mr. WHITMAN: Approved by a viscount.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mark well when you read the daily paper to-day of the objections by Russia to the great United States sending a battleship to a port in Greece on a friendly visit.

An hon. MEMBER: What has that to do with radio?

Mr. FERGUSON: In a few years this country may be in the same position as Russia is in, ruled by a regime of public ownership, of communism, with a government in power using this vital and powerful instrument of radio to control this country, and the very people who are footing this bill of \$2 million will have nothing to say about it, because the way this government is headed it will control Canada by radio.