

Department of Finance and the Department of Agriculture, probably at a later date. I doubt if it will have as much effect on them as it may have on somebody else. I submit that if this motion passes it will deny to members of parliament the right to discuss these problems at this particular time. We have been called here just on the eve of Christmas and we will be denied this right before Christmas. Who can say how long it will be before this right will be gone entirely? Who can say what will happen if this trend is continued by the government of this country?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. ROWE: Hon. members may laugh. There is complete freedom in the executive, but there is very little behind you. Are hon. members content to be just rubber stamps? We have seen this high-handed executive make rubber stamps of the rest of the members. If by this motion you can stifle and still opposition, then our Canadian way of life is past and socialism has become a reality. This parliament cannot permit itself to be intimidated into such abject silence.

This is not something new. A few years ago we heard the then minister of finance tell us that the executive derived their authority from the crown. It is not new because the other evening we heard the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr. Howe) tell us over the air that socialism—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. ROWE: The time has come to call a halt to this tendency of making a hollow mockery of parliament.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. ROWE: I know what plans the executive have. I say quite seriously that a member of this parliament would be derelict in his duty if he continued to sit idly by, like some hon. members to your left would do, while the Prime Minister and the executive proceed to trample into the green carpet of this chamber so much of the freedom of this parliament.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. ROWE: I do not propose to be interrupted by the gibes of backbenchers on the other side.

Mr. TUCKER: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. TUCKER: On a point of order, sir, I ask you to enforce the ruling that you have made.

[Mr. Rowe.]

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. TUCKER: The hon. member should not be permitted to take advantage—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member for Rosthern has asked permission to interrupt the hon. member in order to raise a point of order. I ask that all hon. members listen to him.

Mr. ROWE: I listened to the hon. member and I did not hear anything new from him. He has not raised any point of order at all. You have given your ruling and I am adhering to it. The new crown prince of Saskatchewan is not going to tell me what to do.

Mr. TUCKER: I did not hear what the hon. member said, but I do submit that you have made a clear ruling that the discussion should be relevant to the motion before the house. The hon. member is taking advantage of your indulgence to make attacks that are entirely unjustified, and I ask that you have him adhere to your ruling.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): That is not a point of order. The hon. member is simply repeating some of his Saskatchewan speeches.

Mr. ROWE: I doubt if any speeches have been more out of order than those which have been delivered by him in that province during the past quarter century. I hope, sir, that you with your clear mind will be able to distinguish between noise and common sense and order. No noise that can be created on the other side of the house is going to disturb me. After listening to them for many years I have come to the conclusion that they can make more noise than reason.

The government knows and everybody knows that there is great unrest in this country.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I insist again, and for the last time, that the hon. member keep his remarks relevant to the motion before the house. I would direct the attention of hon. members to the fact that the eyes of Canada are directed to what is going on in this house.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. SPEAKER: Therefore I think hon. members should be more careful than ever and realize their responsibilities in this house. I ask hon. members to cooperate with the Speaker in order that we may get on with the business of the house. What we have before us is a very simple motion, a motion