

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

come there immediately want to know, "Where can I see someone in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with a scarlet uniform?" We see them dressed in this fashion in the national capital in the summertime. Why can they not do the same at Fort Macleod and at Waterton Lake? So I pass this suggestion on to the government because the people in my constituency are asking for it and it would not cost anything. This would lend dignity and prestige to the force.

In 1919 the Dominion of Canada took the name "Northwest" out of the name and substituted the word "Canadian", making it the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which is now the name of the force today. Let me say that regardless of what may happen to the use of horses, the removal of the word "mounted" would be very much opposed in the riding of Macleod. I am sure people throughout Canada would be opposed to any move on the part of the government or anyone else to remove that word "mounted" from the name Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

So I wanted to avail myself of this opportunity to speak on behalf of my people, the

constituents of Fort Macleod, who have a pride in that name and who in turn are, above all, anxious to see that the word "mounted" remains in the title of the name we now have for the force once known as the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.

Let me say in closing that there are plenty of ways that you can explain the word "mounted". They may be mounted on a motorcycle, they may be mounted on some other kind of vehicle. So there is no particular need for any change to be made in the name "Royal Canadian Mounted Police". I want to stress that point, simply because it was in my riding at Fort Macleod where all of this had its origin, and I wish to bring it to the attention of the Solicitor General.

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): I hope the hon. member will allow me to congratulate him both upon the spirit and the letter of his remarks. I can assure him that no consideration is being given to changing the name of this great enforcement agency.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.17 p.m.
