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Rather than make any mistake, I have obtained a book from the Library of Parliament entitled, "Trudeau-Federalism and the French Canadians." Beginning at page 124, in a chapter headed "The Practice and Theory of Federalism" he devotes several pages to a very illuminating doctrine. Again, rather than bore the house by quoting it I suggest that everybody within hearing of me and everybody who hears about my speech or who has misquoted me in the press or otherwise, should read this chapter carefully.

It is in excellent English, Mr. Speaker. There is no doubt that the Prime Minister is completely bilingual. He is able to convey his meaning to us in clear, unequivocal terms, and in this chapter he praises socialismcomplete socialism. If one takes this in conjuction with the remark of Mr. Woodsworth which I have just quoted, Mr. Woodsworth the spiritual father of socialism in Canada who equates socialism with communism, I can only make a layman's decision and say that the Prime Minister espouses one and the same cause. If this is not so, then I would like some kind of denial.

The chapter to which I have referred first appeared in another book, which I also obtained from the Library of Parliament, entitled "Social Purpose for Canada" edited by Michael Oliver and published by the University of Toronto Press in 1961. The same chapter appears in it, word for word. I have taken the trouble to do my homework. I have checked them and they are word for word.

On the radio and on television, and also in this house I have heard it suggested that we now have a new and enlightened Prime Minister. Am I to understand that one short year in office has changed him, just as St. Paul's outlook was miraculously changed when travelling on the road to Damascus? The suggestion is that the Prime Minister has seen the new light of democracy. He no longer believes this garbage. Political garbage is all I can call it. He goes through the Regina Manifesto of 1933-

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Bigg: Cheers from the left.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Bigg: Big cheers from the left. They would have us believe that the Regina Manifesto, or even a watered down version of it, is the answer to Canada's economic problems. [Mr. Bigg.]

anywhere, why did it not work in England? That is what I asked last night.

Many times I have heard it said, "You had a Conservative majority at one time. Why did you not do better for Canada in the short time that you had a mandate?" The socialists have had a mandate in England three times since the end of the war, a greater mandate than we ever had, but there the socialist experiment has been a complete flop. The reason is, and I stake my life on this, that any theory that puts the state above the individual is false, dangerous, rotten and unthinkable to right-thinking Canadians. I would be the first if the Prime Minister has changed his mind-

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker .-

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby on a point of order.

Mr. Bigg: I hope it is a question of privilege.

Mr. Broadbent: It is. I do not for a minute question the integrity of the hon. member, although I differ profoundly with his judgment. With regard to his reference to a former distinguished member of this house, Mr. J. F. Woodsworth, a man honoured by people in all parties, I would ask him in all seriousness whether in respect of the accusation he is making now about the kind of political system referred to by that former member of the house, he is not failing to make the distinction, which Mr. Woodsworth as a Christian would make, between socialism and communism.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. This is not a point of order; this is a speech.

Mr. Bigg: Mr. Speaker, Christianity is not on trial here, but rank socialism may well be on trial.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Bigg: I have in mind income tax. In my opinion, when income tax gets beyond a certain point it becomes socialism by legislation. I am against that type of legislation which takes away so much of my income that I am no longer master of my own destiny. Through financial legislation socialism is coming in the back door, even though the people of Canada have no stomach for it. I assure the house if they knew exactly what kind of a But if this is so, Mr. Speaker, if it will work parcel they are buying there would be less of