

group to help us bring back order, then justice in the Eastern Canada. You have done nothing of the kind.

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**Mr. La Salle:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Boulanger:** It is the first time that I attack him in this House, but it is not the last one.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Joliette rises on a point of order.

**Mr. La Salle:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, because of the words used by the hon. member for Lange-lier—

**Some hon. Members:** Mercier!

**Mr. La Salle:** I mean Mercier (Mr. Boulanger).

As the Progressive Conservative Party was not aware of the interests of Quebec, he may have been late during this debate, and as I think he met a longshoreman who took part of his time, I would like to tell him that we never got such co-operation and support as regards the problem of Quebec from members of that party from every province, as many government members have shown, even members of the Social Credit party.

Then, I think that the hon. member for Mercier is late with these news.

**Mr. Boulanger:** I will invite him to join another party.

I do not know, Mr. Speaker, if it is a valid point of order, but he understood quite well that I was in no way referring to what the Progressive Conservative party has just said tonight; I was referring to its past, he knows quite well what I mean, he understood me pretty well. However, I want to show him tonight that it is not easy for you in the official Opposition, with three good guys from Quebec, to be understood by millionaires of Western Canada. Now, you know everything.

We, Easterners, from Quebec, the Maritimes or elsewhere, who are unable to make ourselves understood by your party and you do not even realize it. You are trying to blame the government, that is the Liberal party that is leading the country. You should at least understand that we have absolute majority, a mandate from the population and that means: We trust you. Lead the country. There is an expression that says: A government must govern. But we have enough diplomacy to choose a typical Minister of Agriculture, an expert in his field. He is not a comedian, he has no desire to make jokes.

The Minister of Agriculture has a responsibility and he intends to assume it and discharge his duty. But you know there are some petty politicians in the opposition, in the Social Credit Party who believe that they can solve all the troubles in the world with a stroke of the pen. That is called clownery. And it is to be heard here only. It is time for one among us to let you know it. It is easy to drift in demagoguery. There is nothing easier than to criticize. But did you accomplish miracles when you were in power in Vancouver, British Columbia? You saw what happened there. Anyhow we will not speak about it, because I do not

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wish to deviate from the subject. Moreover, I did not say to the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) that I had met the longshoreman, but that I had spoken to him on the phone.

Coming back to what he told me, it is true that I heard my colleagues say to the Minister: You will immediately take some action, you will see to it right now. Granted, I speak as a Montreal member who meets the labourers and the blue collars all day long and all week-ends long, to express myself correctly. I agree that important measures have to be taken, but mind you: we should not ask our longshoremen what we did not dare ask those out West; we should not be too strict either. Let us not forget that out West, before they decided to take emergency measures, they sought our advice; they even criticised us and almost compelled us to let things go for nearly seven weeks. I am not asking you to waste seven weeks, because the matter is really an emergency, but I ask the Minister of Agriculture, and even my colleagues are asking you to decide, knowing your sound judgment, your sense of responsibility, I ask you when the time comes to prepare a draft, either for the return to work or to request a stoppage, once again I ask you to consult with the Minister of Labour and see whether it would be possible to settle the problem within 24 hours. Because we can cause a lot of damage to these blue-collar workers, the Montreal longshoremen. I sympathize with the farmers and I understand them very well, although I merely eat the food that they are producing for us; it will certainly require greater efforts to produce it, and I am sure that the farmer is earnestly and honorably earning his income. There must be justice, so that they can be paid like everybody. I agree that they have low incomes. Yet, we must stop complaining that all farmers are starving, living in distress, and without a cent in their pockets. This is exaggeration again. Personally, I was born in a small village called St. Eugene de l'Islet; my parents had a farm, and although I cannot say that I grew in the field, it was certainly not far from it: this was meant as a pun. When I inherited my father's farm, I was so scared that I gave it away to my eldest brother and said: do whatever you want with it. I was scared. Well, if I was scared at that tender age, you realize how unhappy my brother was with it during the 30 years he kept it. It is true that it is not that profitable. However, we still have a decision to make, which means nearly what you had in mind to do shortly—I will not tell you what it was—and I know that you are going to do it, I know that you have understood your Liberal colleagues. I hope that a decision will be made shortly and that it will benefit both parties, that justice will come for everybody and that the Opposition will have lamented in vain.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** I raise the question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Bellechasse on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I do this in all honesty and I know the hon. member for Mercier (Mr. Boulanger) will understand why.

I am willing to understand that in the heat of the debate he used expressions which he knows, having been the Acting Speaker in the House of Commons, are unparlia-