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raise anything specific in my speech. I wonder if he could answer one specific matter that was in it and that is, in terms of other sponsorship, whether it be provincial government or industry or whatever, what success has there been and what projects will be funded in that way?

Mr. Stanbury: I think the hon. parliamentary secretary will be pleased to deal with that question, Mr. Speaker. The Secretary of State has certainly had that kind of participation very much in mind. As I was saying, there have been communications difficulties. Cheques are being requisitioned as contracts are returned and processed. Up to the present time, some 1,500 contracts have been returned by project groups, and 600 cheques have been requisitioned and 800 more will be by the end of the week. However, as is to be expected, with the many security precautions that must be followed when dealing with public moneys, there is an unavoidable time lag between receipt of a completed contract and issuance of a cheque. I should point out, Mr. Speaker, that banks and companies have been very good about making advance payments to groups once assured that money is coming. In some cases, the bank or company is being compensated directly.

• (4:50 p.m.)

We all know, Mr. Speaker, that allocation of resources is a continuing problem that any democracy must face. We all know how easy it is for groups and individuals to make serious charges and gain headlines for doing so, and that such charges of unfairness, mismanagement and failure will continue to be made—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the minister, but his time has expired. The Chair allowed the minister a couple of extra minutes to make up for time taken up with points of order.

An hon. Member: Continue.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Stanbury: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, it seems strange to me that an opposition which wanted information should have taken up so much time with interruptions. I wonder whether they really want this information or whether they want to try to make political hay out of an imaginary situation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The Chair does not intend to get caught in the middle of the debate. The opposition did not say that the minister's time had expired. The Chair said that. If any member of the House wishes the minister to continue his remarks, it will be necessary to obtain the unanimous consent to the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, may I say, Mr. Speaker, that if the minister promises to give us facts

[Mr. MacDonald (Egmont).]

instead of giving us the sort of propaganda that he has given, he may continue.

Some hon. Members: Continue.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Does the House give its unanimous consent for the minister to continue his remarks?

Mr. Baldwin: Only if we have that assurance, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, I will gladly give the assurance that my facts will be at least as reliable as those given yesterday by the House Leader of the Official Opposition.

An hon. Member: Is that good enough?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, am I to gather that the opposition does not want to hear facts?

Mr. Baldwin: We want to hear facts, not propaganda.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Greene: Truth will come out, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Stanbury) claimed a moment ago that he was deprived of time because members of the opposition interrupted him. May I remind the minister that he was interrupted because he made some very misleading statements in this House.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): He made some very misleading statements which in no way responded to the tenor of the motion I had brought before the House this afternoon. I, as one member, very much resent his continuing to make that representation—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The Chair doubts seriously whether the hon. member's point constitutes a question of privilege. It seems more like a point of debate. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Lisgar.

Mr. Stanbury: Mr. Speaker, may I raise a question of privilege. I am glad to have the opportunity of raising this question of privilege because, after making his last statement, even the hon. member for Egmont had to wink at me.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): They are just a pair of consenting adults.