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should export it. That is all right; that is their view but they are not in power in Alberta or Canada and we can be thankful for that.

What did they do in Saskatchewan? Before any oil industry would go into the province, before it would invest a plugged nickel in the province, the premier of the province had to give a written guarantee that he would not expropriate any of the property or any of the investments in oil development. What did they do three years ago? The provincial treasurer or the premier said that there was oil under the road allowances and that the companies had to give one more per cent to cover the oil remaining below the roadways. That was the small, niggardly approach on the part of the premier of the province to try to squeeze another per cent or so out of the industry.

In some respects the oil industry has been hit hard within the last few years because of the shortage of markets in the world and perhaps in Canada. I have considered this problem very seriously; I have tried to visualize how socialism would cure the sick economy, as the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge) described it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but I have been advised that his time has expired.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I was going to make one more statement.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): It is a shame to cut off the entertainment, but I believe that is what the rules of the house say and it is a wonder that some people do not abide by them more often.

An hon. Member: Listen to who is talking.

Mr. Howard: If my friend wants to get into an across-the-floor discussion about something that happened earlier, I have just about as much feeling about the actions now as I did then.

After listening to this frenzied, arm-waving hysterical attack on a provincial government, I am reminded of the belligerent, bellowing of a wild bull. It had just about as much sense, too, Mr. Speaker, but there is one thing that comes through in all of this.

Mr. Woolliams: You lack horns.

Mr. Howard: That is something that you do not lack and yours grow on the inside, obviously.

There is one thing that comes through in speeches such as we have just heard from the hon. member for Acadia (Mr. Horner) and the one we heard earlier from the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Woolliams) and the one he made a few days before, and the [Mr. Horner (Acadia).]

one he made before that. They were all along the same line of thinking, all exhibiting an inner fear of the socialist movement, all of them afraid of what it will do to them in their own constituencies.

Mr. Woolliams: Don't worry, my friend.

Mr. Howard: I never worry about you, my friend, nor about what comes out of this type of discussion. It is not a rational analysis of the economic problems in the country today, which we are supposed to be dealing with if this amendment means anything, but a hysterical attack on something that neither one of them can understand but which they fear.

Mr. Woolliams: We do not stand alone.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Order.

Mr. Howard: You can't stand on your own feet, either.

The hon. member for Acadia started off by wondering whether the Liberal party was really serious, or whether it was playing politics in this particular amendment. I think perhaps he knows the answer as well as the rest of us do, and that is that they are just playing politics and their serious moments are few and far between. The Tories are in the same class. That is why I was sure that my friend from Acadia recognized that the Liberals were not serious in respect of unemployment, which is one of the subject matters with which we are dealing.

I have noticed also that the debate, in so far as unemployment is concerned, which is what I should like to deal with, has oscillated between the juggling of statistics and the making of unprincipled attacks upon people who are not here to defend themselves; the using of a privileged position to get away with what I would call slanderous statements, or what could be slanderous statements if they were made outside. This is unfortunate. I think you will notice also, Mr. Speaker, that those who used the statistics so lavishly, juggled them so ably and distorted the picture of unemployment in this nation, were perhaps in reality paying silent tribute to Mr. Allister Grosart. They took most of the statistics out of "The Record Speaks" to which we have made reference from time to time here. On three occasions I have pointed out that "The Record Speaks", the Tory propaganda piece, is absolutely false and casts some suspicion upon the writers of the statistical material.

Mr. Woolliams: Now we hear the truth.

Mr. Howard: My friend would not recognize the truth if he heard it.