

*National Capital Commission*

cans right in front of his own house. Why go around saying in newspapers that there are a few garbage cans on the sidewalk or that some houses should be rebuilt? Obviously, there will always be some obsolescent housing and, forty years from now, houses that are new at this time will have to be replaced.

I would therefore urge the Prime Minister to ask that enough money be voted, because it takes a lot of it, and besides this, it will give jobs to the unemployed.

So, I hope, first, that the green belt matter will be settled as soon as possible while at the same time justice is done to the property owners of this area.

Care will have to be taken also that the commission does not pay exorbitant prices to some individuals who have purchased land for the mere purpose of speculation. Some profiteers who have purchased land in this area should not make excessive profits on the land to be purchased or expropriated by the federal district commission. Furthermore, some owners should be prevented from raising the value of their properties.

Nowhere in Canada, I believe, is there a riding where you will find more expropriation than in mine—for purposes of national defence, public works, the Department of Transport, and the federal district commission, whose representatives are most likeable. It is precisely because they are so likeable that all has gone well, and I hope it will continue that way.

I would like to see the earliest possible development of the federal capital. Let land be purchased by expropriation or otherwise, provided these people are left free to do as they wish with their property. But we must act now.

I hope also that people living outside the green belt will be able to obtain loans from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

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Perhaps if I speak in English I might be better understood by the Prime Minister and other members of the house.

In connection with the green belt and also the areas outside of the green belt, I think the people of my constituency are entitled to fair play and in this connection I am quite sure that the federal district commission is doing a good job. I have no criticism to make of that body, which is non-political in character.

[Mr. Gour.]

The commission, of course, has had to face a lot of trouble. There have been problems caused by the fact that they have had to deal with so many municipalities, city councils and also with the two provinces. These bodies, however, have represented their people and have tried to do their best for them. One cannot blame them for introducing a little politics; that is natural. If the reeve of a township or the mayor of a city is concerned, for instance, he will want to do his best to protect his people and to get for them perhaps a little better consideration than that given to others. There is no harm in that and such people cannot be blamed. In the same way we try to look after our constituents and we are not above using a little politics for their benefit.

I find, therefore, that during the relatively short time during which the commission has been in existence it has done a first class job. It has not pleased all my people—oh no, one should ask my electors about that. Some of them think they should have had twice as much as they have had, but that is natural, too, and you cannot blame them. The main point is, however, and I am sure they would agree if they were asked, that they have been well used. They were looked after in the past and I am quite sure this government will continue in the same way as the Liberal regime.

I would ask that if possible the building of the bridge between Ottawa and Hull should be expedited. I am happy to know the relocation of the railways is to take place as soon as possible and all these things are to take place, at least in part, in my riding. The land is to be bought by the federal district commission and there will be ample opportunity to use the railways and also the new Queensway. The Queensway, in particular, will be a most suitable means of crossing from one city to the other and will also be a very pleasant road.

The next thing I would like to urge upon the Prime Minister is that as soon as he can get enough money something should be done to clean up the Ottawa river. I represent a riding on the Ottawa river and I am well informed on this subject. I have a little peanut shack on the river and I like to go there whenever I have a chance. Last year I had a bad time in this connection in view of what happened in this country in connection with the election and it was not much better this year. However, I do think it would be a good thing if something could be done quickly. This project, in addition to the construction of the bridge and the