

the Secretary of State, but that no executive staff should be there; the executive headquarters would be removed to Toronto or Montreal. In any event the top executive staff would be obliged to move between those two centres. In this way, very substantial sums of money would be saved and operational efficiency would be increased. No doubt the expensive monument on Bronson avenue could be used by one of the other government departments and large amounts saved by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp) for his economy program.

I have suggested that licences for all stations should be granted by public tender to qualified persons, and that adequate time for the national broadcasting service should be reserved to the C.B.C. at such time as licences are issued. It is not necessary for the C.B.C. to own its stations and physical facilities. In addition to the savings which would be effected in the operation of these facilities there would also be substantial savings in program costs.

It is important that there should be available to Canadians a balanced program including news, public affairs, light entertainment and cultural and educational programs, but it is not necessary that the C.B.C. should at the expense of the taxpayers duplicate the light entertainment, the news and the public affairs programs now being provided adequately by private stations in most parts of Canada. Nevertheless, a very large proportion of the present C.B.C. budget is spent in duplicating services already provided without expense to the taxpayer by private broadcasters.

At page 29 of the Fowler report there is an interesting analysis of the programming on the public and private stations in Canada, in English and French. We find that stations owned and operated by the C.B.C. use their television time as follows:

Light entertainment:

English, 52.2 per cent; French, 54.7 per cent

Sports and Outdoor Activities:

English, 8.1 per cent; French, 6.4 per cent

Information:

English, 37.5 per cent; French, 36.4 per cent

Arts, Letters and Sciences:

English, 2.2 per cent; French, 2.5 per cent

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Pennell: I understand there is only one speaker remaining on the list and I wonder whether the house would be kind enough to permit that one remaining speaker to conclude the debate this evening?

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Mr. Starr: I do not know who the speaker is. Would the Solicitor General advise us?

Mr. Pennell: I am informed he is the hon. member for York-Humber (Mr. Cowan).

Mr. Starr: Well, eight Liberals have spoken in this debate; we have had nine speakers, and the other parties, five. We have other speakers who wish to express an opinion on this bill.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question before the house is that this house do now adjourn.

● (10:00 p.m.)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

[Translation]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF SERVICE IN LOWER ST. LAWRENCE REGION

Mr. Guy LeBlanc (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, on October 19 last, I asked the hon. Minister of Transport (Mr. Hellyer), if his department anticipated the replacement of the Ocean Limited train which was supposed to be cancelled on October 29 and which has acutally been cancelled since.

I directed the question to the hon. minister at that time because I considered the matter as very urgent. As a matter of fact, the people of my constituency and the whole district are greatly concerned about this situation which is not only getting worse but which has been deteriorating for many years without any remedial action being taken.

A few days before putting this question, I received a copy of the daily editorial of station CJBR, Rimouski. At the very outset of this broadcast appeared these words I wish to quote on the cancellation of this train.

Such is the absolutely staggering news made public by the Canadian National. The inadequate, insufficient and unfair service of which the population has been complaining for years, particularly since the opening of Expo, far from improving, is deteriorating.

And the editorial writer added:

—we can no longer have any doubt that the C.N.R. is discriminating against the population of eastern Quebec.