

*Supply—Secretary of State*

with a program dealing with the plight of the Indian population in this country. They went into this community, not to picture what was good but to pick out everything that was undesirable, everything that cast a poor light on the people there.

They dealt with this subject in a film which was sent out across Canada on more than one occasion showing what was supposed to be the situation at Duck Lake. Mr. Chairman, they even had a man go down on his knees and wash his hands in a mud puddle. Then they called Duck Lake a mud puddle, situated halfway between Saskatoon and Prince Albert in the province of Saskatchewan.

• (8:50 p.m.)

That is the kind of thing for which we pay our money. That is why we have a government that is on the ropes today, because it has to provide the money for this kind of thing. Bearing in mind that the C.B.C. spent \$104,000 on unused hotel space, how dearly must the Minister of Finance wish he had that \$104,000 today. How dearly he must wish he had the \$217,000 spent on programs that were junked, and the \$103,000 which went into obsolete film.

When the hon. member for York-Humber was speaking on the broadcasting bill, which was his right—whether we all agree with everything he said or not—the Secretary of State offered him \$5.48 if he would shut his mouth, saying that was his share of the cost of C.B.C. operations. Yet when the estimates were issued later they showed that the C.B.C. cost per capita is \$7. The cabinet intimates that this is a small price to pay for a national institution such as the C.B.C., but recently one newspaper headline pointed out that civil service payrolls could bankrupt Canada.

We must consider economic conditions in the country at present. We must remember how the government has shown a careless attitude with regard to the manpower requirements not only of its departments but of the various crown corporations such as the C.B.C. When we do this we have a picture of a government that does not know how to spend money properly, yet it has the arrogance to come to parliament and seek approval for these supplementary estimates.

Items in these supplementary estimates for the various departments which have caught my eye are those for specialist and professional services. I would like to know how these are broken up and who receives these moneys. I would venture the opinion that

much of these moneys go to favourites of the government engaged in the advertising business.

When the government took office it was supposed to have all the answers. It was going to solve all the problems. It was going to eliminate all the waste and extravagance in the public service. Now we see item after item in the estimates portraying the extravagant incompetence of hon. gentlemen opposite.

**Mr. Barnett:** Mr. Chairman, having listened to the remarks of the hon. member who has just taken his seat I am strongly tempted to say it would be interesting to ask questions about the cost of a certain Tory extravaganza, which some of us had to watch on television last summer. For a few days we had nothing but Tory propaganda broadcast across the length and breadth of the country.

**Mr. Baldwin:** That was educational television.

**Mr. Barnett:** The item under discussion is an estimate for the Board of Broadcast Governors, and I would like to make a few remarks on that topic, supplementing some observations made earlier by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond.

**Mr. Reid:** Don't ruin the debate, Tom, by talking about the subject.

**Mr. Barnett:** I did not catch that interjection.

**An hon. Member:** He said don't ruin the debate by talking about the subject under discussion.

**Mr. Barnett:** Mr. Chairman, I detect that you are in a somewhat indulgent mood this evening and I trust you did not catch that interjection. I wish to direct the attention of the committee, and of the parliamentary secretary who is being very attentive to the discussion, to the last section of the Broadcasting Act passed by the House of Commons recently, which says that "this act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation." I think we should have some declaration from the government on when it intends to make the new Broadcasting Act operative.

This is most important so far as the operations of the new Canada Radio and Television Commission are concerned. Appointments have been made to the top executive positions in the C.B.C., and we assume those new public servants are taking a hard look at the