

**Mr. SUTHERLAND:** The chances are that he was a returned soldier, a man who has arrived back from the front who realized what the conditions are, as you do not realize and as your province does not realize. He realizes that this country is at war and that the Military Service Act is necessary at this particular time if we are going to carry the war to a successful conclusion. It is a shame and a disgrace to make the statements that you have made here to-night. If you were doing your duty you would be in your city—the city you are supposed to represent but do not represent. I believe that there never has been, during the whole history of this country, a more inflammatory speech made than that made by you to-night. In so far as the province of Ontario is concerned, you do not need to trouble yourself about that—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

The **CHAIRMAN** (Mr. D. Stewart): If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sutherland) would address himself to the Chair he would be more in order.

**Mr. SUTHERLAND:** I bow to your ruling. I want to say to the hon. member (Mr. Martin) who represents the city of Montreal that he would be attending to his duties much better if he would pay a little more attention to the province from which he comes rather than trying to put upon some solitary individual, who he says comes from Ontario, but who may be a resident of Montreal, who has a French name, and who comes from the county of Prescott, the responsibility for these disturbances. I do not think it strengthens the hon. gentleman's case very much when he refers to that, but it certainly does emphasise the fact that he knows what is going on there at the present time. In the face of these inflammatory speeches that are being made there night after night, he knows what the law of the land is to-day and he knows that these speeches are in defiance of it. If he were careful in regard to what his duty is, and if he were anxious to see that the people of that city did their duty, he would be looking after the interests of the city, and he would not be in this House to-night.

**Mr. MARTIN:** I am sorry to see that my hon. friend (Mr. Sutherland) never reads the papers. I gave orders before I left Montreal to the chief of police, Mr. Campeau, that if any one opened his mouth to encourage the people to revolt, he should be arrested. If I am not in Montreal to-day, or if I was not there last night, it is because

I thought it was my duty to vote against the Bill to buy the Canadian Northern railway. I had to be here. If you look at *La Patrie* you will see what we say about Villeneuve:

(Translation): Villeneuve is the man whom Mayor Martin threatened to have arrested the moment he opened his mouth in public, to preach revolt.

I am doing my duty in Montreal more than the hon. gentleman is doing his duty here. I gave orders and I tried to stop all these meetings. I am willing to go myself on the platform and try to stop these young people. Their proceedings are not in the interest, not only of Montreal, but of all Canada. I do not know why I should be reproached by the hon. gentleman because he does not read the papers. Since the conscription law has been passed I have been doing all I possibly could to counsel our citizens to remain quiet and to obey the law, since the law has been passed. If they do not want to enlist, well and good. These young men are responsible, especially those who come from Ontario. I do not know why they have been sent from Ontario to try and throw the blame on the city of Montreal and province of Quebec.

**Mr. PROULX:** I do not see why my hon. friend from Montreal, St. Mary's (Mr. Martin) should single out an individual who happens to come from my county. I know young Villeneuve. He has a brother who went to the front and came back wounded. He is not living in Montreal. He came up to Prescott with a young man. He must have been impressed by the company he kept in Montreal. Villeneuve did not begin the agitation in Montreal, there were many who carried on that agitation before he took part in it. He has been most moderate. I hope the hon. member for Montreal, St. Mary's, will not be too hard on this young man who comes from my county and who has been speaking against conscription in Montreal.

The **CHAIRMAN** (Mr. D. Stewart): I think we have spent enough time on matters that are not at all relevant to the item under consideration which has to do with gratuities and compensation to retired staff officers and others. The hon. member for Maisonneuve has asked certain questions, and if the minister will make the explanation, then perhaps we can get back to the subject matter properly under consideration.

**Sir EDWARD KEMP:** My hon. friend from Maisonneuve (Mr. Verville) asks what