

the worst exhibitions before parliament in the last twelve months, of any man who ever entered parliament. The remarks he made here a week ago constitute exhibition No. 1. He lost his head, he became angry and said things that a minister of the crown should not say, and got away with it. Then in connection with the marketing bill we had exhibition No. 2, the most pitiful exhibition on the part of a minister that has ever taken place in parliament. The bill from first to last was a practical impossibility, and if he had anything to do with the drafting of it or cooperated in putting the bill into shape, it simply signified imbecility.

Then let me refer to another exhibition on the part of the minister—to-night he has seen fit to digress, may I do the same. Last year when the redistribution debate was on the minister made one of the most pitiful exhibitions that any minister could make. What did the minister say in this house last year with regard to the riding of Prince Albert? He said that the last redistribution made it impossible for "the people" in the federal constituency of Prince Albert to express their will. I have here the electoral return for the district of Prince Albert, and I have here also the electoral return for the constituency of Melfort. In the latter constituency there were 160 polls.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. McINTOSH: There were 160 polls through which the people could express their opinions, and there were 17,000 votes polled—

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): Order.

Mr. McINTOSH: —out of 22,000 votes.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): The hon. member is going back to the same question which was ruled out of order, and I ask him—

Mr. McINTOSH: No, I did not touch on this question before. You must be dreaming.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): I am suggesting that the hon. member speak to the item under discussion.

Mr. McINTOSH: I did not touch this matter at all to-night. The minister is not objecting, and I will finish it in a moment or two.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): This is out of order, and I so rule.

Mr. McINTOSH: In what way is it out of order?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): It is absolutely out of order; it has nothing to do with the item.

[Mr. McIntosh.]

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The same rules of order should apply to both sides.

Mr. VENIOT: If the minister is allowed to refer to the intelligence or want of intelligence of a member on this side of the house, surely the hon. member on this side has the privilege of replying in kind.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The minister chooses a peculiar way of putting through his estimates, indulging in personal attacks on members on this side of the house. I suggest that the member has every right to reply.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I did not make a personal attack on the hon. member for North Battleford (Mr. McIntosh); I complimented the hon. member on his intelligence.

Some hon. MEMBERS: You did not.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Most decidedly I did.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): The point of order was not raised against the minister.

Mr. VENIOT: It was not raised against the hon. member for North Battleford; you raised it.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): The hon. member for Long Lake (Mr. Cowan) raised it.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): He never rose to his feet and raised a point of order.

Mr. McINTOSH: I think it is only right that when a member is attacked, especially by a minister of the crown in the House of Commons, the member should have the right to reply. I merely want to show how partisan the minister is, that this is the cause of the exhibition he has made of himself in this house on more than one occasion.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. McINTOSH: I think that is very plain language. This was the argument put up by the minister, that the people of Prince Albert were disfranchised, and I was merely saying—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. McINTOSH: —that in the constituency of Melfort—

Mr. COWAN (Long Lake): What has that to do with this item?

Mr. McINTOSH: —out of 22,000 votes 17,000 were polled, or 77 per cent. That was in the riding of which the minister is the representative. What do we find in Prince