

in this country, those who criticize in opposition without offering any effective solution. If those hon. members who are here now were in the house the other day when the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill) spoke and put on record in *Hansard* the speech made by the Minister of Finance himself when he was in opposition, I would ask them this question: How could anybody have made the kind of statement which the Minister of Finance made then when the unemployment situation in Canada was a fraction of what it is at the present time? Moreover, the language used by the Minister of Finance at that time was far worse than that used by anyone sitting on this side of the house.

I have not time in which to deal with this matter more extensively but I do want to add one word with reference to this phrase in which the Prime Minister says we exaggerate and criticize in opposition. The Prime Minister or those who sit on the other side of the house must not have been listening—I will not say they must have been asleep—when the hon. member for Essex East (Mr. Martin) and myself and so many others made submissions to the government which the Minister of Labour said he was going to study—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I am sorry to interrupt the hon. gentleman but his time has expired.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Did Your Honour take the interruption into account?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I took into account the agreement of the house and I have given the hon. member an extra three minutes. However, if the house is prepared to give unanimous leave for the hon. member to continue—

Very well, I recognize the Associate Minister of National Defence.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I rise on a point of order. I understand from the Chair that the figures which I asked permission to table have not been accepted; they have been returned to me. I was under the impression that those figures had been accepted.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** The house agreed.

**An hon. Member:** No.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I understood that the house agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** There must be a misunderstanding. I understood that there was not unanimous consent. I will ask again whether there is unanimous consent and if there is I have no objection to the figures being put on record.

**Mr. Chevrier:** On the point of order, it is a common practice in this house to give a member of parliament the right to put on record in *Hansard* tables of this nature, particularly when they are taken from government sources.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** To my mind, it is not so much a question of practice. The idea is that no document may be printed in *Hansard* unless unanimous consent is given by the house. Unless the house is prepared to say that there was unanimous consent, the Chair must consider that there was not.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** That is a most fatuous statement.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** What I sought to convey was that there is no objection to the printing of this table or any table when it contains figures drawn from Canadian government sources but I understand that the hon. member was seeking to add to his submission a series of figures drawn from the United States, it may be from an official publication—I think he indicated it may even be an official publication of the United States government. What I wish to draw to the attention of the house at this time was that the basis of comparison is not included in the scope of the tables. If the hon. gentleman chooses to put on record figures drawn from these United States sources and he is prepared to stand behind them, however, I think that the house would agree to give consent to those figures being printed, but this is not an agreement that these are figures which are capable of comparison.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I think the only problem the Chair has to decide is whether the table can be printed, because the hon. member was, of course, allowed to recite the table and put it on record in *Hansard*, accepting the figures as coming from a reliable source as far as he was concerned. The question was whether there was unanimous consent to their being printed at that particular point in the hon. gentleman's speech. If the house is prepared to say there was such unanimous consent that will be right now.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I think the house would not withhold unanimous consent to a request made by the hon. member, with the proviso I have mentioned about the basis of comparison.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The question is not whether there is a reservation as to the content of the table but whether there is a unanimous consent to having the table printed. That is the only point.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I am sure that the house will give unanimous consent.