

that it is necessary to include in any interim rules many of the previous provisional rules; but not all the previous provisional rules ought to be included. Under the present circumstances one or two of the previous provisional rules are now unacceptable to us. For example, we are faced during the present session with two sets of estimates. Under suggestions made by the government to the house on Friday last the house would be required to vote estimates for the government at a rate of up to \$1 billion per day. The country will not take kindly to any parliament that acquiesces in such a procedure or to any government that imposes it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Stanfield: We shall be, as we have been, a responsible opposition. We must resist any proposal that would fundamentally impair the discharge of our constitutional responsibility as Her Majesty's loyal opposition.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Stanfield: I congratulate the new ministers and parliamentary secretaries who have been appointed to the new government. Also I commiserate with those who have failed to be appointed. I notice that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has declared his intention to change the incumbents of ministerial offices more frequently than has been the case in the past. After the Prime Minister has explained away or rationalized some of his other promises I am sure this particular promise will remain vividly in the minds of backbenchers on the government side of the house.

Incidentally, of the 16 parliamentary secretaries, seven come from Ontario, seven from Quebec, one from British Columbia and one from the Northwest Territories. I hope that when the Prime Minister makes any changes in future he will be able to appoint someone from New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, since I am sure there are members from those provinces with sufficient talent to serve in ministerial capacities.

Naturally, I extend my congratulations to all members who have been elected or re-elected. More to the point, so far as the Liberal party is concerned, are congratulations to those who for one reason or another have not been re-elected. Mr. Byrne, for example, is with the Immigration Appeal Board. Mr. Macaluso has followed his distinguished predecessor to the Canadian Transport Board. Mr. Pickersgill showed the way. Whatever anyone

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may have said about Mr. Pickersgill's competence in the field of transportation, everyone must agree that he qualifies as an expert in marine matters since he knew when to get off a sinking ship in Newfoundland.

Mr. Matheson has received a county court appointment; Mr. Teillet is on the pension commission; Mr. Robichaud has been elevated to another place; Mr. Tardif is with the citizenship court and Mr. Stewart is giving on the job training to the President of the Privy Council. The most striking anomaly about the just society so far seems to be the uneven distribution of benefits.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Stanfield: It may be that some of these appointments have come about because of the Prime Minister's determination to have decisions made by politicians and not by officials.

An hon. Member: Like recognizing Red China.

Mr. Stanfield: It seems that the Speech from the Throne is not a reliable guide to legislation that is to come before the house. The other night the Prime Minister seemed to suggest on television that the Canada Development Corporation concept was included at least in part in the Speech from the Throne because questions might be asked if such a concept were not included. In mentioning the Canada Development Corporation in the Speech from the Throne the Prime Minister extended a courtesy to it that he did not extend to the Queen.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Stanfield: If he is going to disavow the Queen, let him do so openly. If he has convictions on this subject, let him express them. Let him explain this breach of precedent and courtesy which cannot but help disturb and offend countless Canadians who care deeply about the Queen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Stanfield: So far as our party is concerned, our goal is, as it has always been, a united and strong Canada. We feel concerned about the future of our country and about the future of confederation and we shall do everything we can to strengthen Canada and confederation. We shall resist, as we have resisted in the past, any measure that will imperil national unity. We shall not make national unity a subservient part of partisan politics.