

have to work for a living and at one time shoveled cement, and I can tell him that you do not use old torn-up cement to build a school.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: How do you know?

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I listened to the hon. member speak for thirty minutes about nothing; now let me talk for ten minutes about something. As a matter of fact, I regret that the leader of the C.C.F. (Mr. Coldwell) has—unfortunately in so far as his party is concerned—been called away to another political convention. They have one only about every two months.

Mr. McKAY: When did you have one last?

An hon. MEMBER: Why don't you have one?

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Why don't we have another one? Because we have the privilege of having the only leader in the British empire who has survived as leader of his party for twenty years. That is nice going. I have a great deal of admiration for the C.C.F. a lot of the time, when they do not waste time in talking about something which happened twenty years ago when a bill like this one is being considered.

There is one thing about this bill which I do not approve at all. First, let me say that I think the bill should be considered entirely on its merits; that is, as a measure for the beautification and improvement of the capital of our country, not as a war memorial. I do not think there should be any camouflage about it at all. Speaking on behalf of a farmer riding in the province of British Columbia, I can say that we are willing to pay our share to improve our capital, the capital of Canada, but we do not want the scheme camouflaged under the name of a war memorial. We in the Fraser valley want our own war memorial in our own district to the men who went from our own district.

There is another thing to which I want to take exception in this bill, and I intend to move an amendment, not talk about tearing up a bag of cement. Probably I shall be called out of order, but I do not mind that; I have been called out of order so often. I think it is unfair to the people of Canada, who are expected to pay for these improvements, to limit the representation. In all parties in this house—I repeat that—in all parties in this house are men who have had experience of serving on municipal or city councils in all parts of Canada. In every political party represented in this house there are men who have had experience in the promotion of parks and other improvements. For instance, in our

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own province—and I think even the Saskatchewan members will give us credit for having the most beautiful parks in Canada—we have men of all political parties who have had experience in connection with our parks. So that I do not think it is fair to the taxpayers of Canada to limit the representation. As at present, one member is from British Columbia, one from the prairie provinces and one from the maritimes. I insist that every province is entitled to have a member on that commission.

When I first came to this house we voted, I think, an annual grant of \$100,000 to Ottawa. At that time I was sitting over in the opposite corner; the people of Canada were a little wiser then, so that some Liberals had to be accommodated, Mr. Speaker, on your left. We over there objected to this expenditure of \$100,000 for Ottawa. However, I had the privilege of being a guest in the city of Washington, the capital of the United States, and I changed my opinion after visiting that city. We cannot equal Washington; we have not the wealth to do so; but we can do much to improve our capital. It is the capital of Canada; not the capital of Ontario, but the capital of Canada. I am proud to be a Canadian and I intend to continue to be proud of Canada, in spite of all these bills to change the names of this, that and the other thing. I remember a poem—it is the only poem I remember—which I learned when I used to trudge as a barefoot boy around Matsqui:

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd
From wandering on a foreign strand?
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell.

I am proud of being a Canadian, and the people of my riding share that pride and are quite willing to contribute to the improvement of our capital. But I wish to warn the government that we are not prepared to have one dollar of our money used for the purpose of buying out this man Weston, or E. B. Eddy or any other concern. Make no mistake about that. We wish to beautify Ottawa and improve the capital city and we will see that a proper job is done, but we do not want to have any unfair expenditure made in purchasing these different properties. Above all—and here I may be treading on somebody's toes—we in the Fraser valley at any rate cannot see why it is necessary to leave the entire planning of the capital of our country, Canada, to someone in another country. I hope I am not hurting the feelings of anyone who may be of French descent; but I repeat, we cannot see why it is neces-