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and all their qualities. We have accepted the hon. member for Lapointe even though we often disagree with him, and I say so with great kindness, because he also can, if need be, prove rather helpful to us, since he is much more familiar than we are with parliamentary procedure. I think of all that and, in conclusion, I see myself as a true Independent.

In spite of that agreement, the member for Lapointe persists in saying that I am a Liberal or an Independent who has sold out to the Liberals. If I followed his trend of thought, I could say that he has sold out to all types of independent ideologies because, from my point of view, there is only one Independent member and, I say it most humbly, it is the member for Trois-Rivières; all the others ran under other tickets, either Independent Conservative, Cr ditiste, separatist. They now claim to be Independents because, ultimately, no one was willing to adopt them.

All this, Mr. Chairman, to say that it seems to me that the C.B.C. could, at least once a year for perhaps five minutes, or let us say ten minutes, invite the Independent members to air their views on national politics, to sort out what is good about the Conservatives, the members of the New Democratic party, of the Social Credit party, the Ralliement Cr ditiste, the Liberals and perhaps even the separatists, and try to make a synthesis, so that Canadian listeners might hear objective opinions; because the only ones left who can laud the ideologies adopted by their colleagues are the ones who bear the obvious label of as categorized a party as that of the Liberals, or the Conservatives, or the the New Democratic party, or the Ralliement Cr ditiste or the Social Credit party.

On the other hand, those who have some sense of solidarity do not say anything to harm their party; nor do they praise it too highly, for fear of being accused of prejudice, because we, French Canadians, are constitutionally modest. But there remains only one true Independent who ran under the independent ticket.

My friend, the member for Lapointe, claims that I am a faithful servant of the Liberal party, but he did not follow me in my last electoral campaign. He does not know that back home I had the courage to tell my constituents that I would not come here to oppose but to co-operate, because there is enough opposition but perhaps not enough co-operation.

[Mr. Mongrain.]

Were the Conservative party in power, I should adopt the same attitude. I would have adopted the same attitude provided, of course the Conservatives had not made the same blunders as the Liberals, and I feel that things are pretty equal.

If I add up parliamentary childish tricks, and errors due to childishness which can be attributed to the Liberals since they have come to power, I admit, Mr. Chairman, that I start to worry. The situation we witnessed this afternoon is another example that strikes me as sadly convincing, that the Liberal party and the Conservative party need to turn a new leaf. That is what I have been saying for two years and a half in this house and I say it again, as a piece of friendly advice which is not necessarily destructive, although it seems to shock some of my friends on the treasury benches.

Mr. Chairman, I am still talking about the C.B.C. and I find it surprising—I see that everyone understands except the hon. member for Lapointe—that in view of its impartiality, at least that was the intention of the legislators and the leader of the Ralliement Cr ditiste summarized it when he said that the C.B.C. should reflect all currents of opinion in Canada, the corporation does not invite once a year, for five or ten minutes, the independent member who might be, for the Canadian people, the voice of the conscience of all those parties which have allegiances to respect and which do so sometimes at the expense of the simple and naked truth.

Mr. Chairman, I was shocked on many occasions. I shall mention one case so that the house will understand what I wish to illustrate, because most hon. members, at least the French-speaking ones, who have seen that program, must have also been shocked.

Time after time, young people of 16, 17, 18 and 19 years of age are invited on the French network. They come and tell us that God does not exist anymore, that religion is nothing but utter nonsense, a sham, whereas I believe that the young people of my province, who speak my language, have an entirely different concept of the religious philosophy which must guide a Canadian who has not lost his senses. I am surprised to see that the C.B.C. does not invite young people from my riding and others who are 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 years old, who are still going to school and who could use their leisure doing things as frivolous as tearing down those eternal truths in