

The Budget—Mr. Trudeau

those people opposite. What we do not know, Mr. Speaker, is if it is going to save the Leader of the Opposition from the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) who sits two seats behind him and who two years ago left the Tory Party saying there was no place for Quebeckers in it. I do not know whether it is going to save him from the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) who says there is no place for a westerner in that party. The hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. O'Sullivan) did not go so far. He just said that he thought the party should resist control by the experts in Ottawa and in Toronto.

Mr. Speaker, this mention of control is a rather interesting one because this is one of the central promises of the Tory Party. They would freeze prices and wages. They would put controls on our country. They would bring in a system of controls so complex that they have always told us they would take 90 days to think about what they would be. They have been telling us this for a year. They would control this country, Mr. Speaker, yet they cannot control their own party.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: They would control wages. This solution, we know, was hotly debated at the Tory convention a few months ago and rejected by an eminent Tory member of parliament as, to use his words, "leading straight to chaos". They would control prices and wages across the country, but they could not control their own convention too well. They cannot control government expenses, because if we look at that convention, while they were talking about controlling expenditures the same Tory convention was proposing the creation of four new departments and a host of new agencies. They would control expenses, but the first thing they would do is create a lot of new jobs for a lot of new civil servants.

They would control prices and wages across the country. But when it came to the concrete problem of how they would control oil prices in this country, at what level would they impose their controls—a subject which was very hotly debated in the country for several months; and we know, of course, the Tories of Ontario wanted it controlled around \$5 or \$6 and the Tories of Alberta wanted it controlled at around \$8 or \$9—from the Tories in this chamber who were going to control the country with a prices and wages freeze for 90 days, Mr. Speaker, we heard not a peep. You are aware, Mr. Speaker, during those fateful days which preceded what I think is an historic agreement between ten provinces and the federal government, they were busy controlling the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer) about the tar sands. They cannot control their own party, so they try and control members over here.

There are minor subjects. I can recall last year when they could not even decide, this united Tory Party—united in the desire to have an election and get it over with—whether they were going to vote together on the first reading of some bill proposed by a member of parliament. When we were discussing football, the line was that this was not important and the country should be dealing with other things; so they put up a dozen speakers or more to tell us that.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Mr. Trudeau: What kind of control is this, Mr. Speaker, when the Leader of the Opposition cannot even control his own members and they put up 18 speakers on a subject of no importance?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: There is another subject on which the lack of control was evident, and it is one I hardly dare speak of in polite company. I will just mention it and go on to other things. It is the Official Languages Act, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

I mention it, Mr. Speaker, merely to point out that it is a topic of crucial importance to many Canadians, and if some wonder why the Tory convention held in Trois-Rivières a few weeks ago was such an abject failure, it is probably that the Quebecers are fed up with being had. They want to know what the Tories think about the matter. They were told about organization, attempts were made to lure them with all sorts of promises, but the main topic was not broached because the Tories do not agree amongst themselves on that topic. But let us see—

Mr. La Salle: Mention was made of it.

Mr. Trudeau: The member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) is back with us. I greet him on his return to the House. He will be happy—the member for Joliette cut a sorry figure according to the press clippings I read on the convention. As I can see, he has almost disappeared—

Mr. La Salle: You did not read the right papers.

Mr. Trudeau: No, I don't read *Le Jour*, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to read more excerpts from a Toronto newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*, because the reporter, William Johnson, is probably quite detached from Quebec problems. Rather than quote journalists from the newspaper I have just mentioned, who probably are prejudiced, biased, I shall read excerpts from Mr. Johnson's article. He is speaking of facts and not expressing opinions. I quote the *Globe and Mail* of April 30.

He speaks of the organizer of the Progressive Conservative party in Quebec, Mr. Daviault, and this is what he has to say:

● (2020)

[English]

Mr. Daviault is not a Conservative. He was a campaign manager in the 1970 Quebec election for Jacques-Yvan Morin, now Parti Québécois House leader. Mr. Morin was narrowly defeated in 1970 but won last October. In the recent election, according to Mr. Daviault—

The chief Conservative organizer.

—he was a special counsellor to Mr. Morin.

Mr. Daviault gives his opinions on organizations, and I quote again from the *Globe and Mail*:

If I find a good man who is called Joe Blow, I don't care if he is Pequist, Liberal or Creditiste, as long as he tells me: Rene, I'm going to build you an organization.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, the article goes on and on. Reference is made to a certain Mr. Toutant, one of the six men appoint-