

Mr. VALLANCE: Then, why not call him to order, too? Because he happens to sit on the front benches opposite, with apologies to you, Mr. Speaker. In the South Battleford election I gained 380 votes, but the farmers of that constituency, because of the promises the government gave them, slipped two thousand votes to the Conservative candidate. I do not think I can add anything more. I think we were justified in the action we took on Saturday night.

Mr. FRANK BOYES (East Middlesex): I just wish to make a few remarks in reply to the two hon. gentlemen who have just spoken. I have been more than amazed at the way in which these two hon. members in the past and to-day have gone into the records of their ridings and represented conditions in the west. I come from the province of Ontario, representing the riding of East Middlesex, and I am sure that I would not like to be one of those who would get up in this house and decry the province of Ontario as these two hon. gentlemen have been decrying the west. Further, it is a surprise to me that these two hon. members, who have been members of the former government for a number of years should make such extreme statements at the present time. Why did they not look after some of these things in years past when they had the opportunity? I do not wish to take up the time of the house. I will just say in conclusion that I believe this to be a fact, that these two hon. members did hold up the house on Saturday night. There is no doubt about that. On this side of the house the west is ably represented. We have the right hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) who, as all hon. gentlemen know, is as well acquainted with western conditions as anybody in this house. We have also the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Weir). Does he not know conditions in the west as well as the two hon. members who have just spoken? I am convinced that he knows them much better, and he is giving us an administration which is very satisfactory to us. In Ontario we are not questioning where ministers come from, but my hon. friends opposite, if the minister had come from Ontario, would have complained. We are making no complaints. We are convinced that the Minister of Agriculture will do fairly by this country, no matter where he comes from. I believe that the people of this country generally, as well as the people of the west, are more and more convinced as time goes on that this government is doing the right and proper thing and I believe that the two hon. gentlemen opposite, who have been holding up this house

as they have been doing for several days past, involving additional expense to the country, will have to account for it to their electors when the next election comes. I believe that they will be held to account, and that their electors will return supporters of the government now in power.

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Mr. E. R. E. CHEVRIER (Ottawa): Before you leave the chair, Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring up one matter. I am sorry the hon. Secretary of State (Mr. Cahan) is not in his seat. I am not saying that in any unkindly spirit; he may be busily engaged otherwise. Perhaps after I have made my remarks, which will take only a few minutes, the Prime Minister may enlighten me and indicate what action will be taken in respect to what I have to say.

I have here a return brought down by the Secretary of State just a few days ago. It is with reference to some eighteen questions that I asked about the Berne convention. I shall not deal with all the questions, though the replies to most of them are unsatisfactory, but only with this one. I asked the names of the various countries that now adhere to the Berne convention, and for this reason: Under the amendment to the act which was recently passed, article 1 says:

The countries to which the present convention applies are constituted into a union for the protection of the rights of authors over their literary and artistic works.

Throughout the convention the articles refer to the countries of the union, and I asked the Secretary of State whether the names of the said countries would appear in the preamble of the schedule, because otherwise the whole law means nothing. His answer was no, that the names of the adhering countries will not appear in the preamble, but that they may be obtained by asking the office of the International Union for the information. That is a sorry state of affairs. If anybody wants to know to what countries the present Canadian copyright law applies, so far as the Berne convention and the schedule to the act is concerned, there is no authoritative source to which one may go to find out what those countries are. The Secretary of State says that the information may be had by asking the office of the International Union for it. The Prime Minister will see at once the difficulty one is placed in when trying to interpret the law, which applies to so and so, when the adhering countries it does apply to are not mentioned in the act. I fully appreciate that the law was passed in Canada before the ratifications were