

Mr. Diefenbaker: According to history, Machiavelli became a wicked old man. The statement I just quoted was not diluted by truth. I was amazed to read what the Prime Minister had said. He went on to say:

I think it was a justifiable gesture, one from which I personally have benefited.

Mr. Speaker, we did not spend tens of thousands of dollars on Harrington Lake. Actually, I believe less than \$2,000 was spent on Harrington Lake. The Prime Minister then said:

In the same way I hope the next prime minister will benefit from the swimming pool... There is a difference: I do not intend to stock the swimming pool with fish, not even sharks—

I am glad he does not intend to stock it with sharks; they might think they have competition. Then the Prime Minister said:

The right hon. gentleman for Prince Albert liked fishing and had Harrington Lake stocked at public expense with fish for his enjoyment... That was a shameful incident.

Sir, I tell you that at no time during my period of office, according to the records of the Government of Canada, were fish stocked at Harrington Lake.

I have never, in all the years I have been here, seen such a collection of statements dangerous to the integrity of a member of the House of Commons delivered by a Prime Minister.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I only hope that the pit which has been dug will be fully filled before this matter is over. I took the trouble to find out when the stocking of fish took place at Harrington Lake. The National Capital Commission records indicate—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) has the floor on a question of privilege.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I secured the records. They show that the lake was stocked on April 29, 1967, four years after I had been prime minister, with 7,000 speckled trout, paid for by the National Capital Commission; on October 24, 1967, with 500 Atlantic salmon, paid for by the Canadian Wildlife Service; on October 31, 1967, with 1,000 speckled trout, paid for by the National Capital Commission; and in February, 1968, with 3,000 rainbow trout, paid for by the National Capital Commission. The Prime Minister said how shocking it was that I, at public expense and for my enjoyment, stocked Harrington Lake with fish. He said that was a shameful incident.

I could deal with other statements but will not at the moment because I want the Prime Minister to be here. He is away at the moment. He has every reason to be away, although sometimes there is no reason.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Diefenbaker: When he comes back I want him to answer in this House or in committee for statements that bear no relationship whatever to the facts. This is an

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appalling thing. Never in all the years I have been here have I heard such things.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: I note the presence of the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Goyer). He has something to answer for in Quebec.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I understood from the right hon. gentleman's last remarks that he is reserving any motion which he may propose to move until such time as the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) returns to the House. If that is the case, perhaps the matter could be concluded then.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I want to reserve my right until the Prime Minister's return. I reserve the right to bring in a formal motion then to have this matter placed before the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Diefenbaker: Statements of the Prime Minister have the same weight in the House as if made under oath. That is why it is so dangerous when a member of this House holding that position makes the sort of statements to which I have referred, statements entirely undiluted with truth. I, therefore, sir, wishing to preserve these rights, have brought this matter before the House at the earliest possible opportunity.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baldwin: Why don't you defend the PM, Mitch?

Mr. Hees: John, it looks as if you will not have to wait quite so long.

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport stated that he would provide the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre with documents relating to CNR pensioners. Members of the Conservative Party are also interested in improvements to the CNR pension plan. I would appreciate being provided with the documentation that the parliamentary secretary will be presenting to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

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Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on the point of order just raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre may I say that I spoke to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport about this matter and I believe he would be prepared to have the document made an appendix to today's *Hansard*, if the House agrees. I take it the parliamentary secretary has a document giving details regarding CNR pensions. I should like to request that it be made an appendix to today's *Hansard*.

Mr. McIsaac: Mr. Speaker, I do not feel at liberty to table a document that is addressed to the minister. I would be glad to table, later today or certainly tomorrow, the