

they have the right to live at home as they should, they will accept the economic basis that they will be given by the government.

I also read in the Speech from the Throne:

This discontent in such a wealthy country—

An hon. Member: Are you a federalist?

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): Yes, I am a federalist but not of your kind.

When I hear the prime minister say that they do not want the status quo, I say the status quo is not in the suggestions he made, it is in his attitude toward the provinces—that is where the status quo is. A new constitution where the provinces will decide among them what they want to put in common and what they want to keep within their own jurisdictions, in the way the present Confederation was formed. The federal did not create four provinces; four provinces created the federal. Until we come back to that spirit of confederation the problem of national unity in Canada will never be resolved. Not with attitudes of confrontation as the prime minister showed this afternoon. Not at all! Through arrogance such as the liberal party is now using across this country, never! It will be through the respect of the entities that form this country and letting them decide among themselves how they want to discuss what they want to put in common and what they want to keep under their provincial jurisdictions. Once we have accepted that, this aspect of the national unity problem will be resolved.

It is strange that when the province of Quebec—and I do not want to defend Quebec in this regard—introduces a bill, Bill 101, which restricts education within the province and its jurisdictions, the Federal government should react in this way since in the past, it did not take such a stand against provinces like Alberta or British Columbia when they denied French speaking children access to school. Once more, they try to blame someone else for the lack of administrative leadership by the Federal government in the past eight years. It is not a matter of confrontation but of frank and honest discussion, not the kind that can be found in the Speech from the Throne. They say that status quo is maintained by the Prime Minister and the Liberal Party, whose attitude is to dictate, try to boss everyone instead of sitting and discussing with people, laying out some bases and saying we should discuss from these bases. This is where the problem lies.

And in the Speech from the Throne, it is still not clearly specified.

... the government will be proposing specific initiatives to be taken in collaboration with the provinces ...

The government is not prepared to sit and discuss with the provinces. On the contrary, they are prepared to take specific steps and this is an example of the status quo which is referred to and of this government's present attitude.

So, on the whole, what is there in the Speech from the Throne? They have tried precisely to put the blame on everybody's shoulders and failed to assume responsibility for their mismanagement. This mismanagement is not hard to prove;

ten or 15 years ago, when you told Canadians about inflation, that the present economic system was creating inflation, that when they bought a house at a 10 per cent interest, it would take 10 years to double its price, ten years ago perhaps the people did not understand that very well, but today, they realize that inflation is at their doorstep, that their dollar cannot buy them a dollar's worth of goods. As I said in a question to the Minister of Finance and in a speech: the Canadian dollar is not even worth 18 cents of production.

The then Minister of Finance, Mr. Turner, stood up suddenly and said: "No, it is 22 cents". But this is where he made a mistake: Whether 22 or 18 cents, the Canadian dollar does not have the value of a dollar of production. That is the problem. If you want to buy products, your dollar does not have the value of those products so you have to give two or three to buy one dollar's worth of products. What we recommend is that the government base the value of money, of credit and of the bulk of Canadian purchasing power on production. It will then solve the problem.

When finance ministers tell you openly that one dollar is worth 22 cents of production, there is no need to look very far to see where the problem lies. It keeps on growing as time goes by, since we leave the financial community increase its rate of interest and since all this fuels inflation. Twenty years ago, one could buy a house at 5 per cent interest. Today, it is 10 per cent. At 5 per cent interest it took 20 years to double the price; at 10 per cent it takes just 10 years and at 12½ per cent, as it is the case today, it takes eight years and even six years and a half in certain cases.

After that we are told that inflation does not come from somewhere else, that it is created in our country by the financial system, the economic system, and that we cannot do anything about it. From the outset they say we have to find new economic methods, but they hesitate when they have to sit down and discuss to try to put them in force. They do not want to go too far, they are afraid and they refuse to admit it.

Funny how things have changed everywhere. Cars are not what they were 20 years ago; there have been important changes in the production of food stuffs; everything has changed everywhere. Clothing has changed, construction has changed, techniques, aircraft, everything has changed. One thing that never ever changes is the economic system. You do not touch it. You must not touch it. It would be highly dangerous to touch it. We hoped, and here I conclude, that the Speech from the Throne would reveal a new attitude on the part of the government. Unfortunately, that attitude has vanished with the paper the speech was written on. It no longer has any worth. The government's intents were very well outlined by the Prime Minister this afternoon when he said that they want to make the guidelines, that they do not want to consult people. They still want confrontation and in the final analysis we see, as I have mentioned several times, that we still are confronted with Mr. Trudeau's and the Liberal party's status quo, that is arrogance in not being able to discuss honestly and honourably with a population. What they want is to back them up to the wall and then say: Well if you are