

Private Bills

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, if proper attention is paid to the wording, one finds that the word "dishonest" was used; I have not said "deshonnête", I said "malhonnête".

Mr. Lambert: It is the same thing.

Mr. Grégoire: It can be seen that the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) does not understand the subtleties of the French language.

Mr. Lambert: Much more than you think.

Mr. Grégoire: It is perhaps the reason why he is still mistaken.

In view of the awkward way this bill has been introduced by the hon. member for Northumberland, I believe it is my duty to go over what she stated in her introductory remarks.

We do not object to this bill, Mr. Speaker. I see in the bill a list of the universities which were mentioned a moment ago; I see the name of Laval University, which is a great institution; there I studied philosophy for a year, under qualified teachers, and I had the opportunity of obtaining a diploma. Besides, I studied for several years in the law faculty. I also obtained my B.A.—even if I attended the Jesuits' college, the B.A. was granted by Laval University.

I see the hon. member for Drummond-Arthabaska (Mr. Pepin). I believe he was once a professor at Laval University.

Mr. Pepin: No.

Mr. Grégoire: No. Not that one; he was not lucky enough to enter such a great university.

Now, I notice also the names of colleges such as Brébeuf—

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Speaker, has not the hon. member for Lapointe just proven what was put forward by the hon. member for Northumberland, that is that the hon. member for Lapointe and his colleague, the hon. member for Villeneuve, were going to resort to all kinds of tactics to preclude the passage of the bill this afternoon? It is precisely what the hon. member for Northumberland asserted.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, something is wrong. He is the fourth member of the Liberal party who has risen to speak on this subject; three Tory members have spoken. I am only the second Créditiste to take the floor, and you say that we are the ones blocking the passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Liberals are a bit off their figuring today.

Besides, I feel I am entitled to speak at least once on a bill to incorporate the association of universities and colleges of Canada.

The hon. member for Northumberland quoted remarks I had made, but then I had figures in support of them. I feel I have the right to repeat them once again since the hon. member left the door open and to correct the impression she wanted to create.

When I say: "It is no longer freedom of speech, it is licence or abuse", 229 speeches had been made and 119 hours had been spent on the same matter. But we have been considering Bill No. S-36 for barely 45 minutes.

That is the reason why I say this bill was introduced in a dishonest way, because a 29 day debate is compared to one which started only 45 minutes ago. This bill was introduced in an incompetent manner, and I do not hesitate to say so.

Mr. Speaker, I was about to say that I could see institutions like Brébeuf college, St. Marie college—I must find out why the Jesuits' college, St. Charles Garnier of Quebec is not in this list for, in my opinion, the rector of this college, Father Larivière, is an extremely competent professor. For a long time he was chairman of the classical colleges in the province of Quebec, of which the Jesuits' college was a member.

This bill is to incorporate the association of universities and colleges, the conference of universities, the foundation of classical colleges. St. Charles Garnier college of Quebec was a member of the foundation of classical colleges, since its director was the able and competent president of the said foundation for several years.

I, therefore, wonder if this is not due to an oversight. But in any event, to make sure no error has been made—

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Miss Jewett: That kind of question can be asked when we go into committee.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: And we intend to ask it when this bill is studied in committee. But first, I wanted to point out this fact, and the hon. member for Northumberland will agree that it was normal and natural, when I saw the list of the colleges, that I should expect to see first, Laval University and St. Charles Garnier college of Quebec. I was pleased to find Laval University, but I must note that—at least at first glance—no classical