

leader of the Progressive party (Mr. Forke) does not quite fill the bill. But what about the golden Apollo who comes from the West—Calgary (Mr. Shaw)?—or a dozen others? But I am quite satisfied with the Progressive leader; he is good enough for the part of Lochinvar if he does the right trick. Here is where the drama begins.

"There are maidens in Scotland more lovely by far,
That would gladly be bride to the young Lochinvar."

Who are they? Is it my right hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Meighen) or the ex-Minister of Finance (Sir Henry Drayton)? My advice to them is that Lochinvar is not through with his adventures; he may not go on the rampage, but he may go looking for a charmer. If I were the leader of the opposition I would be as chaste and as attractive as Diana, and I would wear a gown, not of the cut now in fashion, but of a discreet length. Then he would be able to do as Tennyson makes the Yorkshire farmer advise his son:

Doänt thou marry for munny, but goä wheer munny
is!

And if the right hon. gentleman should get in the way of Lochinvar the next time he comes around, we do not know what would happen. Then who is the fair Ellen? The fair lady sits over there—the Prime Minister! And the elopement? It took place when young Lochinvar from the West ran away with the Prime Minister of Canada! And between them they arranged the fiscal policy which is now before the House. Then I told my friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. La-pointe) that he was in the romance, but in another way. I was down in Quebec not long ago and I went to Wolfe's Cove where I used to go in the old days down with the rafts to Quebec. There I saw an old friend of mine, and I said to him, "How about the new Minister of Justice?" "Oh," he said, "Maclean, he good man, he bon garçon." I said, "In what way?" He said, "Well, he was over in the Old Country; he went to see King George and then he went to see the pope. The pope asked him how Mr. Hocken was getting on in Toronto and whether Tommy Church still played the kazoo in the People's band." Then I said, "Now, what about the minister?" "Oh," he said, "He is big man. He came back from that trip to England, he came to Quebec and said to me, 'You ride a horse?' and I said, 'Yes.' He said 'Then you come with me.' So we went right out to the West, up to Saskatoon or some place. The minister got a list of all the members of the Progressive party. We got on a couple of cow ponies

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and we rode out and rounded up all the members of the Farmers' party; we got the ropes on them, brought them into camp, and delivered them to the Liberal party." Now, my hon. friend the Minister of Justice did not say that; it was said by this friend of his, who had a great admiration for the minister's political abilities; he pointed out that the Minister of Justice had rounded up the Progressives. Personally I do not think he did that, but a great many people in Quebec give him the credit for it. The real thing was that the Lochinvars of the Progressive party eloped with the Liberal party and the leader of the Liberal party, and a marriage took place.

Now, what about the morals of it? To my mind there was nothing immoral in it, but the Prime Minister should have admitted the whole case frankly. He had been an observer like I was, and I observed this wonderful change in our political institutions, a change that has occurred not only in Britain but here and in the United States, namely, the substitution of the group system for the two-party system. He cannot get away from that; it is the predominating feature in politics today. In England a minority is in power; the same is true here, as it was in Ontario before the change, and even yet there are three or four groups in that province. I believe that when the election comes in British Columbia in a few days you will see the group system come out there too. It is just a question of the signs of the times, and if you are in politics and you are not guided by that fact I do not know where you are going to land. It is all very well to denounce the group system, but it is here and the proof of it is in the story that I have told you. My friend the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Motherwell), the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Stewart) and some other gentlemen get up and say to the House "We did not run away with the girl; she was always of our kind, of our tribe." Well, if that is so, if the two parties are the one party and the policies are the same, why all the rough riding that we see in this House? The member for St. Lawrence-St. George (Mr. Marler) is rough riding; the Eulers are out; the McCreas are out; the Raymonds are out; the Elliots were out last night, and I do not know how many more. If the two parties were the same, you would not see all this rough riding, but there you have it. It is my one criticism of the Prime Minister that he should have frankly and freely come out and said: "I recognize the revolution that has occurred in parliamentary institutions and I am going to do what Ramsay Mac-