

The Address—Mr. Pronovost

last when the Liberal candidate finished third, behind the socialist candidate.

In a by-election held in my riding barely two years ago, Mr. Speaker, the Liberal candidate got 65 percent of the vote. In two years, the Liberal Party in my riding, a so-called Liberal stronghold has fallen to 19 percent. And the next time, Mr. Speaker, he will lose his deposit!

The environment was a major issue during the election campaign. It was therefore comforting to see the Leader of the Opposition (M. Turner), contrary to the New Democrats for whom Québec does not exist as far as pollution is concerned and who remained silent, rise in this House and, although he was a bit mixed up, pronounced for the first time in his life the name of the city of Shawinigan. He has been haunted by the city of

Shawinigan for the past four years! He nevertheless rose to ask a question about pollution in the Saint-Maurice River. However, the Leader of the Opposition does not know, Mr. Speaker, that the Saint-Maurice river is under provincial jurisdiction, that Consolidated Bathurst is a provincially chartered corporation. But the fact remains that, although this matter comes under provincial jurisdiction, the Minister of the Environment has looked into the problem, into the whole issue.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 3 p.m. this House stands adjourned until Monday at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 2.56 p.m.