

Senator Olson, you forgot to say something, go ahead!

• (2010)

[*English*]

Senator Olson: You have that all wrong! He is distorting the facts again. I cannot stand that!

Senator Frith: They cannot help it. Forgive them. They know not what they do.

[*Translation*]

Senator Simard: I've taken a resolution, one which I invite you to take and not to forget: we must continue to denounce, to unmask, to recount the past actions of Jean Chrétien, Wells and company.

You can be sure that New-Brunswick will not forget. We are solemnly pledging, tonight, to make sure that you don't rewrite history as you see it.

Mr. Chrétien said that he was the chosen guy. I wish to end my remarks on that note. I should be through in about three or four minutes.

He said he wanted to work with Mr. Bourassa. He said so last Saturday night. Right from the start he insulted him. He said that Mr. Bourassa had been shafted by the other premiers. Therefore, we don't trust his ability to negotiate with Mr. Bourassa.

First he insulted him, and then he said: well, I can work with him.

He said that he wanted a strong Canada, in his own way. We know what it means for the Liberal Party to have a "strong Canada"; one modelled according to the vision of Trudeau! And yet he said he could work with Mr. Bourassa.

Mr. Bourassa said that federalism won't ever be the same. We would have some kind of superstructure where every region would be more independent, etc. Mr. Chrétien said he understood all that and he announced that he would proceed accordingly. His logic was had to follow, I'm sure you'll agree.

Mr. Chrétien also said that he could unite his party. He was confident of that. Of Mr. Rocheleau and Mr. Lapierre, he said good riddance, they weren't happy anyway, there was nothing left to do, they were "poor losers".

He will be the one to unify his party and this country.

As I was saying a moment ago, let's not take the chance: let's enshrine Bill 88.

Time goes fast and the next elections will soon come up. I know that for a fact since I have been involved in at least four elections at the provincial level and, if I remember correctly, we were some fifteen points behind in the public polls. The opposition party was fifteen points ahead of us but we won the elections. Yes, Senator Hébert, we were trailing fifteen points according to the polls. The Liberal party was ahead of us more or less like it is nowadays when the election was called. But

during the campaign, it wasted its lead and we were re-elected four times.

All this to say that we have a sympathetic government which seems to have the support of the Quebec population. Once the goods and services tax is passed, once all the benefits of the free trade are fully appreciated and Bills C-21 and C-28 are passed—

Senator Hébert: It will take a long while, Senator Simard.

Senator Simard: It will be a long while for the opposition, Senator Hébert. A long while for the Liberals. But one can never tell with elections.

Senator Flynn: He already finds the time quite long.

Senator Simard: That is why we will make sure that Mr. Chrétien is going to make the news regularly since we will have denounced him from one province and from one region to the next one since we will be reminding the population that it was Mr. Mulroney who really worked for the country, sometimes in very delicate situations. That is to say that the next election could go either way. But it seems to me that even Mr. Chrétien agrees with me. He said the following to Mr. Mulroney:

[*English*]

"You should consider your future," and in the same breath he says, "Don't quit on me. I want to fight you." He says, "Oh, yes, I want to fight you. I am the fellow to lead Canada, yet I don't know if I am going to run in a by-election."

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There might be an election tomorrow or in the next two or three years. I would not want to leave the future, the protection, and the promotion of Acadians in the hands of Jean Chrétien and the Liberal Party of Canada. That is why I am pressing upon Senator Murray to do all that is within his power to make sure that this thing is done swiftly and correctly.

[*Translation*]

I am also, sorry I missed this meeting with history. Contrary to what we are being told, I believe there is a crisis in Canada. If we can trust what he said, Mr. Chrétien told us that Canada is in a terrible situation, even though the Expos and the Blue Jays are ahead. It is his way of distorting and underestimating the seriousness of the situation. For him, it is a joke. The Expos and the Blue Jays are ahead. The situation is difficult, but we will deal with it later. Today, Liberal senators are telling us that there is no problem. Meech Lake is dead. It is settled. On the other hand, they spend an hour and a half questioning Senator Murray.

Senator Flynn: And they discussed for an hour whether or not to talk about it.

Senator Simard: The Meech Lake Accord is dead, probably dead and buried. The positive attitude demonstrated by the eight premiers and their retinue, by the party led by Prime