

Mr. Fulton: What page?

Mr. Martin: Page 1404. I continue:

—under which parliamentary institutions obtain, is the rule of the majority which constitutes the case we make today for the measure that is standing in my name. Those principles I believe cannot readily be questioned.

Listen to what Mr. Bennett said, then the leader in this house, of the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe. The hon. member sat in this house when this was said:

Is it a crime against the state, as Mr. MacDonald thought it was, wilfully to oppose and maliciously to consume time in personal attacks, maliciously to consume time in making statements which must be known to be untrue, making statements which must be known are wholly beside the question? Is it not, if his statement be correct—

Mr. Hees: It is three to one on Walter. You have not a hope. You may as well sit down.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Hees: Walter has it.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member's time has not expired but it very shortly will expire, and he is entitled to be heard.

Mr. Martin: Here is the final sentence of Mr. Bennett, and I am sure my hon. friends would like to hear what Mr. Bennett said:

Is it not, if his statement be correct, in the true and just sense of the term, a crime against the state that this sort of thing should continue?

Mr. Fulton: The sort of thing you are doing is a crime against the state.

Mr. Martin: I say we have precedent and justification, if ever a parliament had, for closure. Hon. gentlemen have had 14 days in which to debate this matter. They talk about the denial of free speech, and every time some member on this side has risen in this house they have not given him a chance to be heard.

Mr. Rowe: Twenty-one days' difference.

Mr. Martin: They attacked the Prime Minister; they attacked—

Mr. Hees: You are running third; you are through.

Mr. McCann: Come on, you are just a windbag.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. May I suggest to hon. members on both sides of the house that the minister who has the floor is entitled to the same courtesy that has been extended to the other speakers tonight.

Mr. Martin: When the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe was speaking we gave him the attention he deserved.

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Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Martin: We did not agree with what he said, because we knew perfectly well that he himself did not agree with what he said. If I have said anything out of place, of course, I withdraw it.

Mr. Rowe: You had better withdraw it.

Mr. Martin: Because whatever the hon. gentleman said was really not worth referring to at all.

Mr. Rowe: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a question of privilege. The Minister of National Health and Welfare said I was saying what I knew was not correct; in other words,—

An hon. Member: He withdrew that.

Mr. Rowe: He simply said that if he said anything he should not. I would assume that he would withdraw his whole speech, because he is really 21 days out in the whole thing.

The Deputy Chairman: I understood the minister to withdraw the statement I heard him make, that the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe did not really believe what he said. If the minister has not withdrawn that statement, he must do so.

Mr. Martin: I gladly withdraw it. I am sure the hon. gentleman really did mean what he said.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Martin: The page I was referring to is 1627.

Mr. Hees: You had better withdraw your whole speech.

An hon. Member: Why not withdraw yourself?

Mr. Martin: I simply want to close what I have to say by quoting from the *Toronto Telegram*.

Some hon. Members: Time.

Mr. Rowe: Does closure not apply to you?

Mr. Martin: Here is what is said about the Prime Minister of this country by the *Toronto Telegram*:

Louis St. Laurent; World Statesman

The second French-Canadian Prime Minister in Canada's history, Mr. St. Laurent's integrity, honesty of speech and fairness of mind are qualities in which Canadians take pride.

Some hon. Members: Time.

Mr. Martin:

It is Canada's destiny that her Prime Minister shall henceforth walk among the leaders of the world and it is a happy omen for this country that in Mr. St. Laurent we have a man of incisive vigor of intellect and courage of convictions to speak for Canada on the great problems of peace and progress in the world.