

are willing to admit our mistakes, and we have made plenty of them.

**Mr. Hees:** I'll say.

**Mr. Whicher:** My hon. friend from Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Hees) never made any mistakes.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Yewchuk) is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Yewchuk:** I wonder whether the hon. member would permit a question?

**Mr. Whicher:** When I am finished I will be glad to answer questions. Everybody likes the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings, but the fact is that he never made a mistake in his life.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Whicher:** He was in the midst of a mistake when he went skiing in Europe but he was caught by the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker). Some of the members who came here only last month do not remember, but let me remind the House that the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings made many mistakes and he tried to rectify them by going on a skiing holiday in Europe at a certain period of time.

**Mr. Paproski:** Tell us about the trips you took, Ross.

**Mr. Hees:** You will make a mistake in the next election.

**Mr. Whicher:** When it comes to an election, George, you have only half a chance of winning.

**Mr. Hees:** That is grade 3. I must say you have a great memory for your old schoolroom chums.

**Mr. Whicher:** You do not bother me at all, George. I have been insulted by experts, and I really do not regard you as one.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. Let the Chair remind the hon. member that it is customary to refer to other members by their ridings, not by their names. The hon. member for Bruce (Mr. Whicher).

**Mr. Alexander:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Alexander:** It is always a pleasure to listen to my hon. friend when he makes his bi-weekly parade and is given the opportunity to speak in the House, but it would help us a lot if he would just mention once that we are dealing here with vote L12a.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Bruce.

**Mr. Whicher:** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased my hon. friend brought me back to reality when he said we are talking here about a \$350 million vote. I am very pleased to talk about it.

### Supply

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Leblanc) has a point of order.

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, the point raised by my good friend from Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) has very much bearing, I think. But on the other hand, I think that yesterday and today you were very lenient in regard to the relevancy of what was said. I think that Mr. Whicher—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** —who has the floor is in order.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member has a point, but I count on the experience of the hon. member for Bruce to bring us back to the straight and narrow of debate.

**Mr. Whicher:** What is it that we are voting on here tonight?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Bell:** That is a good question.

**Mr. Whicher:** The fact is that we have before us a \$350 million estimate. What is it for? I will be very frank with my hon. friends across the aisle and say that in my belief the Liberal Party over the last two or three years did make mistakes and that we do have too many unemployed.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Whicher:** At every opportunity the members of the government have agreed with that. But they intend to do something about it. By bringing this estimate before the House tonight they have shown that they intend to do something about it. This afternoon I listened to the speech of the hon. member for Don Valley. He is an old constituent of mine who has strayed from the narrow path. Nevertheless, I thought he made a very good speech. My advice to some of my Conservative friends is that they should read it because they will learn something from it. One of the hon. member's criticisms was that there was not enough economic planning in Canada; that we did not—

**Mr. Hees:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Hees) on a point of order.

**Mr. Hees:** I wonder whether the hon. member would be kind enough to bring us up to date on his call for a leadership convention.

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**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. That is not a point of order. I would ask hon. members to give the hon. member for Bruce an opportunity to make his reasoned contribution.

**Mr. Hees:** Tell us about the convention.

**Mr. Whicher:** Mr. Speaker, I was just going to say that if I did call for a convention I would be copying somebody,