

Mr. McINTOSH: If you would give me the opportunity to do so, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. SPEAKER: I ask the hon. member to withdraw the word "grunter" as applied to another hon. member of this house. It is impolite, and unparliamentary.

Mr. McINTOSH: If Mr. Speaker says the word is not parliamentary I quite willingly withdraw it, and I might, as suggested, perhaps say instead that the hon. member is a "squealer."

Mr. SPEAKER: That word is not parliamentary. The hon. member must not use any such rude epithets at all. It does not add to the weight of his argument nor to the dignity of parliament, and I would ask him to desist from the practice.

Mr. McINTOSH: I quite agree, Mr. Speaker, but the hon. gentleman opposite was the first to start it a month ago, and why did not you call him to order?

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. member is incorrect in that. No such epithets were used in my hearing.

Mr. McINTOSH: His insinuations were even worse. He may get away with such insinuations against others, but not as far as I am concerned. The hon. member on the first of March told us how he was representing a Saskatchewan riding. As I said, I thought he was representing the Tory party better than he was representing his own riding. A little further on he said that he thanked the government for the sympathetic manner in which they had come to the assistance of the people in the province of Saskatchewan. Well, Mr. Speaker, I think we can leave it to the people of Saskatchewan to say how the present government has come to their aid. We have to-day the farmers of Saskatchewan on the dole, we have them giving hundreds of promissory notes and liens on their crops and farms which they will not be able to pay off for years hence, and if any hon. member of this house from any part of Saskatchewan can get up and sincerely thank the government for aiding the people in that way, for getting on the people's backs, he is welcome to do it, but I will not be a party to thanking them for any such thing.

A little further on the hon. member spoke about the problem of unemployment. He has spoken of unemployment in his last two addresses, but he will not admit that when his own party came into power there were only a little over one hundred thousand unemployed in this country, but that by October

of that same year the number had increased to over two hundred thousand, and the number of unemployed in this country to-day is over five hundred thousand. What did the hon. member say about the problem of unemployment? He now tells parliament and the country that the unemployment problem is an international and dominion problem, but during the election campaign in 1930, he and his party said that it was a national problem and that the Liberals were responsible for the unemployment then prevailing in the country. Now that hon. gentlemen opposite are in power they say that the problem is an international one. Now we have this pigmy wizard coming along, and telling us that it is an international problem and a national problem. This is another new combination to explain the situation.

A little further on in his address the hon. member for Saskatoon (Mr. MacMillan) quoted a letter from W. L. McQuarrie, of the Retail Merchants' Association, to show that the retail merchants were satisfied with the attitude of this government. Well, Mr. Speaker, I think that the speech of the hon. member for Melville (Mr. Motherwell) fully explains the situation in that regard. Speaking in this house not long ago the hon. member for Melville accurately described the conditions in Saskatchewan under the present relief commission. He told us that he lives in municipality 186 where there is one supervisor and nine relief officers in the municipality, and in order to show the political nature of the organization he told us that nine of these officers were Conservatives and one was a Liberal. In other words, the party of my hon. friend opposite came into office and scrapped the organization of the rural municipalities which would have looked after the administration of relief in a non-political way, and they put in its place a straight political machine, and then my hon. friend from Saskatoon has the audacity to come into this house and tell us that relief is being well administered in the province of Saskatchewan. I say that it is not. I say that it is being administered politically, and so long as that is the case anyone who can read between the lines can tell what the results will be—money squandered, farmers on the dole, the giving of promissory notes and liens that will not be paid off for a generation.

A little further on my hon. friend from Saskatoon referred to the constituency of North Battleford and said, "I have listened many a time." I am glad that he is a good listener, because that is all he has been up to the present time. He has certainly not been