

The Address—Mr. Leduc

campaign. This is what he said on that occasion, as reported by the *Ottawa Journal* for February 27, 1958:

(Text):

This is what the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) had to say on this matter at a meeting in Rimouski, and I am quoting from the *Ottawa Journal* of February 27, 1958:

He said he hopes that an advisory board which will help administer the government's new farm price supports program will consider including farmer-produced pulpwood under the program.

I hope the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Harkness) will include pulpwood in the list of commodities whose prices he proposes to stabilize.

Mr. Harkness: I am always glad to receive the advice of the hon. member.

Mr. Leduc: I have read reports in the newspapers that during the last week of the session of the Ontario legislature an amendment was introduced into the forestry products law to provide that in future pulpwood from farmers and suppliers would no longer be considered in Ontario as a forestry product but as a farm product.

(Translation):

I am therefore asking for a support price that will guarantee to our farmers and settlers a reasonable price for pulpwood.

The main responsibility for having tolerated the exploitation of settlers and farmers by a number of lumbering companies for many years rests with the government of the province of Quebec but I realize that the Union Nationale electoral fund took advantage of that, and as Mr. Duplessis said: "In Quebec, you do not win elections with prayers only". I had proof of that in the last election.

Mr. Lafreniere: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There are in this house 75 members from the province of Quebec and, on several occasions, our hon. friends of the Liberal party have indulged in malicious insinuations against the provincial government. We are not here as representatives of the provincial Liberal party nor of the provincial party of the Union Nationale. We were sent here by the people as their representatives to the federal government and I object to our hon. friends opposite continuing to make unkind insinuations about the government of our province.

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Mr. Chevrier: On the point of order which has just been raised, it has long been the

practice and custom in this house that hon. members be allowed to deal with any subject pertaining to the speech from the throne, and a large degree of latitude has always been allowed by the Chair. This was the case during the course of today's debate; it was done yesterday, and it was done the day before by members on both sides of the house, and surely the hon. member for Gatineau (Mr. Leduc) is entitled to say what he said concerning the government of another province. It seems to me that the hon. member who raised the point of order should not be so sensitive about these things, to the point where one may not discuss them in the house. In my humble opinion, the hon. member for Gatineau should be allowed to continue his remarks.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is, in fact, a definite latitude permitted during the debate on the speech from the throne in consequence of which the hon. members can more or less cover the field. However, it would be appreciated if as far as possible the hon. members would limit themselves to matters under discussion and which appear in the speech from the throne.

(Translation):

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I too wish to raise a point of order...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would ask the hon. members to be kind enough to let the hon. member for Gatineau finish his remarks.

Mr. Leduc: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The problem I was dealing with is a commercial matter and, in the speech from the throne, it is said that the government will do its best to improve trade, not only with the United States but with all the countries of the world.

If my hon. friends from Quebec claim that what is said concerning the report of the investigation made under the Combines Investigation Act is wrong, let them prove it. Let them prove, if they can do so through their speeches in this house and in the province of Quebec, let them prove to the settlers and farmers that they have not been exploited by the paper companies in that province.

Mr. O'Hurley: You were in power at the time.

Mr. Leduc: Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude these remarks by putting forward a suggestion for the government's consideration. This would be a long term project for the