

The Address—Mr. Francis

on Parliament Hill we have a Gothic jewel in this house, the east and west blocks, and that this view must be preserved for all time. It is believed by these people that we must create a cocoon around Parliament Hill and must desist from building other structures which might detract from this main jewel.

We have heard a professor from the United States saying that Ottawa does not need large buildings and should grow horizontally, not vertically. However, he does not have to answer for the tax base, and so on, in this city. He is putting forward purely aesthetic principles. If one is talking about the rear of the national centre for the performing arts, that is one thing; but I believe Ottawa must have a skyline. I believe there is no purpose in having federally appointed members of a public body if they do not have to answer for these things.

I read in the newspaper that an architect yesterday said that the extension of Place de Ville was not acceptable to the federal government. If Place de Ville is not acceptable to the federal government, there is a very simple remedy; the Department of Public Works could simply refuse to lease space in this building and it will not be built. On the one hand we have the federal government stating that they wish to have office space within the city in order to provide those services which the federal government must provide, and on the other we have the group concerned with aesthetics, who say that such construction is neither necessary nor desirable.

• (5:50 p.m.)

It is quite understandable in my opinion that when members of the council of the city of Ottawa and other municipalities read such testimony given by the N.C.C. and see the actions of those responsible for leases in other government departments, they think that one government department is contradicting another, and they may feel that the time has

come for a major reconstruction of the N.C.C. itself.

In this brief outline I have tried to suggest to members of the house the kind of problems about which we are going to have to think in the development of our national capital. Hon. members have already had an opportunity to observe such problems in dealing with air and water pollution as the conflict of jurisdiction, the lack of adequate definition of municipal authorities on the Ottawa and the Hull side of the river, and the lack of proper liaison between these authorities and the planning arm which the government has created. One government department enunciates one type of policy while another department appears to create another type of policy.

These are the kind of problems which I am sure are being carefully studied and are the subject of a good deal of discussion behind the scenes which must continue to take place. I invite hon. members of this house to continue to take an interest in the structure of the national capital, the form of government, and the instruments which must be created so that it will be a symbol of unity and pride for all Canadians.

Mr. Bigg: Mr. Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, before the house rises and in order that the hon. member for Pembina may continue on Monday I should like to announce that the business of the house on Monday starting at 11 a.m. will be the continuation of the address debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard): It being six o'clock the house will now rise until 11 a.m. on Monday.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.