

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): Very well. The article reads:

The supper diet recommended as adequate for Canadian workers by Dr. L. B. Pett, chief of the nutrition division of the federal department of health and welfare, is not considered good enough for the Prime Minister of Canada.

At the recent dinner meeting of the National Liberal Federation advisory committee at which Mr. King made his famous "resign" speech, and at which Minister of Health, Paul Martin also spoke—

An hon. MEMBER: That is just a newspaper story.

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): To continue:

—the menu was as follows:

Supreme of fruit; consomme fermier, roast native turkey—

I do not know whether they imported them.

An hon. MEMBER: Is that at eighteen cents a pound?

An hon. MEMBER: C.C.F. turkey.

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): I continue:

—cranberry sauce; green peas, au gratin potatoes; arctic roll, strawberry sauce.

An hon. MEMBER: Applesauce would be better.

Mr. KNOWLES: Did they have butter or oleomargarine?

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): To continue:

All this for \$2 per plate. Nothing lavish. Just a good meal. But here is what Mr. King's government recommends for a Canadian workingman's supper in these high price days—

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I would point out to the hon. member that his time is exhausted.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Go ahead.

Mr. POULIOT: Let him come to the toothpicks.

Mr. IRVINE: Let him finish one sentence, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. I am not so sure the hon. member is in order reading a newspaper article.

An hon. MEMBER: It is just a menu.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I suggest that a meal is always in order.

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): Just a moment; here is the rest of the article, with the other menu:

Creamed Green Peas on Toast
Orange Custard Pudding
Milk (Children only)

Wonder whatever happened to Marie (Let-me-eat-ke) Antoinette?

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Mr. JEAN FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Temiscouata): Mr. Speaker, I have heard much about control and decontrol, inflation and deflation; and I am very sorry, but I have no newspaper articles or speeches from which to quote this evening. I listened carefully to the previous speaker, and I am sure I shall be fair to him if I summarize his remarks by saying that he is in favour of the imposition of controls. I am sure that is a fair conclusion to draw from what he had to say.

I am not at all interested in what has been said or written about this matter. I try to visualize what would have been done if any other party had been in power. What, at the present time, is the policy of the Progressive Conservative party, the official opposition?

Mr. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): Better tell them; they don't know.

Mr. GRANT: Miscellaneous.

Mr. POULIOT: I take this very seriously, for I have high regard for my colleagues who belong to that party, as well as for all my colleagues in this house. Apparently the official opposition are against controls. They have denounced them. They have said the policy of controls is wrong. So what is the difference between the views of the opposition and the policy of this government? There is none at all, and I cannot understand why any members of the official opposition should criticize the government for the policy that has been adopted because, if they had been in power, they would have done exactly the same. That is what their party did during the first war, when Mr. Hanna was controller of food. He was unsuccessful; but control had been imposed by the Borden or unionist government. Therefore there is no difference between the main policies of the official opposition and the policies of this government.

That is one point. I now go to the Social Credit group. If they had been in power the policy probably would have been that which this government has adopted. I took the trouble to inquire about it; I want to be fair to them, as I try to be fair to my friends of the Progressive Conservative party. I was told they were not opposed to controls, provided that they were not imposed by force. I wonder if I summarize correctly the main view of that group.

Apparently there is only one opposition group in the house with a policy different from that of the government. That is the C.C.F. group. They are for controls; it is unmistakable. That is an honourable opinion, as all opinions sincerely expressed are honourable, but I truly believe they are wrong and I shall