

Mr. QUINN: Yes, from Halifax.

Mr. VENIOT: Yes, it takes my hon. friend from Halifax to do the crowing for the Tories in Ontario and the west, because I am sure they were not encouraged to crow when they heard the results of that election.

Mr. QUINN: By the way, what was my hon. friend's majority down in Gloucester? Was it not only thirty-five?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): It was enough to bring him here.

Mr. VENIOT: Two hundred and fifty-one.

Mr. QUINN: Oh, no.

Mr. CANTLEY: No.

Mr. VENIOT: I hear the hon. member for Pictou crowing, my old friend from Pictou. I admire his constituency because I was brought up down there. Perhaps it is because of my relations with the Scotch people in Pictou that I am so chary about giving advice.

An hon. MEMBER: Tell us all about the post office.

Mr. QUINN: It is a long way from Gloucester to Pictou.

Mr. VENIOT: The people sent for me; that is more than they would do for you. Since the interruptions are growing I think I shall continue a little longer. I am giving an opportunity to some hon. gentlemen opposite to blow off some of the steam which formed at the time of the Athabaska election.

An hon. MEMBER: Better steam than hot air.

Mr. VENIOT: I do not hear any bragging, with the exception of the hon. member for Halifax. Of course he lives away down by the sea, and when he comes to Ottawa and is free from the foggy atmosphere—

Mr. QUINN: Very good.

Mr. VENIOT: When he finds himself in the clear atmosphere of the Gatineau he wants to toot his horn. Without being discourteous to the people of Halifax may I say that owing to the fog so prevalent in that district, and which condition applies also to St. John, they have become used to the blowing of the fog whistle. Then, when they find themselves in a clear atmosphere they are lonesome, and in order to remind themselves of home they blow their own horns.

Mr. QUINN: You are a pretty good fog horn.

Mr. VENIOT: That is all I have to say just now.

Mr. PRICE: Mr. Chairman, I should like to have the floor for a few moments. I am very much concerned with my hon. friends opposite who have been doing so much talking, and I feel inclined to say a few words to them. First may I tell them that through their debate on the relief measures they are holding up both the house and the country. The present administration has done everything possible to better the unemployment situation in Canada. The legislation passed by this government has tended to improve that unfortunate condition, and there has been an honest endeavour to alleviate suffering.

Hon. members opposite have criticized the administration; that is their duty. Help yourselves; this administration will survive, and when the next opportunity arrives it will carry the country. People in Canada have too much common sense to listen to the objections of hon. members opposite. The opposition have nothing to offer; they have been obstructing in every possible way, shape and form.

At this point I should like to take my old friend from Gloucester (Mr. Veniot) to task. He has made some comments concerning remarks by the Premier of New Brunswick. Turning to page 944 of Hansard for the current session I find that the hon. member for Gloucester told in flowery language what the Premier of New Brunswick had said. When the hon. member made the statement on March 8 of this year I took objection, and stated I did not believe the hon. member's statement was correct. I feel there is no occasion to hurry, because hon. members will agree I have taken very little time in the debates of this house. I quote from the remarks of the hon. member for Gloucester, in which he sets forth statements by the Premier of New Brunswick:

He said, "Not a single Liberal will have any part of this unemployment work. It is Doctor Coffyn"—

Spelled C-o-f-f-y-n.

—who was the provincial government candidate — "that will look after it and not P. J. Veniot."

That partisanship was carried on throughout the length and breadth of the county of Gloucester. There was a by-election in that county; the premier of New Brunswick addressed a public meeting in the town of Bathurst on the Friday night before the election and said:

And at this point I wish to explain that what I am about to read are remarks attributed to the Premier of New Brunswick by the hon. member for Gloucester.