

trusts which literally plunder our country or not to dry up a source which might enable old-line parties to remain in power for a few years to come.

At the risk of allowing the worst revolution to break out when the people will be fed up, further encouragement is being given to the reign of the most stupid financial dictatorship only to be found in a country as rich as Canada.

Our governments are merely vile braggarts inviting loan shark outfits and foreign companies to come and grab the tremendous Canadian wealth.

The only thing our statesmen have learned about administration is how to levy taxes, whereas the levying of taxes is precisely a clear indication of maladministration.

To my regret, I have to end my remarks that most people know to be true, without being honest enough to accept the necessary changes.

I could deal with economic matters for hours, but I shall keep my remarks for a much more receptive audience than the members of this house who seem impervious to common sense. As a matter of fact, the farmers and workers of my riding, the unemployed and the destitute are much more capable of understanding me.

I said at the outset that there was a very specific point I wished to call to the minister's attention, that is, the funds appropriated for the Pointe-Bleue reserve.

Again this year, a sum of money will be earmarked for the community service section of the Indian Affairs Branch.

I must also congratulate the government for having appointed to the Pointe-Bleue reservation an officer who is working in co-operation with the Indians to develop the community.

This delegate acts as liaison officer, giving the Indians their first opportunity to express their opinions on the administration and reorganization of the reservation.

This officer, appointed and paid by Ottawa, reports on his operations to the Department. Has his report been considered at its full value? This is the question to which I should like to call the attention of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Laing) and the deputy minister and his staff.

At present, some consideration is being given to eliminating Mr. Boissonneault, but this would be a major error.

The Budget—Mr. Gauthier

Mr. Speaker, my words may harm some and possibly make a few little Caesars squirm in their seats, but I must inform them that I have never retreated from the truth and that I am a fervent defender of democracy, particularly when the poor, the have-nots and the oppressed are involved.

I have already mentioned in the house that there is a little dictatorship installed at Pointe-Bleue, where the big chief is a white man, and to support this, I received yesterday a letter signed by Chief Harry Kurtness of Pointe-Bleue but not written by him—however, I think I recognize the handwriting—in which I am bitterly blamed for having attacked the administration at Pointe Bleue.

The letter, Mr. Speaker, reads as follows:

I believe there are improvements—

I said so at the time.

—I believe there are improvements to be made in this direction.

I shall come back to this during the estimates of the department, because we have much to ask for the Pointe-Bleue reserve, particularly as concerns the administration.

• (1:30 p.m.)

The author of the letter, and I have a pretty good idea who he is, said:

You seem to go by the reports of one of your last election campaign organizer, Mr. Herbert Connolly.

We wish to inform you that no other person, association or organizer but the Band Council is responsible for the administration of the Pointe-Bleue Indian reserve.

If you have any criticism to make, we shall be glad to hear you at a meeting of our Band Council where any misunderstanding can be cleared up.

I answered the letter simply by saying to Mr. Kurtness—he is not the one who wrote the letter:

In reply to your letter, I wish to say that I will be glad to air my views before the whole Council.

You seem quite satisfied with what the government has done for your reserve up to now and I would like to hear you say so publicly.

If, in your opinion, your reserve does not need new paving, sidewalks and sewers, I want to hear you say so in public.

But have you not made it quite clear to me that you wanted to run your own business once and for all, without being told what to do by a guy like Bourassa who, by the way, will not be the little Pointe-Bleue dictator very long.

Indians are just as smart as anybody else and the time has come for them to run their own affairs.

Therefore, I suggest a meeting in the college hall if necessary, in order to spell out the facts and correct the situation.