

through Trans-Canada's pipe line. I believe it is my duty as a Canadian to rise on this occasion because I have no axe to grind in any way whatsoever.

**An hon. Member:** You made a good messenger boy for the last day or two.

**An hon. Member:** What about that political axe?

**Mr. MacDougall:** I think I have been quiet when some of the opposition members have spoken but, as far as I personally am concerned, I do not care if they howl their heads off. They can call me all the trained seals they like, stool pigeons, and what have you, and it makes no difference whatsoever to me. I have listened for a long time to certain members of the opposition party—not all—crying blue ruin and damning the government because of the fact that the government attempts to run parliament. I am welcoming this action by the government in finally taking the bit in its teeth and determining to run parliament.

**Mr. Harkness:** You mean "run over parliament."

**Mr. Garson:** There is a witticism for you.

**Mr. MacDougall:** I have heard some good speeches from some members in the opposition, but I listened to a magnificent speech from the gas expert for the Tory party. I never thought I would see the day however when my learned friend from Vancouver-Quadra would get up and attempt to prevent free speech in the House of Commons.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh!

**The Chairman:** Perhaps I may be allowed to say a word. The hon. member will realize that again this evening we shall see opportunities to interfere with an hon. member's speech if the debate should get out of hand, and I feel I should rise immediately to ask him to co-operate with me by revising those words he has just uttered with regard to the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra, who is not in the house tonight.

**An hon. Member:** Yes, he is.

**Mr. Green:** Mr. Chairman, you were not in the chair this afternoon when this incident arose. I pointed out to the chairman at that time that he had the name of the hon. member for York-Humber as our next speaker on the list, and he finally admitted that the hon. member for Calgary South was being put on in place of a Liberal member.

**The Chairman:** I do not think I should allow a repetition of an occurrence which took place this afternoon. As soon as the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard uttered

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words which I thought would be objectionable under our rules, and not seeing the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra in the house, I immediately rose to my feet with the intention of asking the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard to withdraw those words. I am sure he will be happy to do so.

**Mr. MacDougall:** Mr. Chairman, what words do you wish me to withdraw?

**The Chairman:** I must ask the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard to withdraw the words that another member attempted to prevent free speech in this house.

**Mr. MacDougall:** I am very glad to comply, because the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra and I have been friends for a long time. I do not think that there is any invidious meaning. I said that I never thought that a Tory member would do anything like that.

**An hon. Member:** Withdraw.

**Mr. MacDougall:** I withdraw.

**The Chairman:** I do not think any member could ever have received a more spontaneous withdrawal.

**Mr. MacDougall:** The hon. gentlemen on my left would prefer that I crawl back into my hole, but I am not prepared at this time to do that.

**Mr. Harkness:** Your party has just withdrawn free speech from the whole parliament.

**Mr. MacDougall:** May I be allowed to go on?

**An hon. Member:** Go on.

**An hon. Member:** Have you anything to say?

**Mr. MacDougall:** More than my hon. friends to the rear. Prior to the introduction of this resolution that is now before the house, I have witnessed possibly some of the most absurd attacks upon our Prime Minister and two or three of our ministers that I have ever heard in the years I have been here.

**Mr. Ellis:** Why does he not answer for himself?

**Mr. MacDougall:** As far as I am concerned, I am 100 per cent in favour of the closure that was invoked by the administration. Now, if I am not completely drowned out by the magpies around me, I would like—

**An hon. Member:** Withdraw.

**Mr. MacDougall:**—to point out a few salient facts with respect to the addresses that have been delivered by my good friends, the Leader of the Opposition and the leader of the C.C.F. group, the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar.