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been elected member for Dollard, could very well, following representations made by various Liberal associations, propose the creation of such an agency in the resolutions of its platform to be worked out at the coming January convention. If the national Liberal convention approves such a resolution, I am convinced that, as in the past, the Liberal party will fulfil its promises completely and not only in part as the Progressive Conservative government did in connection with the excise tax on automobiles.

The present Progressive Conservative government does not fulfil its promises. It merely indulges in window dressing and this reminds me of a report which appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* of Tuesday, December 3, 1957, which was signed by Mr. Stewart Alsop and read as follows:

(Text):

But there are, essentially, two kinds of politicians. The first kind of politician sees the purpose of politics as getting elected, by promising the voters anything they seem to want, and by using any means at hand to destroy the opposition.

(Translation):

That is precisely what we have at the present time, Mr. Speaker. As regards the second type of politicians, I quote again from the same report:

(Text):

The second kind of politician sees effective government, responsive to the realities of the domestic and world situation, as the best kind of politics in the long run.

(Translation):

Well, Mr. Speaker, it took people 22 years to come to think that the time had come for a change from the Liberal administration. Now the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Low) said the other day in this house that it was probably a change for the worse. Well, the present government has been in power for only six months, but the people of Canada already feel that it is again time for a change. Well, it will not be long before we do have a change, and I can assure the hon. member for Peace River that this time it will be for the better.

Mr. Theogene Ricard (St. Hyacinthe-Bagot): Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to speak to-night.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the hon. member for St. Hyacinthe-Bagot (Mr. Ricard) wish to speak on the same question, that is on the C.B.C.?

Mr. Ricard: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The policy of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has given rise to numerous requests from our people as well as to complaints of all sorts. I want therefore to

[Mr. Rouleau.]

deal with this question and to refute some of the arguments of my hon. friend from Dollard (Mr. Rouleau).

In the speech he has just delivered, he said that 45 per cent of the people were behind the Liberal party while the proportion favouring the Conservative party was but 41 per cent. However, a survey, made only a short time ago, shows that the Conservative party could now count upon 50 per cent of the votes, while the Liberal party has the support of 33 per cent only of our people.

Nothing is so remote from the truth in my opinion, as to assert that the Conservative party, which is now in office, is leading the nation to anarchy and disaster.

Mr. Chevrier: To unemployment!

Mr. Ricard: To hard times. As I have said, the Conservative party has been entrusted with the administration of this nation in a difficult situation; and, again in 1957, the same thing happens. We all realize that the nation is more or less distressed by the deeds of the Liberal party which formed the previous administration. The Conservative party has now been requested to administer the affairs of this country because our Liberal friends have failed to take the necessary steps to save our working and agricultural classes.

Within the next few days, the Conservative government will introduce measures which the house will have to pass. They will be up to—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hon. member must raise a specific grievance. I cannot allow him to discuss general politics.

Mr. Ricard: Then, Mr. Speaker, I will just say that the grievance brought to the attention of the house by the hon. member for Dollard will be corrected very shortly by the Conservative party, because this party knows how to keep up with the people.

(Text):

BASE METALS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF INDUSTRY

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Kootenay East): Mr. Speaker, while I do not intend to speak on pensions, the matter I have in mind is much more important, namely the spectre of unemployment that is hanging over the base metal industry. While it is not related to pensions directly, it certainly is related in one way, in that if we do not have jobs, we do not have pensions. The matter that I have in mind is, in my opinion, of such urgency that it should be discussed this evening.