

Mr. Trudeau: With regard to Machiavelli, I am pleased that I at least forced the right hon. gentleman to read some of the classics. I think it would do him good if he read a bit more of Machiavelli and a bit less of Baron Munchausen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: The remainder has to do with Harrington Lake and the bomb-shelter. I might say something about lowering the roof. This is the first I have heard of that. I do not know where he obtained this information. I am quite sure it is erroneous too, but I will check into whether the roof of the bomb-shelter was lowered. That sounds like another pure invention; but he may have heard of it, much as I heard about the fish, from people who talk too much. The advantage of making an accusation is that we are permitted to set the record straight. I certainly understand now why the right hon. gentleman was such a poor fisherman, when he did not have the number of fish I thought he had in the lake.

On the question of Carp, there may be another privilege involved; I am not sure. All I can say is that all I know about Carp—and I am not talking about fish; I am talking about the underground complex, or whatever it is—is what I read in *Weekend* magazine several months or years ago.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is where you get your information, is it?

Mr. Trudeau: The right hon. gentleman is chiding me for having obtained my information there, yet a moment ago he was saying that I was breaching security for saying something which was an official secret.

An hon. Member: Shameful!

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I repeat that I will stand by whatever decision you make. I do not mind going before a committee if it is necessary to carry this on. I am a little disappointed because I had been told that the right hon. gentleman had made a very forceful intervention last week and that he was pretty entertaining. I regret that I did not have the benefit of that. I must say that I am prepared to consider this whole matter as a humorous interlude. If the right hon. gentleman wants to make more of it, sir, I am in your hands.

● (1550)

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I might indicate that, as is my usual practice, I would reserve judgment on the question of privilege. I see the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) both seeking the floor. The floor is, of course, open for discussion of the question of privilege, and I would recognize them and other hon. members who want to participate.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make this very brief intervention. Some of the comments made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) this afternoon would provoke a more restrained person than myself to reply. I would simply say, with regard to the understanding, that it was clearly

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understood that our position was that if the Prime Minister wished to go first, he was entitled to do so.

Mr. Sharp: Not his wish, no; that is not true.

Mr. Stanfield: There was no request, Mr. Speaker, that the Prime Minister should go first. As to the matter of going on for an hour and 20 minutes, I do not rise to impute motives. I do not think there is any need for anybody who was present to impute any motives at all. The fact that the Prime Minister went on for an hour and 20 minutes in those circumstances speaks for itself, I think.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stanfield: I wish to say one or two things about the question of privilege raised by the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker). The Prime Minister seemed to approach this question this afternoon as if it were a question of mistaken fact. He seemed to think that he had in fact terminated the whole question by admitting that he had made a mistake of fact. I was here in the House, Mr. Speaker; I heard the Prime Minister; I have read *Hansard* since then, and I rise to support the motion. It seems to me very clear, and I submit this to you, that the Prime Minister was reflecting upon the conduct of the right hon. member for Prince Albert when he was prime minister; that the Prime Minister was not only inferring, but stating, that the former prime minister, the right hon. member for Prince Albert, had taken advantage of his office for his own personal benefit.

An hon. Member: Right on.

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is what he meant.

Mr. Stanfield: That, Mr. Speaker, is the essence of the first two paragraphs or so on page 6010 when the Prime Minister discussed the land grab. He said the former prime minister, the right hon. member for Prince Albert, "was adding thousands of acres of land for his private enjoyment".

Mr. Trudeau: We will take it in committee if you want.

Mr. Stanfield: The Prime Minister says we will take it to committee. The Prime Minister never withdrew that, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure what he meant this afternoon when he said that nobody else thought those things up for him and he thought them up himself.

Quite apart from that, I suggest it is very clear to anybody who heard the Prime Minister, or to anybody who reads *Hansard*, that this is not a question that can be straightened out simply by the Prime Minister rising in his place and admitting he made a mistake in fact, because the point the Prime Minister was trying to make was that by adding thousands of acres for his own private enjoyment and taking part in the biggest land grab—I think he said in Canadian history as far as a private citizen of Canada is concerned—the Prime Minister of Canada was accusing the right hon. member for Prince Albert of having taken advantage of the office for his own private gain and his own private purposes.