

mere will of the majority that happens to be elected to this parliament. Then there is the right of opinion, the right to a free education, not the right to have your children sent to school and educated in ideas of a special group that are absolutely against the things that many people believe in. Education should be free and fair. It certainly should not be an attempt to inculcate socialism, as is being done in our province today, and that cannot be denied. Surely there should be some protection against the rights of the people being taken away in regard to their children. There should be the right of freedom of movement from place to place in the country, the right of freedom to work and earn your living where, when and at what you please. Surely no man should have to go to another man in government or outside of it for permission to earn his daily bread for himself and his children. Surely that right should be protected, and surely an overriding and all-powerful government should not have the right to take it away from him. There should be the right of freedom of religion, and the right of freedom to join associations or not join associations, as people wish; and there should be the right of free assembly. Surely these are fundamental rights that should be given to every free Canadian citizen, and he should not be left in this position that, if perchance a majority that believe in the doctrines of socialism or communism, and are ready to wipe out some of these rights in order to make their view prevail, get into office and form a government, they can take those rights away by a majority vote only. A system of complete socialism or communism cannot be introduced in the United States without a change in the constitution of the United States, whereas in Great Britain a complete system of communism can be introduced by the will of the present parliament.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. TUCKER: A complete system of socialism, I should have said. I do not know the difference; I have never had it explained to me. That is why I use the words interchangeably. Perhaps there is some difference.

Mr. GARDINER: There is not any difference.

Mr. TUCKER: But a complete system of socialism can be introduced in Great Britain. It is doubtful if the will of the people is still behind that. Once it is done, it is very hard to undo it.

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): What about the by-election?

[Mr. Tucker.]

Mr. TUCKER: The mere fact that a government may win a by-election—

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): They won there too.

Mr. TUCKER: Just a minute. Does my hon. friend say that because he can go out and win a by-election, he has the right to take away from the citizens these fundamental freedoms?

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): Not a bit of it.

Mr. TUCKER: If you say you have a right to take freedom, liberty and their property away from people because you win by-elections; if you deprive a citizen of the right to earn his own living, have you not taken away one of these fundamental freedoms from him?

The question we must ask ourselves is this: which sort of system do we want in Canada? Do we want a system where these freedoms can be entrenched upon by the mere will of the majority in parliament or a system whereby it must be clear that the people are overwhelmingly in favour of it? That is one of the things that this committee will have to consider. I know some people will say, "Oh, the senate will protect us". Let nobody ever think that the senate will be able ever to protect anything in this country.

Mr. KNOWLES: Except themselves.

Mr. TUCKER: If the people represented in this Commons chamber have a big majority desirous of doing something, they will pass a resolution as representing the sovereign people of Canada and they are going to present it to the parliament at Westminster. Is the parliament at Westminster going to listen to the will of the people of Canada as represented in this house or to the opposing will of the senate? With the way our constitution is today, with a really radical government in power, determined to impose complete socialism on this country, let nobody think there is any protection in the senate or any protection in the British North America Act either.

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): That is very comforting.

Mr. TUCKER: I know it is comforting to my hon. friends.

Mr. GARDINER: Where are the Saskatchewan C.C.F.'ers now?

Mr. STEWART (Winnipeg North): Having a cup of tea.

Mr. KNOWLES: Where are the Saskatchewan Liberals?