

Adjournment Debate

would like to make the authorities of the CBC aware of their dissatisfaction concerning certain news or public affairs programs.

I am not an expert, but I am aware of the difficulty that such an expert would have in judging the contents of a program if we consider the lighting, the camera shots, the choice of news, the choice of participants, the choice of music, the editing of films and sound tracks, which all give out a very pervasive and partisan message, but in such a way that it was nearly impossible to define.

We can understand this little game. We have only to read the report of the investigation committee on television which refers to all sorts of the situations which were discovered. Among others, it says that within 10 days, and without counting the provincial premier, Mr. Lévesque, Quebec ministers were mentioned 153 times by the spoken media, 145 times on the French network, that is 82 times on television and 63 times on radio, and eight times on the English network. It is mentioned that Quebec ministers were well known personalities in the province of Quebec but almost unknown in English Canada. Federal ministers make less often the headlines on the English network than Quebec ministers on the French network. This is the report of the enquiry committee.

In the light of all those circumstances and considering that my time is limited, Mr. Speaker, I believe that the CBC has the responsibility, through its news services, to encourage a spirit of tolerance, respect, understanding and dignity among Canadians in the interest of national unity. It is unfortunate to see that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, instead of promoting better understanding between Anglophones and Francophones or any other ethnic groups, between employers and employees, as it is its duty, chose, through some news or movie programs, to use and develop the potential antagonism between some individuals. The corporation should not orient public opinion towards a given answer but it should at least reflect, in that constitutional debate, the importance of that debate.

I conclude my remarks, Mr. Speaker. After having seriously considered the situation and those comments from the committee, I intend to table, in the near future, a notice of motion reflecting my concern with regard to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and suggesting a revision of its administrative controls and a redefinition of its responsibilities concerning the present situation and the many comments contained in the reports tabled in this House.

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, first I want to thank the hon. member for Laval (Mr. Roy) for having raised that matter tonight. There was a press conference concerning Festival Canada on May 29, 1978 at the national level, in Ottawa. The CBC reporter, Mr. Jacques Rivard, opened the news conference and that news sequence was used for the first news bulletin of the

[Mr. Roy (Laval).]

evening, on the French television network "Ce soir", and in the late evening news bulletin, "Le Téléjournal", on the same day.

The French television network also made a report of the press conference in Montreal but, as the essential components of the conference were the same, and considering the volume of news that day, the sequence of the Montreal press conference was not used.

● (2207)

[English]

As the minister assured the hon. member, he is in complete agreement with him concerning the importance of Canada Week. He has been assured by officials at Festival Canada that the CBC has been working closely with them in conjunction with the upcoming festivities and, furthermore, that both the French and English networks of the CBC have been reacting in a very positive and satisfactory way to the needs of Festival Canada.

FINANCE—DUMPING DUTY ON WIDE-FLANGE STEEL BEAMS

Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, I take serious issue with both the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) in respect of their replies to me last June 16 as they appear in *Hansard* at pages 6480 and 6481, whereby my concerns on behalf of the steelworkers and the steel fabricating industry in British Columbia were written off as following a very dangerous course, and that I was advocating ten different markets controlled internally within Canada. The Prime Minister subsequently, as reported in *Hansard* at page 6482, said I was suggesting a policy that would regionalize the country and, further, he said it was a question of bad economics.

In reply to those charges I must say I was not even associating markets with provincial boundaries in Canada, and both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance knew that. Markets in Canada are determined by freight costs and the ability of Canadian producers to supply.

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Historical records show that there are basically three markets determined by freight rates and the ability of Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie to supply. The Canadian demand for wide-flange beams is 17,000 tons, but the productive capacity of Algoma Steel is 13,000 tons. Their production is allocated on the basis of previous purchases by their customers, and their freight cost factor is approximately twice that of the ocean rate to B.C. ports. The markets in question are: west of the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, east of the Alberta-Saskatchewan border through to and including Quebec and to a limited extent the eastern seaboard, and then, of course, Newfoundland. The freight cost factor and the ability to supply determines these markets.

Within that market, which I represent as a member in this House, a great injustice is being done to the steel fabricating industry and the steelworkers of that province. That market