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country who respects democratic liberties, he is none other than the Prime Minister, who asks that everyone should express their views frankly and clearly.

Mr. Pigeon: God save the Queen.

Mr. Choquette: Yes, I agree perfectly with the hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm: God save the Queen, also, God save Canada as essentially Canadian and not as colonialist, Mr. Speaker.

Now, here is what I want to say concerning the St. Sylvestre's radar station that has been closed—

Mr. Grégoire: And also the one in Parent.

Mr. Choquette:—following the decision of the Department of National Defence. Consequently—

Mr. Grégoire: Do not forget the radar station in Parent.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, would you, please, call to order the hon. member for Lapointe who always makes futile and unfruitful remarks which lead nowhere. I should like to make myself heard in a peaceful atmosphere.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I just want to remind the hon. member for Lotbinière that it is also proposed to close the radar station in Parent—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. If the hon. member for Lotbinière wants to go on with his remarks I would suggest him to make them right away, because he has only seven minutes left.

An hon. Member: Long live the Queen.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I see there are strong partisans of Her Majesty the Queen in the house.

The radar station of St. Sylvestre, as in the case of other stations in the country—

Mr. Grégoire: Now what.

Mr. Choquette:—following a decision made by the Department of National Defence, will be closed presently.

That radar station in Lotbinière county no doubt revitalized local economy and favoured local prosperity. And now, after ten years of a relative prosperity resulting from the establishment of that radar station which had attracted many outsiders to settle down in St. Sylvestre thus contributing to the local economy, pursuant to a warranted decision, I will admit, because military expenditures have to be cut down, the local economy of St. Sylvestre will be greatly affected—

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the hon. member a question.

Mr. Choquette:—I feel it is my duty to intervene on behalf of my constituents to ask the Minister of Industry—

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, may I now put a question to the hon. member for Lotbinière?

Mr. Lambert: Let him come to the point.

Mr. Choquette: I would ask the Minister of Industry whether he has a special policy to announce concerning the people of those localities which had benefited tremendously from the radar stations installed there.

In our election platform, as well as during the election campaign, we strongly advocated the industrialization of rural areas both in Quebec and in Canada as a whole—

Mr. Fisher: And Ontario too.

Mr. Choquette:—and particularly the province of Quebec. We must industrialize them.

As a representative of a rural constituency, I am in a position to see the crying need to restore our agriculture and to stimulate the economy of our rural areas.

Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I ask—

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the hon. member for Lotbinière—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Lotbinière has the floor and he should not be interrupted.

Mr. Choquette:—consequently, Mr. Speaker, I believe that if we have a Department of Industry that has actually been set up by this government, and for which it deserves warm congratulations, and if it is in a position, as I am sure it is, on account of the ability and great experience of the man who is heading it I think that the federal Department of Industry—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but the time allotted to him is now up.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I do not think that I spoke seven minutes, because I was constantly interrupted—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret, but the time allotted to the hon. member is now up.

Mr. Choquette: I wonder whether, with the unanimous consent of the house, I could proceed with my remarks for two minutes.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to allow the hon. member for Lotbinière to go on heaping praise on the Minister of Industry, because he deserves it. We agree, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pigeon: On condition that the hon. member for Lotbinière will allow me a question.

Mr. Grégoire: No, no questions allowed.