

*Procedure and Organization*

75A, 75B and 75c. What does the government expect to gain by its tactics? What does the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton expect to gain?

**Mr. Nowlan:** He is the Santa Claus of summertime.

**Mr. Woolliams:** He certainly is. At Christmastime, when the government withdrew proposed rule 16A, I knew that we should have to face another discussion on the rules. At that time the Prime Minister said he had trapped the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of all other parties in this house. He suggested that he withdrew the motion with respect to 16A because he had rammed down our throats the other part of the package then before parliament. How can one negotiate with a Prime Minister who talks this way?

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Woolliams:** How can you establish good will among members and good faith in this house in the light of such remarks?

**An hon. Member:** Where is the just society?

**Mr. Woolliams:** I would expect some hon. members who did not take part in the Liberal leadership race to display a much more intelligent attitude than has been displayed here. I am not referring to the acting prime minister, either.

**An hon. Member:** You are talking about the "Gold Dust twins".

**Mr. Woolliams:** I am talking about the "Gold Dust twins", that is right. This government does not want members of parliament to discharge their duties. This government supports the principle of dictatorship. It wants to dictate to committees and it wants to dictate to this house how debates shall be conducted. The government does not want information to be disseminated to our people; it only wants our people to know what it thinks the people ought to know. It only wants the kind of opposition it can stand comfortably—it only wants nice, quiet, gentlemanly opposition that will do nothing to disturb the all powerful Liberal party.

**Mr. Stanfield:** It would like to suppress committee reports.

**Mr. Woolliams:** That is right. This government thinks it can do without parliament. It imagines that parliament is here to serve the government. What the government really

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would like to do is ignore parliament entirely. That is what the government wants to do.

● (9:40 p.m.)

**Some hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Woolliams:** I know it is a shame. That is why I am talking tonight and that is why I intend to talk all summer so you will not get a holiday.

**Mr. Perrault:** You took your holiday in the winter.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I hear Rip Van Winkle again in the distance! We can just see what will happen as soon as this legislation is passed. As soon as the government can say we have four days to debate a major bill, they are going to ram through the legislation without the people being informed. Take the language bill, for example. I am one who supports the principle of the bill.

**Mr. Perrault:** Good for you.

**An hon. Member:** There's the nut again!

**Mr. Woolliams:** That Rip Van Winkle is an amazing man!

Even today Canadians do not understand what the language bill means, although there was a fairly intelligent debate. Because of the opposition, Canadians do know that there will be decisions made by this great commissioner who was not supposed to have any power.

Canadians know today that this so-called non-powerful commissioner can summon witnesses. They know he can have hearings in camera without even that great lawyer, the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Blair), being present. Even he will not be able to be present. They also know this commissioner can get documents, go into offices without search warrants and make decisions. All this can be done in the great image of an investigator, according to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner). All of this can be done under this bill which was passed by this chamber, and which contained no right of appeal.

If a French Canadian member of a minority group in some area of Canada lost his job and was unable to educate his family because the commissioner, for some reason or other, was prejudiced, he would have no right of appeal. The Canadian people know this, not as a result of any explanation made by the government but because of the actions of the opposition.