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Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Prime Minister would take this suggestion: In view of the fact we have a billion bushels piled up in the prairies and nothing is being done or said to help the situation, would the Prime Minister now consider trying to make a deal with the proper sales staff through the Wheat Board to sell this grain by matching the price at which France is selling wheat, in order to get some cash on the farms?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, just two days ago the right hon. member for Prince Albert was chiding the minister for selling the wheat at a price below the grain agreement.

Mr. Woolliams: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister is again misrepresenting that statement by the right hon. member for Prince Albert. The Prime Minister knows that is a lie.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Woolliams: I have no intention of sitting down because you say so.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the hon. member is using words which, as an experienced counsel and member of the house, he knows he cannot use. It is obvious no member can accuse another member, even if he is the Prime Minister, of telling a lie. I think the hon. member may wish to alter or use other language. I suggest to the hon. member his words are not parliamentary.

Mr. Woolliams: I would say those facts he set out are lies, and that is as far as I am going to go.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I seek the co-operation of the hon. member. He knows what the rules of the house are. I am sure he wants to co-operate with the Chair and with all hon. members in using words which are parliamentary. I ask him very humbly to co-operate with the Chair in this regard.

Mr. Woolliams: Well, I would like to hear the Prime Minister, with the greatest respect to Your Honour, quote from *Hansard* to show [Mr. Trudeau.]

that the right hon. member for Prince Albert said what the Prime Minister said he did. If the right hon. member for Prince Albert did not say it, then it is certainly an untruth.

Mr. Speaker: I have to insist there must be order in the house. There must be some respect for the rules of the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Woolliams: Well, let's have the facts.

Mr. Speaker: One of the most elementary matters in debate in the House of Commons is that hon. members should use discretion in their use of words. I do not think the hon. member meant to use the word he did. I again ask the hon. member, in the light of his experience in parliament and in the light of his long experience in court, for his co-operation. The hon. member knows he would not be able to say this in a court of law. As this is the highest court of the land, the hon. member owes it to his professional training and to his status as a senior member of this house to co-operate with the Chair and indicate his words have gone beyond his thought.

Mr. Woolliams: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have had a lot of counsel work around me, but I say this, that there are many examples in this House of Commons and you, with the greatest respect, know it—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Woolliams: I wonder if the rump would just restrain itself.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would ask hon. members to give some assistance to the Chair. This is a serious matter. The hon. member is entitled to express his views. I certainly am very anxious to hear him and he knows I have always attempted to co-operate with him, and I would ask him to do the same with the Chair.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, you always give all hon. members that kind of encouragement they need. I have always respected the kind of wisdom that comes from the Chair, but I would say to you, with the greatest respect, that it is correct that I have sat in this house for a number of years. I have heard the same expressions used on many occasions. I have not called the Prime Minister the word, and I will not use it, that implies a person who tells lies. I have merely said that those facts were untrue.