

certainty that no restriction of the kind mentioned was intended or placed upon her when she was invited by the Prime Minister to join the commission.

Finally, as to whether the 12 commissioners will travel together to every public hearing in the country, that is a matter that really remains to be decided by Mr. Spicer and his colleagues. They will have to decide on their own division of labour, bearing in mind that we have set a deadline of June 30 for them to report their findings.

Senator LeBlanc: The article also states that one of the councillors of the city of Saint John described Mayor Wayne as "the first Mother of Confederation". I would hope that she will not be defined as a "stay at home mother" but, rather, that she will be encouraged to travel across the country. It is also my hope that Mr. Spicer will not be the only one to report to obedient students in private sessions. Perhaps the Government Leader would wish to send to Mayor Wayne the information and the Order in Council, and perhaps we should see the Order in Council, too, if it has not been made public.

Senator Murray: I would be glad to table it, honourable senators.

● (1530)

TERMS OF REMUNERATION OF CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS—REQUEST FOR TABLING

Hon. George van Roggen: Honourable senators, I have a supplementary question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate concerning the same subject. It is found in *The Citizen* of November 7, as quoted in Quorum. This is an article on the commission. Part of it states:

Spicer, as chairman, is the only full-time member; he is assisted by an "advisory group" of 11 people who work part time.

As I read more about the commission, it gets "curiouser and curiouser." Here we are to have this great dialogue with 26 million Canadians and it seems to be boiling down to be just Mr. Spicer with some of his rather preconceived notions, if you can believe the quotes that have been attributed to him recently.

If the question has not been already asked, may I ask the Leader of the Government—and if he does not have the answer today, I will understand—to let us know what the terms of remuneration are for Mr. Spicer on a per diem basis or on an annual basis? What will the remuneration be for the other 11 members who apparently are only to be part-time and may be working on a regional basis, or whatever. I assumed that they will all be part of the commission travelling the country, but apparently that is not the case. If that information has not been tabled as yet, I would appreciate that being done.

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, I can obtain that information. I should tell the honourable senator that Mr. Spicer, in reply to a similar question at his news conference the other day, stated that he

would be paid exactly the same rate that he has been paid up to now as chairman of the CRTC. The other members of the panel—

Senator Bonnell: How much is that?

Senator Murray: I do not know, but I am sure the information is available. It is a matter of public record, and I will obtain it. The other members of the panel will be paid a per diem rate.

Senator Perrault: On piece work, are they?

Senator Murray: Again, I want to emphasize that this is not a traditional Royal Commission which necessarily journeys from one community to another across the country to sit at the front of a hall and receive briefs, written and oral, from interested citizens and then present a series of recommendations to the government. The mandate that this Citizens' Forum has been given is not to dialogue with Canadians but to promote and encourage a dialogue among Canadians themselves about the values we hold in common, and the kind of country—

Senator Bonnell: Have a tea party at your house! Quite neighbourly!

Senator Murray: —that we want, what we expect of this country, what we expect of government in general; and some of the other hard questions that I mentioned yesterday in reply to questions from the honourable senator.

Among those questions on which it is necessary to build a consensus in this country, or rebuild one, is the relationship of aboriginal people to the rest of Canadian society and the relationship between English and French-speaking Canadians. Where does multiculturalism fit in vis-à-vis official languages and vis-à-vis national unity? What about the apparent conflict between individual rights and collective rights? What about the influence of regionalism in our country versus national unity? How much centralization or decentralization do people want? How much control over matters at the local level is desirable—

An Hon. Senator: When do they want an election?

Senator Murray: —vis-à-vis central authority? There are many, many questions. Some of them are very hard, but it will be necessary for Canadians to focus on those questions. I am confident that when they have done so, it will be possible to rebuild a consensus, because the answer to the first questions: Do we still want a country? Do we still want to live together? Are we willing to make—

Senator Frith: Or would we rather have an election?

Senator Murray: —the accommodations that are necessary will be answered resoundingly in the affirmative everywhere in Canada.

PLANNED HEARING IN ARCTIC—COMPOSITION OF TRAVELLING PANEL

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault: I have a supplementary question. Will some of the questions asked of Canadians coast-to-