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Two days later we were one of those politicians from Ottawa. We seemed to lose that respect. The media seemed to take that away from us very quickly.

When I go home the people in my riding will say to me: "We understand it is not you, John. It is not you as our member. We are not suggesting that but we are still prepared to make the generalization". That hurts because I see how hard members on all sides of this House work and I see the dedication.

We have a different philosophy as to how we are going to make Canada better. We can all agree on that. However with the exception of a very few people in this place we are all here to make Canada a better place.

That leads me to the second major concern that I have. There are some people who are sitting in this House who do not want to make Canada a better place. They do not want to make Canada grow. They do not want to make Canada the best country in the world. They want to break this country up. They want to act as traitors to the country in this very place. I can see people who sit over there whose only goal, only stated ambition, is to destroy Canada and to do it from within.

For some reason, because we are a free and democratic society, we have forced ourselves into allowing these kinds of people to represent parts of this country in the House of Commons, the highest institution in the land. We have allowed them to take a seat and do anything and everything in their power to destroy Canada, such as disruptive tactics in the House, statements outside of the House and getting elected or potentially getting re-elected on the basis that they are going to destroy this great country. In my opinion that should not happen now and should never be allowed to happen in the future. I hope the people they represent will think about that.

I did not want to get partisan tonight and I do not think this is a partisan issue. This is a Canadian issue. We are here to serve Canada and make Canada a better country. I am proud to represent the people of York—Simcoe and to make sure that happens.

I have no respect for those people who come here and stand up in a grandiose way. They are so sanctimonious one would think it was the greatest thing in the world that they would stand there. Who are these members?

We know who those members are. They are members who were elected not on the basis of breaking up this country but on other bases. As a result of the fact that their nose got out of joint for whatever other reason they decided to sit in that back row and do everything in their power to destroy this great country.

Madam Speaker, if you had the power to remove them from this place and try them as traitors or whatever then I am sure you would do that because I know your love for this country is as great as my love for this country, even though we come from different parts of this country.

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It has certainly been an honour for me to be here. In closing, I wish to thank all the members, the staff, the Clerk and the Speaker. Everyone has been great, particularly the pages. It has really been an honour and a great privilege. I particularly want to thank the people of York—Simcoe for allowing me to be here for almost five years. I hope I can serve them again for the next four or five years.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, I want to say to my hon. friend that all of us endorse his words about those few members in here who represent the Bloc Quebecois and whose sole purpose is to break up the country. That is something that we abhor and that we feel is not right. I am sure all of us in our own collective way will do whatever we can to combat them.

While I am on my feet to make a comment I want to say to my hon. friend who represents the government that on behalf of the constituents of Kamloops and all the communities and rural areas surrounding Kamloops I would like to thank him and his colleagues for giving us the privilege of hosting the Canada Summer Games this summer.

I recognize that there were a number of constituencies that had applied for this honour, that a number of communities had sought to have the privilege of hosting the Canada Summer Games. We appreciate the opportunity to be able to be the showcase for Canada this summer. I hope that all of his colleagues join with the rest of us in the House of Commons and our families to visit Kamloops this summer and show our support for the young athletes during the Canada Summer Games.