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is done is placed upon the Chair and depends in the final analysis on all members having respect for the authority of the Chair, whether they agree with any particular decision.

As I have said to the hon. member, it is my best judgment that such words should not be used, in these circumstances I would ask him to withdraw them.

Mr. Winch: Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful to you for having said that after my many years in Victoria and here, I understand the decency, the decorum and dignity of parliament. You were not here, sir, but the provocation was great. The charge which was made I knew was not correct. I tried three times to have it withdrawn. It was not. I then made the statement I did. The situation, sir, is rather strange in that the provocation was great. The charge was a lie, and so I called the man who made it a liar, when on three occasions I could not get him to withdraw his charge. However, sir, this I agree with. To me, the dignity, and the decorum of parliament mean everything. In view of what you have said, sir, I will, of course, immediately withdraw the word "liar". I am asking you, sir, to have a check made of the charges made against a former minister of finance of a province. How you can handle it as Speaker of this house I do not know but I ask you, sir, to study the record and the provocation and I will abide by your conclusion because I know you will do right. I hope that the hon. member who made the charges will have the same decency. I know the rules, sir, and without any qualification I withdraw the word.

Mr. Speaker: I take it that the hon. member for Bow River is satisfied with the unqualified withdrawal of the words which were complained of and were used. If the hon. member for Bow River, in view of what has been said, wishes to modify his statements, he will have an opportunity to do so now.

Mr. Woolliams: It is not that I wish to modify the statement in any way. I think my good friend from Vancouver East, and I say that because I have always respected him, misunderstood what I said. He took the viewpoint that I had said that this man as provincial treasurer had made a million dollars. I did not imply that at all. I am not suggesting by any means that he made it because he was provincial treasurer. I am saying that during the time he was provincial treasurer he made a small fortune and went to Manitoba.

Mr. Winch: Mr. Speaker, do we have to sit here and put up with this sort of thing?

Mr. Speaker: I take it the hon. member is explaining the remarks which caused the interruption by the hon. member for Vancouver East. Did the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Woolliams) have the floor?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: I take it he also is satisfied with the withdrawal.

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, I am.

Mr. Winch: In view of what the hon. member said, I would ask whether he is going to withdraw the reference he made to a provincial minister of finance?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Vancouver East will be able to raise any appropriate question of privilege, if what the hon. member for Bow River says is not in accordance with the facts.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, before I was interrupted I was being most critical, may I say to the hon. member in the socialist party, with reference to the controlled economy which they recommend. I had dealt with their philosophy in 1933 and how it was modified in 1956. Now I am coming to the third phase because this afternoon this party has put forward their philosophy as a solution to unemployment. The labour party in Great Britain followed the same policies and it was shown there that they did not solve anything. In fact, the problem remained exactly the same. The fact is that the labour party in Great Britain is now going through somewhat of a revolution. They realize now that the philosophy they once preached about the standard of living of the workers is no longer attractive because workers in Great Britain and workers in Canada especially have a higher standard of living than probably any other workers in the world. So the labour party in England has changed its philosophy and is now making a different appeal. It is rather ironic that the new party seems to be following the philosophy that the labour party in England is now tossing out the door.

Finally, may I say that I feel the question of unemployment depends on the question of healthy trade relations between Canada and other nations. We can only obtain healthy trade relations if we can compete with other nations with respect to the products we manufacture and the agricultural produce that we grow. As I said in the course of my remarks, we have to have a responsibility for leadership on the part of both management and labour. We must be able to compete or take part in the new European free trade bloc. We must learn to compete. We must be able to compete with those countries which have now recovered generally after the war and