

Even if there were some doubt or at least some discussion—which I do not admit, however—as to whether agreements with the provinces violate the autonomy of the provinces, even if it could be held that the power to collect its own taxes is independent from the power of legislating and, in other words, that the power of legislating is divorced from that of levying the necessary funds to administer the legislation enacted; even if it can be held that grants from the central government to universities do not interfere with education, which comes under the sole jurisdiction of the provincial government, one thing is certain, that is that in enabling the provinces to use their taxation right, without penalizing the taxpayers, we shall put an end to the dispute, preserve autonomy and do justice to everyone.

Before concluding my remarks, Mr. Speaker, I wish to sum up by saying that we must not forget that there are things which cannot be sold and which a government should not try to buy.

There are 3,000,000 French-speaking Canadians in the province of Quebec. The province has her own history, traditions, customs, tongue and faith, which set her apart in our confederation.

#### *Income Tax—Deduction of Quebec Tax*

The province of Quebec, if I may say so, would like to preserve its personality, while continuing to maintain cordial relations with the rest of the country and to respect the absolute rights of the minorities within its own borders.

The province of Quebec is asking for no favour, but it would like to be treated fairly. I cherish the hope that the present government will do it justice.

(Text):

On motion of Mr. Blackmore the debate was adjourned.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Harris:** Mr. Speaker, we shall continue this debate tomorrow and if the motion to go into supply is carried we will take the departments of mines and technical surveys and transport. I understand it is the desire of hon. members, perhaps not all, to have the motion disposed of tomorrow so that we can proceed on Thursday with the motion I mentioned preparatory to the debate on external affairs.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.