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necessary to be an expert in order to foresee this situation. I also suggest that it was not necessary to be a great expert to anticipate the situation with respect to the bond market and to realize that if the fund had to sell large amounts of securities it would inevitably suffer heavy losses.

Yesterday the Minister of Finance was unduly critical of me because I said the investment committee should have foreseen during the July-October period that the values of government bonds were going to drop in the fall of 1958. Here again he said this was a situation that could not easily have been anticipated. I should like to indicate what the Minister of Finance said in his budget speech which will be found at page 2411 of *Hansard*.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Is this in order, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): My hon. friend is constantly interrupting with references to being in order.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, I am rising on a point of order. Is it correct in a subsequent debate in this committee to refer to remarks made in a previous debate in the same session, when that debate has been closed and the house has terminated that matter?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Chairman, I said I wanted to co-operate. The Minister of Finance is quite correct in his point of order, and all I can do now is to remind my hon. friend that when he presented his budget he did speak about this matter and said, in effect, what I have already indicated.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): And now you are going to go ahead and read it just the same.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): No, I am not.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): You are going to proceed and read it in breach of the rules of the house.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): May I tell my hon. friend who talks about violations of the rules of this house that I have become an assiduous student of the columns of *Hansard* between the years 1945 and June of 1957, during which time my hon. friend in this house sat near this very seat I now occupy, *gloria mente regnante* and I do not know of an hon. member who more consistently violated the rules of this house.

Mr. Pickersgill: He is the only one who had to be sent out of the house.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Yes, as my friend the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillington said—

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

The Chairman: Order. I urge hon. gentlemen to return to the matter under discussion.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for saving the Minister of Finance from these denunciations which I wish I did not have to make but which I am almost compelled to make as a result of these undisciplined fulminations of the minister.

I cannot, of course, refer to what the hon. member said in his budget speech, but I would direct his attention to his words as they appear at page 2411 of *Hansard*. He will find them a confirmation of what I myself argued yesterday, even though I did not at the time make on the minister the impression I had hoped to make and which I suspect I have now succeeded in doing.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): You are very suspicious.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Anyone reading the statement in the budget speech to which I have directed attention would observe that in mid-June of 1958 the bond market did break sharply. Moreover in August, as we all know, the condition of the United States bond market further deteriorated.

I do wish my hon. friend would not look at me in that way.

Mr. Fulton: Good heavens; we cannot even look at you now.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Here we have the Minister of Justice. I should have thought he would have enough preoccupations on his mind these days working on some legislation that will shortly come before this house instead of sitting idly by making comments about a bill concerning which he has not the slightest knowledge.

Mr. Fulton: I was reading what the hon. member for Essex East said yesterday, and I must admit that is an idle occupation.

Mr. Ricard: When will the hon. member speak about the bill now before us?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): In these circumstances it was easy to anticipate what would happen in Canada when the Bank of Canada would cease to support conversion bonds which, as my hon. friend knows, were supported by the bank from the beginning of July, 1958 to the end of October, thereby permitting the sale of some \$17 million worth of the commission's securities on September 15 for which the commission received full value, the same value it would have received if it had held those bonds until maturity. I suggest, therefore, that the investment committee could have anticipated that situation and should have sold its victory bonds in