

*Motion Respecting House Vote*

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I say this, Mr. Speaker, because collusion between the Liberal party and the Cr ditistes is the one shame that they will never, ever live down.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** In my opinion this involves just the return of a favour, with this same Liberal gang which saw fit a few short years ago to support the Social Credit party in respect of free money. The developments that have taken place here are, as far as I am concerned, most welcome. The defeat of the government has been brought about, and in bringing about that defeat we have in this house accomplished something that many Canadian people have been looking forward to for the last three years.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** In my opinion the defeat of the government, speaking from a local point of view, has made possible the situation whereby Nova Scotians and other Canadians living in Nova Scotia will get the justice they deserve, and which was denied them not too long ago in the house by this government.

**Miss LaMarsh:** Since the election of the present Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield).

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I hear an interjection from the hon. member for Niagara Falls. I will get around to saying something else later, but I would call her attention now to the fact that I was informed outside the house that there is no longer a peach crop in the Niagara peninsula, and they have turned to sour grapes. I will have something further to say to the hon. lady later.

In addition to bringing about the defeat of this government which refuses not to recognize the problems faced in Nova Scotia, organized labour throughout this country has brought about the defeat of Bill C-186. Members of the New Democratic party and many Liberals who are opposed to Bill C-186 have now the opportunity of avoiding a vote on that bill by urging the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) to take an early retirement and let parliament get on with the business we are here to discuss.

Members on this side of the house have been criticized for not getting together, but when we did finally get together and vote this

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South).]

government out of office, what did we find? We have a Prime Minister who has been trying to operate from long distance. It is regrettable that he has been called back from the sunny south for the second time this year. The Prime Minister comes back from Jamaica, stands before the Canadian television audience and the House of Commons and speaks of those who bring about the downfall of his government.

• (9:40 p.m.)

The Prime Minister speaks of responsibility; he lectures the Canadian people and this parliament on responsibility. All I ask of him is that he face up to his responsibilities. The Prime Minister was given in 1965 a mandate by the Canadian people that would carry him into 1970. For the last two years he has been running away from that responsibility. He speaks of responsibility; he speaks of a united Liberal party; he speaks of what they would do in opposition even with a minority government.

The Minister of Finance stated in the house the other day that the Canadian dollar was on trial, that the government was on trial and that he as Minister of Finance was on trial. I agree completely with that. I call your attention, Mr. Speaker, to the fact that today we have ten ministers present out of 28. At times these people who are on trial this afternoon have found, as the hon. member for Acadia (Mr. Horner) said a few moments ago—and the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. MacEachen) used this expression—too much heat in the kitchen, especially when the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Woolliams) and the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) were speaking. We find only these few ministers present, out of a cabinet of 28, and their attendance in the house has reached as low as two.

I guess the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin) finds too much heat in the kitchen, too. I would like to draw his attention to some predictions he made in 1963. I am not criticizing all the members of this government. I have to give the Secretary of State for External Affairs a pat on the back. He has proved to be quite a prophet, and I commend this statement that he made in 1963: "If we elect a government that does not command a majority, we will spell the disaster of our government". One has to give him full marks for his predictions. He made this statement on March 6, 1963. He might have added "disaster for the Canadian nation". What surprises me is that the famous crystal