

should be limited, otherwise we will find ourselves with another C.B.C., with unlimited financial help from the Government.

Since I have mentioned the C.B.C., perhaps I might remind honourable senators that yesterday during the St. Jean Baptiste Day celebrations in Montreal, two commentators on the C.B.C. French network describing the parade and the proceedings generally had to be taken off in the middle of the program because their language was, as stated in a C.B.C. report last night, derogatory to Canadian people. I do not know what they said. All we know is that they had to be pulled out of the program because their language was so bad. That is very serious. I am now wondering whether these C.B.C. employees have been fired or promoted with an increase in salary. That remains to be seen.

In his speech, the honourable Senator Desruisseaux also said:

My information here is that they actually make a profit, an estimated retained earnings, of \$2½ million—

I believe very few companies or financial people would be prepared to spend \$100 million for a small return of \$2½ million. This leads me to believe that what I might call wealthy people or substantial firms in the electrical business are not too sure of themselves and would like to hang their hat on the peg of the federal Government in case they get into trouble later.

That is all I wish to say. I will, with other honourable senators, vote for the bill. To vote against it would make no difference—it would be passed anyway. However, I do want to emphasize for the last time that I do not think we know where we are going. We have a tiger by the tail, and where it will stop nobody knows.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** May I ask the honourable senator a question? I think the sponsor of the bill (Hon. Mr. Desruisseaux) made it abundantly clear that one of the purposes of this bill is to establish a satellite system which would facilitate the broadcasting of news, and indeed broadcasting generally to all parts of Canada, particularly to the remote regions. Does the honourable senator not think that on that ground alone this is a bill worthy of consideration and a progressive step forward?

**Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche):** If I am permitted to answer the question, I do not see it that way. The satellite itself will not enable television to be seen

in remote areas. Television will remain on two main channels at each end of Canada, which will be relayed on the existing channels across Canada. The satellite itself will not provide television, the telephone or any other similar form of communication in the remote areas unless they are hooked up to the existing system.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Of course.

**Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche):** That does not mean anything.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** On the contrary, it makes it possible for this to be done.

**Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche):** It may be possible. I do not want to get into an argument on this with the honourable senator, but it is possible under the existing system. It will only bring us more programs from European countries, from England, for instance, and all over the world. I am all in favour of that. If it does that and brings to the C.B.C. more programs from European countries, then we do not need to spend so much money preparing Canadian programs, hundreds of which are never seen.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Honourable senators, I move that the bill be referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications. Senator Macdonald had indicated that Senator Grosart prefers to make his remarks in the committee and, as there are no further speakers on the bill, I propose that it be sent to committee now.

Motion agreed to.

#### THE ESTIMATES

REPORT OF NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE—  
PRINTED AS APPENDIX—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Leave having been given to revert to Notices of Motions:

**Hon. T. D'Arcy Leonard:** Honourable senators. I move, seconded by Senator Paterson, with leave of the Senate, that the report presented today of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance, which was authorized to examine and report on the expenditures posed by the Estimates laid before Parliament for the fiscal year, in advance of bills