

[Translation]

**Mr. LeBlanc (Rimouski):** Mr. Chairman, I am very happy today to have the opportunity to express my opinion concerning past accomplishments and to penetrate into this vast area known as the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

First, I would like to pay tribute to the Canadian government and particularly to the hon. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Laing) for his accomplishments and for the plan they are elaborating to develop this vast area for the benefit of the people living there and also, which is even more important, for the benefit of the Canadian people as a whole.

I had the opportunity last summer, as member of the committee on northern affairs and national resources to visit this immense northern country with a group of members from both sides of the house.

It is my opinion that, in general, people in Canada have an unfavourable impression or rather are ignorant of the nature of this country, what is going on there and the immense wealth to be found in those parts.

I realized that the north country, particularly in summer, is much more interesting, much more attractive than we would be inclined to think. There exists a variety of landscapes and wealth. The beauties of the Arctic can be admired, the tundra, the limited arborescent vegetation, the mountains, particularly in the Yukon and southwestern Northwest Territories. Obviously, the winters are long and severe, but during the summer the long days compensate for the rigors of the winter. Above all else we realized, and it is important that the Canadian people realize it too, that those vast territories are blessed with natural resources which I would qualify as limitless, especially with regard to iron,

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copper, oil, gas, fishing and tourism. The territory is naturally not very densely populated.

**An hon. Member:** Six o'clock.

**Mr. LeBlanc (Rimouski):** Mr. Chairman, a colleague sitting opposite points out that it is six o'clock. If the house allows me, perhaps I can resume my remarks at the next sitting.

[English]

**The Chairman:** Order. Is it agreed that the committee call it six o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Resolutions adopted in committee of supply this day reported and concurred in.

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**Mr. Monteith:** Could some minister tell us the business for Monday, Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Laing:** Mr. Speaker, on Monday the government will be proposing a motion that you do leave the chair for the house to go into committee of supply. I think that debate could take us until Wednesday.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following items were passed in Committee of Supply this day:]

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE  
MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL  
10, 10a, 15.

INDUSTRY  
15c, L35a.

TRADE AND COMMERCE  
1, 1a, 1c, 5, 5a, 10, 10c, 15, 20, 29, 32c.

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS  
1, 5, 10.