

answer questions forthrightly, but very few. The Minister of Transport is usually one of them, but I was disappointed to hear the kind of speech he delivered tonight because he certainly did not evidence his usual forthrightness when answering questions. Try to get straightforward answers from the government and from the ministers, and you do not; you get everything from a ducking and a weaving to outright deceit in their answers.

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I believe, Sir, that the minister is correct when he says that the young people are disappointed and disillusioned. They are so because politicians think that the most important thing in the world is to be re-elected. I suppose that is the most important thing in the world to a good number of them. But when they think for a moment they will realize that the most important thing is a confrontation with the issues of the day in a forthright manner.

The government proposal of the Minister of the Environment, in the great paper which he delivered in Vancouver, was for decentralization of decision-making, and he spoke of Crown corporations. In recent weeks a new Crown corporation was set up which is called the CDC. I want to revert here for a second to my remarks about the French-English question which exists in Canada. It makes one wonder, when we read statistics like this concerning the CDC.

On the CDC, the board of directors consists of 18 members and of these 18 members one director comes from British Columbia, one from Alberta, one from Saskatchewan, one from Manitoba, one from New Brunswick, one from Nova Scotia, and there is no director from Newfoundland and no director from Prince Edward Island; there are four directors from Ontario and eight from Quebec. The quorum on that board of directors is eight. What that means is that all the membership from the province of Quebec, numbering eight plus one more to side with them, can make decisions which will result in the flow of capital into that or any other province unlimitedly. It seems to me that there is cause for concern about this state of affairs. Why is this imbalance present?

I stand behind the right hon. member for Prince Albert when he spoke today about security. The fact that this separate security force has been set up in Canada is very disconcerting to me as well as to a good many other Canadians, and I am concerned about the fact that we are hearing nothing about it. The Prime Minister promised in April of 1969 that we would be given a full day of debate on this matter when the security report was tabled. We have not been given that opportunity, and apparently he has backed away completely from his position and now says that we should take an opposition day for the purpose.

Speech from the Throne

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being 9.45 p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to section 5 of Standing Order 38, to interrupt the proceedings forthwith and put any question necessary to dispose of the main motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Motion (Mr. Whicher) agreed to.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council) moved:

That the said address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to.

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BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Laing), in accordance with Standing Order 58:

That this House at its next sitting consider the business of supply.

Motion agreed to.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, before we adjourn would the government House leader confirm that there has been no change since last Wednesday when he indicated the order in which government business would proceed?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will take the bill indicated last Wednesday, namely, an act to authorize the making of certain fiscal payments to provinces, and following second reading we will proceed with the list of bills as given. If there are to be any changes I will advise my hon. friends.

Mr. Baldwin: I have just one more question, Mr. Speaker, of which I would like now to give the government House leader notice. Will he some time within the next week or ten days indicate that the government intends to bring in a budget before Easter?

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice.

On motion of Mr. MacEachen the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.