

cases where ministers have been misled, misdirected, fooled, and laughed at by bureaucrats. I am sure the Leader of the Government knows even better than I just what happens. For these reasons I believe Mr. Trudeau is right in bringing in experts to check the propositions brought before the cabinet. From time to time propositions were put before the cabinet by ministers who did not understand what those propositions were all about because they had been misdirected and misled by their staffs.

But bureaucracy aside, let us compare Canada with some of the other countries in the world. France has a population of 45 million people, but its cabinet consists of 19 members, while Canada has a cabinet consisting of 38 members. France has a National Assembly of 779 members. It has no provincial nor state governments. West Germany has a cabinet of 16 members, and a federal Diet composed of 496 members. Japan has a population of 83 million, and a House of Representatives made up of 467 members. Japan has no provincial governments, and its cabinet consists of only 21 members.

And why all this floor space in Canada? I have been trying for some time to find out from the British information department just how much floor space the Government of the United Kingdom occupies in London. I have not been able to get the exact figures, but I will take a wager with any member of this house that the Government of Canada today occupies more floor space in Ottawa than the Government of the United Kingdom occupies in London.

Honourable senators, go to London and see what kind of offices they have there. Those of you who have been there must know. Go to the Admiralty, the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, and the War Office. You will find ministers and officials in old, musty offices. But here you cannot pick up a morning paper without reading that the Government has taken up another thousand or more square feet of floor space in yet another new building—sometimes a new building built by their friends. You might read in the same paper that the Government is putting up its own new building. Look at that new building, for example, for External Affairs on Sussex Drive.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Please do not criticize that because that was my idea.

**Hon. Mr. O'Leary:** I am terribly sorry, but it is a monstrosity. It is an ugly building.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** You are going to hurt me more than you have ever done, if you keep on like that.

**Hon. Mr. O'Leary:** I remember very well what the External Affairs Department was like under Sir Wilfrid Laurier. My honourable friend was not here then, but I was, and I remember that that department consisted of one man, William Mackenzie. After him came Joseph Pope, who ran it practically by himself. Then came Loring Christie, one of the most brilliant minds we have ever had in the Department of External Affairs.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Hear, hear.

[Hon. Mr. O'Leary.]

**Hon. Mr. O'Leary:** And following him was another very great Canadian, Oscar Skelton. That department has grown so much over the years that I have known it that last year it spent over \$55 million.

If any of you are travelling abroad I suggest that you visit our embassy in Rome. I think it is outrageous. Go to London, and study what goes on in our High Commissioner's office there. I recall going to Havana a few years ago. What did I find there? An ambassador living in a magnificent embassy. It was almost as good as the British embassy or the American embassy. He was a full-fledged ambassador with a Cadillac and chauffeur, but when I inquired what our trade with Cuba was I found you could almost put the whole thing in your eye.

What the people of the External Affairs Department are doing could, for the most part, be done by trade commissioners and consul generals. What we want is trade. We do not want young men giving cocktail parties and learning how to pass a teacup. That is not what Canada needs. In Australia, New Zealand, and New York and a number of other cities in the United States, I have seen consul generals and trade commissioners doing real work. But I have seen in other parts of the world, such as western Europe, young so-called diplomats with their striped pants and coat-tails who were not doing a good job for Canada. Yet it is costing us over \$50 million a year, and this has all happened in the last eight or ten years.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Would my honourable friend permit a question? It will enable me to put myself on record. Would he not agree that perhaps on reflection he does the Department of External Affairs a great disservice, because in my judgment there are no more dedicated people in the Public Service than those young men and women?

**Hon. Mr. O'Leary:** I can well understand what my friend is saying, because I know the very good reputation that he personally had in the Department of External Affairs. Moreover, it is true that there have been some very good men in that department. They were my personal friends. Norman Robertson, one of the deep philosophical minds in Canada, was a dear, long-time personal friend of mine. I knew all of those people, but they would tell me privately what was going on in the Department of External Affairs, and what was going on was a lot of expensive nonsense.

A few years ago the Government's policy was to rent buildings because it was cheaper to rent than build. That policy has apparently been abandoned. Look at the monstrosity of ugliness they are building for the National Defence Department. They are building it between two bridges, and only a few years ago we expropriated a huge tract of land on the flats for the sole purpose of building a pentagon. But for some extraordinary reason that idea was thrown overboard. Now, every day, I drive by this monstrosity of a building, and it almost makes me ill to contemplate what it will cost. Its cost will surely be in the tens of millions of dollars. It is building after building, and rental