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through that committee both parliament and the country may be better informed of the valuable services rendered by this organization to Canada and its people.

Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River): Just before you put the motion to set up this committee, Mr. Speaker, I should like to say a word. I must confess that I know very little about the national research council, but there is a great deal that I should like to know. For that reason I sincerely welcome what the minister has done in setting up this committee, and because I am a member of the committee.

I should like to join with the two previous speakers in saying that perhaps one of the most valuable bits of work that can be done by the committee would be the creation of an informed body of opinion in this parliament. Such a body could be of service to the minister in connection with projects he would like to see the research council carry out for the good of the country. I have in mind the efforts the minister has been making to establish in Canada industries and productive enterprises that will help to make Canada much more self-sufficient than she has been. I know the minister has been much interested in expanding steel production. We have not yet begun to realize Canadian possibilities. In my judgment the research council could be of inestimable value in carrying out research in various fields in which it may be thought Canada could start producing things which she has had to get from other countries, and for which she is dependent upon other countries. In times of crisis, it is dangerous for Canada not to have within her borders the essentials for living. My sympathies are with what has already been said about developing Canada for Canadians. In my judgment, the research council can be of inestimable value in that direction through its work.

I should like to say a word about our young scientists. Through my work on the atomic energy committee last year, I was impressed with the fine young scientists I met. The young men—

Mr. Green: The young men and women.

Mr. Low: Yes, I must not forget the women, because actually some of the most brilliant scientists at Chalk River were young women. They were enthusiastic about their work, and they seemed to generate some sort of aura about them which one felt. You did not have to listen to them at all. On a number of occasions when I was at Chalk River I wondered if we had gone far enough in trying to make working conditions and salaries what they ought to be, in order to retain these young men and women. I think on one or two

[Mr. Coldwell.]

occasions it was intimated that some of these scientists had been offered much larger salaries and incomes than they were getting, just to go to some other country; but they preferred to stay here because they felt that here they were part of the biggest thing in the world; and they were. I think that is commendable.

In the lesser fields, let us not forget the young men and women who are down in the first few grades of the scientific branches. I happen to know some of those young people, having become acquainted with them here in Ottawa since I came here in 1945. I know many of them who have developed themselves quite well over the years. But sometimes one wonders whether we have done enough for them to make them feel satisfied to remain in Canada.

I welcome the opportunity of going into these things in the committee to find out what we can do in this house to back the minister and the research council in their efforts to keep here as many as we possibly can of the brilliant young men and women we are developing through our universities. I want to thank the minister for the fine statement he made tonight. I am sure it will be most helpful in our endeavours.

Motion agreed to.

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW POLICIES
OF CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION**

The house resumed, from Friday, March 31, consideration of the motion of Mr. McCann:

That a select committee be appointed on radio broadcasting to consider the annual report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and to review the policies and aims of the corporation and its regulations, revenues, expenditures and development, with power to examine and inquire into the matters and things herein referred to and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, and to send for persons, papers and records;

That the committee have power to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable or necessary;

That the committee have power to meet while the house is sitting;

That the committee shall consist of the following members: Messrs. Balcer, Boisvert, Cote (St. Johns-Iberville-Napierville), Decore, Diefenbaker, Fleming, Fulton, Gauthier (Portneuf), Gauthier (Sudbury), Hansell, Henry, Isnor, Kent, Knight, Langlois (Gaspé), Maybank, McCann, Murray (Cariboo), Richard (Ottawa East), Robinson, Riley, Smith (Moose Mountain), Smith (Calgary West), Stewart (Winnipeg North), and Whitman;

That the presence of at least nine members shall be a quorum of the said committee; and

That standing orders 64 and 65 be suspended in relation thereto.