

Hon. Mr. Monette: Is the honourable senator's argument intended to prove that the Governor of the Bank of Canada was born in Laprairie?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: You are trying to stop me, but you will not succeed. I want to prove that responsible government was created after the Rebellion of 1837 and it resulted in the establishment of a Parliament of the people, by the people and for the people. I want also to prove that the attitude of the present Government is a repetition of what occurred in 1834. I do not believe anyone in this chamber is prepared to say otherwise.

I was about to say a moment ago that the general came to my ancestor, Joseph Robert, who at that time was sick in bed, and ordered him at the point of a gun to join others in trying to kill a good loyalist—Mr. Walker, I think it was. There were others whom they wanted to get rid of at the point of a gun.

Hon. Mr. Monette: What has this to do—

The Hon. the Speaker: The honourable gentleman from Rigaud (Hon. Mr. Dupuis) has the floor. I have asked him not to go too far.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: They arrested Joseph Robert and others, because they wanted their heads. These men went to trial in 1838 and they were condemned to be hanged. The report of the proceedings is in the Parliamentary Library, in the series entitled *State Trials*. At the trial my ancestor proved that he was innocent, that he was forced at the point of a gun to get out of his bed. Nevertheless, he was condemned to be hanged. That was in 1838.

Today we have responsible government. And what happens in these days? It happens that they want the head of the Governor of the Bank of Canada. I remind honourable senators that we were threatened that if we dared to amend the Customs Tariff bill the Government would demand our heads.

Honourable senators, this is not the way to proceed. We must conduct ourselves in a sober manner and keep cool heads on both sides of the house. I respect all my honourable colleagues. That reminds me of what an honourable lady senator told me, that she felt it was partisanship to deal with Mr. Coyne in the way we did. Let me conclude by reciting an incident by way of an answer to her. Yesterday all the employees of the Bank of Canada joined together, in the number of 400 persons, and presented a gold medal to Mr. Coyne. Let me read the newspaper account of it.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: What has this to do with the motion before the house?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: Let him continue.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I will now read from the newspaper report:

A solid gold memorial gift to James E. Coyne was presented Wednesday by the Bank of Canada staff to their Governor, Bank Secretary L. F. Mundy reported last night.

It was presented by the Deputy Governor, J. R. Beattie, at an informal ceremony attended by the bank's 400 employees when the Governor returned to his office from his three days of testimony before the Senate Banking Committee.

The inscription reads: "Presented to James Elliott Coyne by his staff for his courage and integrity in defending the position of Governor of the Bank of Canada, June and July 1961."

Hon. Mr. Monette: From what newspaper are you reading?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: It is in all the papers. This report is in the *Ottawa Journal*, a Conservative paper, if you please.

Hon. Mr. Monette: The *Ottawa Journal*?

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: The *Ottawa Journal*.

Hon. Mr. Monette: All right.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Is my friend satisfied? I will continue to read from the report:

The gift, a round piece of gold about three inches across, also carried the Canadian coat of arms.

"To my deep regret I was not there for the presentation," said Mr. Mundy, "but my information is that the governor was deeply moved."

He said the presentation was planned last Sunday and was designed to go through regardless of how Mr. Coyne fared in the Senate against the Government's bid to fire him.

Mr. Mundy said the medal was meant to show. . .

The Hon. the Speaker: This is going too far.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I have nearly finished, Mr. Speaker. With your kind permission, I think I should be allowed to continue. I have only one more sentence to finish.

The Hon. the Speaker: All right.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: The report continues:

. . . was meant to show "the deep affection and respect we have for this very great Canadian."