

The Address—Mr. Dupuis

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Speaker, may I ask you to call the hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm to order.

Mr. Pigeon: Things have changed in the past 20 years, you know that.

Mr. Dupuis: The hon. member had better listen because he has a lot to learn from the Liberals.

Mr. Pigeon: Oh no, not much.

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Speaker, has the man who is now Prime Minister of Canada ever voiced his opinion about a flag? Yes, twice. He did so lately, before the Ontario association of Conservative women in an attempt to appeal to racial prejudices on the flag project. I need not go back over this, for all the newspapers have talked about it.

And before that, the last time he had expressed his views on the project of a flag was in 1945. This is what I find in *Hansard*—

Mr. Pigeon: Twenty years ago.

Mr. Dupuis: —on page 2089—

Mr. Pigeon: Twenty years ago.

Mr. Dupuis: On page 2089 of *Hansard* for November 13, 1945.

Mr. Pigeon: Twenty years ago.

Mr. Dupuis: You go back 22 years ago, so we can go back 20 years. This is what the present Prime Minister said at that time:

I cannot see eye-to-eye—and my sentiments so carry me that I must be restrained when I say this—with those who would deny the union jack a permanent and prominent place on the flag of this country; and the place of honour on any flag is the upper corner.

And the Prime Minister added:

Some say, why not compromise? I will compromise on anything, but, speaking for myself, not to the extent of the removal of the union jack from our national flag.

Mr. Speaker, I need not discuss the ideas put forward by the Prime Minister in 1945, but I should like to know what he thinks of the national flag, in 1962.

While our leader has expressed his stand concerning the flag—

Mr. Pigeon: Two flags.

Mr. Dupuis: The hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm says "two flags". In the province of Quebec, under his friend, Mr. Duplessis, on particular commemoration days or great ceremonies, two flags were displayed: the lilled flag, unanimously adopted by the Quebec legislature, and the papal flag. The two flags used to float side by side.

[Mr. Pigeon.]

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Duplessis was then using two flags. Today, the hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm, with his narrow-mindedness and his parliamentary pettiness, tries to ridicule a man who is worth a thousand times more than he is. Our leader—in case our friend from Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm does not know it—is a member of the Liberal party. If we go back 22 years ago, as the member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm wanted to a moment ago, I say before the house and before the country that the Liberal party, the party which, during the 22 years mentioned by my friend, has given all the social security measures to Canada, while after four years, our Conservative friends feel happy to see the Conservative Prime Minister agree to add a total of \$19 to old age pensions.

Mr. Pigeon: Six dollars.

Mr. Dupuis: I am proud to say that while the Conservatives gave \$19, we gave \$46 and we passed the legislation on old age pensions.

We have nothing to learn from those people concerning Canadian sovereignty. The Liberal party alone is the one which, in 22 years, has built this country's sovereignty, autonomy and greatness.

When I refer to those who have guided our country's destiny, of those who have represented Canadian politics, I think of the one who, today, is the Leader of the Opposition. He is a man we respect, because he is great, because he has brought Canada into notice throughout the world.

Mr. Pigeon: Two flags.

Mr. Dupuis: Is the member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm completely mad? I have already asked him three times not to interrupt me. I am asking him a question, not asserting anything, but if he persists, that is what we will think.

Mr. Pigeon: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. The member for St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville, in my opinion, is lacking in dignity in this house. He has just used a term which is surely not parliamentary. He might very well accuse his colleagues, he is just acting like a naughty child. He lacks education. I am not surprised to see him change ridings.

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Speaker, with regard to the question of privilege, the member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm has just said I am acting like a naughty child. Indeed, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth