

The CHAIRMAN: The item under discussion is the termination of contracts. On other items there has been considerable latitude allowed, and on this item also we must allow considerable latitude. But I do feel at times that the hon. member is going beyond the field of latitude that we have previously allowed, and again I would ask him to keep his remarks strictly within the item, the termination of contracts.

Mr. POULIOT: I will use no metaphorical language belonging to the kingdom of birds or animals. I will leave it at that. I thank the hon. member for Calgary West for giving me a brief breathing spell.

I will conclude in a few short sentences that will convey my impression of the whole show. It is most unusual during the course of a political campaign to find the leader of a political party lauding any one of his opponents, especially a Jonah who has been thrown overboard and who has been swallowed by the Tory whale. I read the papers during the Grey North by-election campaign and I saw that a person was boosted to the limits by the leader of the Conservative party—the former minister of national defence for the army, who was responsible for the mess in that department during four or five years. But the leader of that political party found him very good, although at the same time he complained of the mess that was in that department. How could he boost the one who was responsible for it? That is beyond my understanding. But there was a reason. There was a little Borden and the loudy McTague—I will call him that.

I objected to that then, and I object to it now. Why? Because of the danger in the future. The danger of the future is not inflation. The danger of the future, the menace to this country, is the possible control of our natural resources by a gang of racketeers and filibusters who would make slaves of our fellow-Canadians. That is the danger. Inflation is nothing. Money—what is that? One has it to-day; one loses it; one has more to-morrow or one has less; it is of no importance. But if our national resources are under the control of an international finance gang, our country is finished. That is why I have always denounced those who are responsible for it. I have nothing against any one man in particular; I have nothing against Borden, against Ralston, against McTague, against Angus L. Macdonald, against Charlie Dunning: they are all in the same bag, and they are dangerous fellows, because they are the tools of international finance in this country.

Mr. HOMUTH: Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. The hon. member has referred

to the premier of one of the provinces, the Hon. Angus Macdonald. That is unparliamentary.

Mr. POULIOT: You said, "quack, quack" when he was minister in charge of a department.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. The hon. member for Temiscouata must withdraw the name of the premier of Nova Scotia.

Mr. POULIOT: In virtue of what authority, sir? The rule applies only to those who are actually members of the house or members of the senate. When they are not members it is a different matter.

The CHAIRMAN: There is a rule, which I cannot at the moment recall, with reference to using offensive words against a man in a high place.

Mr. POULIOT: Oh, no.

The CHAIRMAN: Offensive words have been used against a person in a high official station. I would ask the hon. member to withdraw his reference in so far as the premier of Nova Scotia is concerned.

Mr. POULIOT: You want it, sir? It is all right.

Mr. ROWE: Occasionally in this house we are subjected to peculiar and strange spectacles. I have listened with keen interest to what has been said. I am not so much concerned about the demonstration which the hon. member for Temiscouata has put on to-day, because under ordinary circumstances every circus needs an end man, although it is passing strange that the hon. member has been allowed to get further away from the issue in this debate than anyone else. I am glad that the naming of Angus Macdonald has brought us to a point of reasonable decorum, and I am pleased that the issue was raised by an hon. member on the other side of the house.

But there is another issue involved here which is much more important than the demonstration we have listened to. This afternoon a charge has been laid against an honourable civil servant engaged in the Department of Munitions and Supply. Before this item passes I want the Minister of Munitions and Supply to rise and tell us how many thousand dollars Henry Borden collected for our party. I have been running a lot of elections in this country—more than the Minister of Munitions and Supply has—and I did not see any of that money. If the hon. member for Temiscouata, despite the fact that he usually contributes more noise than reason to any debate in this chamber, knows what went on in the city of Toronto, and knows