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flock of sheep by telling its members: You will all think the same way; if you refuse, you will no longer be allowed to sit on committees, you will be deprived of your lollipop, what happens then is exactly what the Minister of Justice pointed out in his article, and I quote:

But what we did not realize clearly enough is the degree of intellectual decay where that is finally leading us. But now Mr. Pearson and the Liberal party are opening our eyes suddenly.

That was the Minister of Justice talking about the Liberal party, two years before becoming a member of that party of "decay", that party which he called antidemocratic.

They want nobody to depart from the party line, or else, out. The Minister of Justice was condemning this partisanship which prevents an individual from thinking for himself.

Because the hon. member for York-Humber voted against taxes, he is thrown out. They do not want him to have his own ideas, and now, they want to keep him from sitting on committees.

Here is how the Minister of Justice condemned this situation, and I quote:

Thus, the political philosophy of the Liberal party is very simple—

I would like Liberals to listen carefully to what the Minister of Justice thinks of the political philosophy of the Liberal party!

Say anything, think anything; or, better still, do not think at all; but bring us into power for we can provide the best government.

Therefore, if you are a Liberal, think anything you want or, better still, do not think at all. That is what the hon. Minister of Justice says. I will end by saying, of the Liberals, that they are:

All lousy, by God!

"All lousy" that is what the hon. Minister of Justice says of the Liberals, Mr. Speaker. When one of them asserts himself, as did the hon. member for York-Humber, he is thrown out. One would think the Liberal party only likes lousy members, as the hon. Minister of Justice called them. Mr. Speaker, you are an exception. I know that you have been a member of the Liberal party. I make an exception for you.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Grégoire: The others, Mr. Speaker, as the hon. Minister of Justice said quite rightly, are "all lousy". If one of them protests, as did the hon. member for York-Humber, it does not work.

[Mr. Grégoire.]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say this: they are trying to prevent us, the independent members, from sitting on committees. I would rather not have the lollipops and sweets offered by the Liberal party and keep my freedom. I am far from holding the same political views as the hon. member for York-Humber. We disagree about almost everything. We do not have the same political ideology. We do not think the same way, but at least I respect a man who refuses to be one of the sheep in the flock, a man who, even if he does not think the way I do, has his own opinions. We are among those who would rather be free than belong, as the hon. Minister of Justice said, to an "aboulitic Liberal flock".

Mr. Speaker, I would say to the hon. member for York-Humber that it is better for him to be free than to belong to what the Minister of Justice calls a flock of sheep or a bunch of lousy people.

As for the Liberals, they now know what the Minister of Justice thinks about them and I was not the one who said so.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows that according to a rule of the standing orders, there can be no repetition and I think that if he reads over his speech to-morrow, he will realize that he has repeated too often the same words and the same arguments.

Mr. Grégoire: Please do believe, Mr. Speaker that the Minister of Justice made that reference several times in his article. He mentioned seven or eight times—more often than myself—that the Liberals were sheep.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member seems to have completed his argument; I therefore invite him to bring his speech to a close.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I am willing to come to an agreement with you. Instead of continuing my remarks, I shall ask the authorization to publish as an appendix to *Hansard* the text of the article of the hon. Minister of Justice, and then I shall resume my seat.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Grégoire: Naturally, Mr. Speaker, the unanimous consent of the house is required.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows that the document could only be