

### Supply

You will recall, I am sure, Madam Speaker, some years back the Prime Minister made promises to the Canadian people about patronage and about what he considered to be the moral thing to do with regard to appointments. Those promises were made during the 1984 election campaign. I kept a log of those promises along with the patronage appointments after the election of 1984 and put them in this booklet which was then known as *The Black Paper on Tory Patronage*.

Let me quote the following from the person who today is the Prime Minister. On May 24, 1983 he said:

There'll be jobs for Liberals and NDPs too, after I've been Prime Minister for 15 years and I can't find a living, breathing Tory in the country.

That was from *The Globe and Mail*. It quoted the person who today is the Prime Minister. On July 9, 1984 the same person is quoted as saying:

I commit myself to setting up criteria for quality which will impress the Canadian people.

That was his commitment about patronage. On July 16, 1984 he talked about patronage again and again I am referring to the man who is now Prime Minister. He said:

The method of making appointments could be corrected by dramatic measures—We are going to bring in a brand new dimension to them of objectivity and representation and fairness for all Canadians.

I want to refer to what *The Toronto Sun* said on March 22, 1985 after the original orgy of patronage that all Canadians were subjected to by the Prime Minister. Referring to the Prime Minister he said that he “is a sincere man—from the teeth on out. Take his solemn pledge late in the election campaign when he devastated” the member for Vancouver Quadra “over patronage”. The Prime Minister’s promise to end it all played a major part in his massive victory”.

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The next sentence he uses is unparliamentary. I cannot quote it. He says: “The Prime Minister has been simply shameless in dispensing patronage. Hardly a day passes without news of yet another fresh batch of Tory hacks being rewarded for their partisan inclinations”. That is from *The Toronto Sun* story at the time. Again, the things they say about the Prime Minister in some of the quotes in there I cannot repeat on the floor of the

House because Madam Speaker would not allow them and I do not blame her. They are simply not parliamentary.

I want to talk about the next thing here. It is a story from *La Presse* on November 21, 1984: “The Prime Minister created 10 provincial committees and a national committee to consult cabinet on political nominations. That is after promising that something would be done to make things better; he appointed a committee of Conservatives in each province”.

Let me tell you, Madam Speaker, how one of those committees work. Again, this is from the same story: “The Quebec committee will be presided over by Fernand Roberge, manager of the Ritz Carleton in Montreal and a close friend of the Prime Minister”. Listen, Madam Speaker, to who the members are: “Other members include ministers Roch LaSalle”, the member for Frontenac, “and Marcel Tremblay”, the member for Quebec-Est. “As well, PC party militants Michel Cogger, Jean Bazin, Marc Dorion—all three lawyers— also Mario Beaulieu, a Clark supporter and former Union Nationale member, and Gisèle Morgan sit on the committee. The national committee consists of Norman Atkins, organizer of the big blue Ontario machine and who led the election campaign last summer. Bernard Roy, chief organizer of the Quebec campaign, has since become principal secretary to the Prime Minister. He will also act as chief of staff in the Prime Minister’s Office”.

Those were allegations that were made at the time by *La Presse*.

Madam Speaker, you may think that the Tories were bad and they were. You may think they have reformed their ways. Unfortunately, they have not. Very regrettably, they are still the same.

I want to quote what Stevie Cameron, a well known journalist, said on January 31, 1987: “If the Prime Minister has a single friend who hasn’t been appointed to a board, commission or agency or who hasn’t been awarded the title of Queen’s Counsel or hasn’t been given a fat contract or a Senate appointment, that friend deserves to be annoyed”. That is what she said at the time.

**Mr. Andre:** Wow, Stevie Cameron.