

thing? Everybody within the sound of my voice knows and every Canadian knows, that if you take the task of protecting the security of Canada from the mounted police and put it into the hands of a non-force, it will be the death of freedom in this country. I can speak from 23 years of personal experience and say to you that it did not matter what your politics were, you were safe in my hands and those of my boys. I would protect the home of a Liberal, a Conservative, an NDP or that of anybody else in this country, and the very Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) himself who has brought a great deal of this about is safe in my hands. I wish I thought I could be safe in the hands of the non-force with a non-commissioner, run by the non-cabinet of a non-party. It is the height of nonsense, and it is certainly another great misjudgment of the people of this country if he thinks he will get away with it.

The biggest mistake Hitler made 40 years ago was in thinking that the western world did not believe in freedom, and there were 11 million or 12 million people who showed him in no uncertain way that the only way for him was to die by his own hand. His friend, Mussolini, was hung upside down outside a forgotten gate on an Italian hill. The same fate will befall anyone who pursues this method far enough. The first step toward dictatorship was to burn down the Reichstag. You do not have to burn it down if you can get the people in this chamber to act in a cowardly and disgraceful manner, that is to allow any man, be he minister or prime minister, to stand in this House and say he will make the rules. All they have to do is to say: "We, the little group, will make the rules because we have a few fellows scared into doing what they are told".

● (1:20 a.m.)

It has been my dream since boyhood to come to this House. I achieved an ambition. But if I am to be here when democracy in Canada dies, then I wish I had never been born; I wish my mother had never brought me up on the plains of Saskatchewan. I warn you that this battle is not going to be won easily. There is a democratic way of getting rid of this sort of treatment. If you want to call an election, if you think this little piece of blackmail will work, saying we are filibustering this \$100 million that you are supposed to be giving the farmers, stealing three-quarters of it out of one pocket and poking it back into another, let me tell you that it will not go over with the people.

You cannot tell the people that you are going to run the country your way, whether they like it or not. You cannot predict that you are going to ram Bill C-244 through this House. Will your next election promises be better than the promise of \$2 wheat or the promise the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) made when he said, "We will make the rules"?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but his time has expired.

Some hon. Members: Continue.

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Withholding of Grain Payments

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent that the hon. member continue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Bigg: Thanks, all three of you.

Mr. Francis: All four. At this hour, Jack, you can't count.

Mr. La Salle: Three Liberals and one independent; you made a mistake.

Mr. Bigg: I apologize to the hon. member. I did not see him there.

Mr. La Salle: I am always here.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Right in the middle of the Liberal caucus!

Mr. Bigg: Perhaps I have deviated from what I usually do, because I always try to make my remarks entirely positive. Have I got any advice for you? Yes. I want you to obey the laws of Canada, to pay the farmers that which is justly theirs. I want you to stop this double-talk and give them the \$60 million plus the \$26 million that should be added to it. They need it very badly. Let us forget that they should be getting \$2 for their wheat. Let us say it is \$1.45 wheat; let us cut it down 55 cents. Let us let you off the hook.

Mr. Francis: Address the Chair, Jack.

Mr. Bigg: I will be very pleased to hear from the hon. member who has just spoken from his seat.

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker, I believe the rules call for hon. members to address the Chair.

Mr. Bigg: Has the hon. gentleman got the floor?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis) is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Francis: Mr. Speaker, my point of order is well established according to our rules. Our rules say that remarks must be addressed to the Chair.

Mr. Peters: Where does it say that?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I think there is no question about the direction of the Standing Orders and precedents. Remarks should be addressed to the Chair, and I am sure the hon. member for Pembina is going to do that.

Mr. Bigg: I don't want to get into a lawyer's discussion with the hon. member, Mr. Speaker, but he was addressing me from his seat, which is one of the most flagrant breaches of discipline and decorum in the House. If he is to rise on a point of order, I wish he would rise in the proper manner and address the Chair, and then Your Honour could put me in my place. I thought I was speaking to the whole House through you, Mr. Speaker.