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might have another scandal to disclose to the people of Canada, because that force certainly had imposed on it the making of a restricted inquiry.

In order to satisfy my diversionary friend across the way, my friend on some occasions but not always, I would refer to page 10388 of *Hansard* for November 23, 1964 where the following interjection while the hon. Member for Yukon was speaking is recorded:

Mr. Pickersgill: More smears.

That is what I said the Minister said. He shouted it and he should now apologize to the House.

Mr. Pickersgill: Would the hon. gentleman read the context, because surely it is a little unfair to read that phrase without knowing to what it was applied?

Mr. Churchill: The Minister of Transport can make his own speech. When he does I will give him the assistance he has been giving me. Let me go on. I want to deal with what the Prime Minister has been saying. The Prime Minister now says "We must deal with the sinister and growing involvement of crime in politics".

Mr. Starr: He means Liberal politics.

Mr. Churchill: As found on page 10429 of *Hansard* for November 24, 1963 the hon. Member for Yukon asked that that be done, and here I quote the hon. Member:

—will he perhaps appoint some other body, such as a royal commission, to investigate not only the matters referred to by the Minister of Justice but other matters specifically related to the possibility of international crime organizations having infiltrated other offices of cabinet ministers of the government?

Here is the reply of the Prime Minister:

Mr. Speaker, that is a very different matter which is far reaching and would involve a great deal of consideration and discussion. If there is any evidence to support the very serious statement made by my hon. friend perhaps he will produce that evidence, and the necessary steps will be taken.

The evidence has been produced by Mr. Justice Dorion's Commission. Is the Prime Minister now prepared to take the necessary steps? Seven and a half months have gone by. He said that much consideration was required.

On April 13 the hon. Member for Cumberland raised the same issue and asked for a Royal Commission to investigate the infiltration of international crime into high circles within government. The Prime Minister now says, "We must deal with the sinister and

growing involvement of crime in politics". He has certainly got to deal with it and he has to deal with it soon. There is no question that he has to clean house and not just play musical chairs. I think he will also have to have some second thoughts with regard to his party. Throughout the Dorion Commission report there are at least 20 statements with regard to contributions to party election funds.

Mr. Nielsen: Liberal party funds.

Mr. Churchill: You will find mention of the secretary-treasurer, I think it is, of the Liberal organization whose name was on a file and who apparently asked that he be kept informed about the Stonehill case. Throughout the report, page after page, you will find references to party funds, Rivard, the good friend of the party, help in election campaigns, contributions, \$60,000 reported to have been available if Rivard had got bail.

These things put the Liberal party once again in the valley of humiliation where they were after the scandals of the late 1920's. What has happened to this great party that it can count narcotic peddlers among its friends? What goes on in the higher circles of the Liberal party? When the name of Rivard was mentioned by executive assistants and Parliamentary Secretaries to the Prime Minister himself and to the former Minister of Justice, did that name of Rivard mean nothing to these gentlemen? Of course it did. They knew who he was, a peddler of narcotics and reputed to be the friend of the Liberal party.

We have reached a sad state of affairs. There is lack of action by the Prime Minister. Where was he in November and December when the Royal Commission was set up and we were discussing this matter in the House? Away on an electioneering campaign instead of doing his duty here. The Prime Minister promises now to take action. He depicts himself on the television screen as a man of action. What action has he taken? All he gave us yesterday was a very short statement with regard to the resignation of the Minister of Justice. But then he says to the general public on television, "We must deal with the sinister and growing involvement of crime in politics".

Why did he not deal with it in September of 1964 when the name of Rivard came up and when he discovered later, after his memory had assisted him, that some of the people very close to him were involved with this man? We have had a whole galaxy of people