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that would try to smear the whole Conservative party. This is really what is behind all this. I listened to the Prime Minister this morning and I was ashamed. I have always had respect for every Prime Minister of this country, whether Liberal or Conservative, because he has always been from one party or the other.

The Prime Minister today rose in his place and he was annoyed that the opposition dared to stand up. He pointed out that one executive assistant from the Department of Justice now stands charged before the bar of justice in a court room. Because the Conservatives have dared to stand up he now says, "I am going to punish all Privy Councillors accordingly."

That is the Prime Minister's case. That is why the *Globe and Mail* and all national newspapers are critical of the Minister of Justice and of the Prime Minister. In fact, the *Globe and Mail* has gone so far as to demand the Prime Minister's resignation because not only has he lost control of the House of Commons but he has lost the confidence of the people. Therein lies the crux of the whole thing.

What remedies are before the house? The Minister of Justice should do this. What would be wrong in the Minister of Justice naming these people in committee of the whole of the House of Commons? This, Mr. Speaker, is a matter of privilege for members of the House of Commons and for Privy Councillors not connected with the House of Commons or who have not sat in the house. Therein lies the difference. Therein is how we can differentiate this case from the Dorion inquiry.

The Minister of Agriculture must appreciate that difference. I ask him this, and it is a question I wanted to put to him when he was on his feet. I wanted to hear what he had to say because I have always felt he would be fair. Does the Minister of Agriculture believe that every Privy Councillor on this side of the house should appear before that inquiry? Does he believe that, without knowing the people involved, they should come before it as if it were an inquisition and prove their innocence? Is this the kind of justice the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice now recommend? Is this the kind of justice they are recommending, that a judicial inquiry be set up where people are not named and where everybody has to prove his innocence? If that is the new system of justice I say to

[Mr. Woolliams.]

the Minister of Justice that, although he has tried to resign on at least one occasion, he will not have to resign. He will be fired.

Mr. Nielsen: That is his case.

Mr. Woolliams: Because that is what he is asking Canada and the members of parliament to do. He is asking the Privy Councillors to prove their innocence. He is saying: We will not name you. Bring in the whole community. Charge everybody. Everybody will go through the smear and then we will find out what the facts are. He does not want to find out the facts. He wants an inquisition to be imposed on the Conservative Party as a punishment because we dare to raise our voices in the House of Commons and particularly because the hon. member for Yukon dared to raise such serious matters as were dealt with by the Dorion Commission.

That is the punishment and the price the Conservative party must pay for daring to bring before this house a situation so serious as was disclosed in the Dorion report. That is what the Minister of Justice wants. He wants recriminations. He wants reproaches.

Is this the kind of thing I mentioned to him with regard to the Spencer case? Is this the kind of tradition I mentioned with reference to his own family? I have read in the newspapers that he wanted to quit and go back to the practice of law in his community. It would be hard for him to practice the kind of law which obliges persons to prove their innocence or countenances the setting up of an inquisition.

An hon. Member: Robespierre.

Mr. Woolliams: The Minister of Justice is guilty of malicious slander, inside and outside the house, never before equalled by any other Minister of Justice or any other member of the House of Commons.

Mr. Nielsen: That is their charge.

Mr. Woolliams: In a situation such as this let him stand up in the House of Commons and let him name these people. If the lady in question is alive that may put a different aspect on the situation.

Mr. Nielsen: That has been looked into.

Mr. Woolliams: Let the Minister of Justice say who should appear before that commission, who should appear before that judicial inquiry. If not, then the Minister of Justice should consent to be cross-examined by the house in committee of the whole to enable members to find out the facts with