

der," or whatever. We believe in the principle that you control and dominate and finance and run a political party from the community, from individual memberships and individual participants. We raise our moneys in Skeena from the contributions of individuals in addition to the membership fees to the party. All of this is tabled. All of it is public information and I have it with me now. If the hon. member for Mississauga wants it, I will gladly get it for him and table it in the House. That is how we obtain our money, purely within the constituency from individual contributions and by running raffles, dances and social events. Lots of people do this. We do not print it and we do not phone IT & T, IBM or any of the others.

Mr. Stackhouse: What about the UAW?

Mr. Howard: My hon. friend indicated UAW. I guess this is a question—do we phone up UAW? I do not even know who UAW is.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but he is not addressing the Chair and I do not know of any rule that he should answer a question that is not officially asked in the House by an hon. member. I should like him to address the Chair.

Mr. Howard: I apologize for that, Mr. Speaker. It was a transgression on my part. I should like to indicate that if anybody wants to get recognized in a formal way and ask questions, I will be very pleased to answer them.

An hon. Member: Next week, too?

Mr. Howard: Certainly next week. In fact, I may have the answers next week. I do not have all the answers right now. Mr. Speaker, that is why we have difficulty in raising money. A few years ago in my constituency I looked at the returns the other candidates had filed. I am sure they looked at mine, and that is all right. I looked at the return filed by the Liberal Party and the return for that campaign within the constituency run by the Liberal Party, and the Liberal candidate showed an expenditure of \$5,000-odd. It showed one contribution exactly equal to the expenditures, and the source of that contribution was the Liberal Federation of Canada. I know that the Liberal Party raised money in Skeena in the election campaign, but I do not know where it went. I also know that a lot of Liberal Party members in that riding would like to know because the Liberal Federation of Canada paid the whole shot.

The Conservative Party received contributions some years ago, too. The Conservative candidate in the riding listed his source of campaign funds and one was a contribution of \$2,000 or \$4,000 from one Frederick Field, and accountant in Vancouver. When the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) was Prime Minister and had some authority for appointments, lo and behold, shortly after the election this Frederick Field was made a member of the board of the Bank of Canada and the Industrial Development Bank. We raised the question and Mr. Field said, and I gather quite rightly, "Good heavens; I thought I got here on merit and not by any contribution". It turned out that Frederick Field was simply the treasurer of the Conservative Party in British Columbia at that time. The Conservative candidate had made an error and

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instead of listing the Conservative Association, or whatever it was, he listed Frederick Field because that was who signed the cheque. It really did not come from Frederick Field at all, but from some unknown source.

We have to seriously face the question of whether we are really concerned about continuing to think that the more money we spend, to more we will be able to influence voters. To continue in that direction, I submit, tends to demean us as individuals, tends to demean political parties and tends to place them in the same class as mouthwash and toothpaste companies. Instead of being the Progressive Conservative Party, it might be Proctor-Gamble next time, or whoever makes those sorts of things. That will be the name that will appear by mistake. The advertising agency, instead of saying "Vote Progressive Conservative" will be saying "Vote Proctor-Gamble". It will not make much difference to the advertising agency which advertises the idea.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but it is ten o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*Translation*]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

[*English*]

POST OFFICE—TIME TAKEN FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER MAILED IN REGINA TO REACH MISSISSAUGA—REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga): Mr. Speaker, on December 6 I asked the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) if he knew where Mississauga was and how it could conceivably take five days for a letter send special delivery and express, with a 40-cent stamp on it, to come from Regina, Saskatchewan, to Mississauga. There is at least one direct flight per day by Air Canada from Regina to Mississauga. On November 21 a Mrs. Stutt went into the Regina head office of the post office of this government in Regina, Saskatchewan, and deposited with the postmaster's clerk there a letter marked "Special Delivery" and "Express" containing four Grey Cup tickets. Five days later, one day after the Grey Cup had been played at Toronto, that special delivery, express letter was delivered by the postmaster's servant to my constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robb in Mississauga.

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In answering that question, the postmaster said he was going to spend a lot of money on the Gateway post office in Mississauga: that was the only answer he had. Sir, citizens of this country, relying on the monopoly system of postal delivery, supposedly guaranteed, having spent 40 cents, not 8 cents, on a special delivery express letter,