

The Address—Mr. Matte

times and he did a fine job. I hope he visits us often, because every time he came more votes flowed into the ballot boxes for the Conservative candidates.

There is something wrong with the philosophy of the Liberal party as far as the people of Nova Scotia and the maritime provinces are concerned. I think this is well exemplified by the statements which were made after November 8. Here is one by the Minister of Transport. It is a very good example of the kind of philosophy which comes from the Liberal party, and it is embodied here in a quotation from the *Halifax Mail-Star* of November 9. It reads:

Transport Minister Pickersgill, the main government spokesman in the cabinet for the Atlantic provinces—

I am sure the Minister of National Health and Welfare is pleased about that, but I think it is true. I think that is a true statement. Here is what the Minister of Transport said:

Too much money on their side and not enough on ours. There was an awful flood of Tory funds in Nova Scotia.

Well, that is a new story for the Liberal party to be telling, "too much money".

● (12:00 noon)

It is just a matter of dollars and cents so far as the Liberal party is concerned. You put enough money down and you get enough votes. That is not the way the Conservative party treats the voters in Nova Scotia.

The hon. member for Antigonish-Guysborough did not quite take the buying attitude of the Minister of Transport. He has a new concept, and I know the people of Nova Scotia are very impressed with it. He says it is the provincial apparatus that destroyed the Liberal party in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and that they must watch out for these provincial apparatuses. He tells people to be careful, to stay in a state of high organization. We had the idea that the Liberal party was in a state of high organization but, according to that hon. member, it is this provincial apparatus which is destroying the Liberal party in the maritimes. When Liberal candidates and the Liberal party smarten up enough to realize it is the people of Nova Scotia who elect the members from Nova Scotia they will have a chance, but until that time comes they will not have any chance.

I now have a few words to say with respect to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The premier of Nova Scotia, Mr. Stanfield, has always proven to be a very

reasonable man. The people of Nova Scotia consider him so. He is not the type of premier who goes around trying to pick fights with anyone. His main interest is to try to improve conditions in Nova Scotia. I have never heard of Premier Stanfield and the Prime Minister getting into great fights about what is happening in Nova Scotia or about the federal government's participation in programs in Nova Scotia. But the Minister of National Health and Welfare apparently wants all the credit for everything good that happens in Nova Scotia, and none of the blame for anything that is not good. Therefore he went to Nova Scotia during the election campaign, and prior to that, and tried to pick fights with Premier Stanfield. No matter how picayune the matter, he picked a fight.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I regret to inform the hon. member that his time has expired unless he has the unanimous agreement of the house to continue. Has the hon. member the unanimous agreement of the house?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I hear some noes, and I regret very much I cannot permit the hon. member to continue.

Mr. Diefenbaker: They don't want to hear it.

● (12:10 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Mr. Jean-Paul Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to join with those who have spoken before me in extending to you, sir, my sincere congratulations on your election, which was unanimous, as Speaker of the house.

Your past experience and the manner in which you have discharged your responsibilities as Acting Speaker leave no doubt as to your great ability and qualifications, even if this task is often most delicate. I should also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Acting Speaker and chairman of committees and, also, to extend congratulations to the hon. member for Dollard (Mr. Goyer) and the hon. member for York-Scarborough (Mr. Stanbury) who have moved and seconded the address in reply to the speech from the throne. They did it with dignity and I am sure that the whole country will benefit by the knowledge and talent they bring to this house.

The speech from the throne, Mr. Speaker, is right to the point and the program outlined for the first session of the twenty seventh par-