

treated today. Economically, it is the most ill-treated class in Canada, the most pitiful social class in Canada. Now that all that is admitted, now that praise has been cast your way because you accomplished something, now, you will ask us for a solution. I will give you one: let us vote supply not only those for agriculture but also those for national defence.

Refuse to pass item 15 on page 318, refuse to pass vote \$26,086,000 for bombs. That is all I ask of you. Refuse to pass that and tell the minister to put that in for dairy production, at the service of dairy producers and your problem will be solved. I trust that consideration will be given to this and that the members will take the necessary steps to change the credits so that bombs will not be bought which will never be used, but that instead the most unjustly treated class of society will be helped.

The Liberals tell us that they bring their pressure to bear in caucus, well—

Mr. Laniel: With the Cr ditistes, money is no problem.

Mr. Gr goire: Mr. Chairman, we realize that the hon. member for Beauharnois-Salaberry (Mr. Laniel) is not serious, when we are precisely trying to give him the answer to the problem. He and others in his group asked us to put forward solutions. We give him some, but there, you see that they are not serious. That is the big problem, Mr. Chairman, there are too many members in this house who are not serious, who are not ready to take and envisage realistic solutions.

• (1:40 a.m.)

There are too many here who serve their party first when they should serve their electors first. There is the problem and the hon. member for Beauharnois-Salaberry (Mr. Laniel) has just given us a striking proof of it.

His question was most stupid, especially when it is about such a serious matter as this one.

Mr. Chairman, I feel that if the people in Quebec were aware of the attitude taken here at times by those hon. members, in short if they were aware of the submission, the bowing and scraping of several hon. members, they would get rid of them quickly.

Mr. Chairman, it is time that the Quebec people knew that the members they sent to Ottawa have not been representing them properly for too long and that they are here

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to serve their political party rather than the national interest. That is what is discouraging and disgusting on the part of some members and I realized it. I was not afraid to speak out for my constituents, to speak my mind on their behalf, and I am convinced that my constituents, as well as those of Beauharnois, of Champlain or of Labelle fully endorse my request, that is, that the purchase of bombs be stopped in order to help farmers.

I challenge the hon. member for Beauharnois-Salaberry to gainsay it.

[*English*]

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Chairman, I shall not talk about the farming problem, coming from a constituency not concerned with it. Other members know more about agriculture than I do. However, I am reminded of a remark the minister made not long ago in Charlottetown on being questioned about the merits of being a lawyer and also being the Minister of Agriculture. As I recall his reply it was: "You need not be a farmer to be minister of agriculture; after all, in Ottawa we have a lawyer who is Minister of Justice." He was referring to Mr. Cardin, and added: "You can see the mess they are in." That may illustrate the minister's approach to the farm problem.

On several occasions I have tried to bring a question before the house on the late show; consequently I am taking this opportunity to talk about problems of development in Cape Breton. Some important questions ought to be answered. After the Prime Minister's statement of last Thursday about the urgency of getting on with the country's business, I am surprised to see that four cabinet ministers, three of whom have recently been appointed, should be present tonight. All evening the debate has been going on in the absence of ministers who are supposed to be responsible.

An hon. Member: That is not true. Where were you? You have just arrived.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Members opposite are saying it is not true. Last week the house was exercised because the unparliamentary word "lying" was used. I would ask the Minister of Public Works, who has been present for the last two hours, though he has not been with us, to get up and make an issue of the fact that the Minister of Agriculture made a mistake and did not realize his microphone was open. Let him make an issue of the four-letter word which was used by the Minister of Agriculture when speaking to the Minister of Public Works. I know no other example of