

member for Yukon is narrow-minded and that he accuses everybody—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Caouette: —when insinuations are made, the voice of the member for Yukon is always heard. He is the only righteous one. If he really believes he alone knows the way, I hope he gets to heaven as soon as possible so as to enjoy the reward his good intentions will have won him.

According to our parliamentary tradition, the leader of a party is recognized as such in this house. This was true, for instance, in the years 1958-62, in the case of the leader of the C.C.F., Mr. Coldwell, and their government leader, Mr. Hazen Argue, although their party only had eight members. At that time, the head of the government was the present Leader of the Opposition and it did not occur to anyone, as far as I know, to fail to recognize the C.C.F. party. Would it be because I come from the province of Quebec and because I am French Canadian that the hon. members for Yukon and Grey-Bruce are hounding our group so much? They should reflect on their irresponsible action.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to convey to you my sincere and heartfelt congratulations on your appointment, approved unanimously, as Speaker of the most important institution in our country, the Canadian parliament. You deserve this honour and our unqualified confidence.

I wish to congratulate the movers of the address in reply to the speech from the throne (Messrs. Goyer and Stanbury). It is quite easy to move the address in reply, but making one's maiden speech in the house is a different matter. We all remember the first speech we made in the house.

As could be expected the new member for Dollard (Mr. Goyer) had high praise for the present government. That is as it should be since he is a member of that political party.

As far as the new member for York-Scarborough (Mr. Stanbury) is concerned, he gave us a very interesting description of his sprawling riding; he did it so well that I would be tempted to move there, were I not convinced that the country's most beautiful riding is still the riding of Villeneuve where the people gave me 69.7 per cent of the popular vote last November 8. However, the hon. member for York-Scarborough deserves

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sincere congratulations for his faultless French.

It is gratifying to see how anxious the rising generation of Canadians is to recognize the dual character of our country. I have faith in Canada's future provided men of good will from all sections of the country work together to give Canada political, economic and social leadership which will be a credit to the whole population.

• (11:50 a.m.)

Mr. Speaker, I listened very closely to the speeches delivered since Wednesday. Following the mover (Mr. Goyer) and the seconder (Mr. Stanbury) of the address, we heard the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) give a historical account of his 1963 defeat, recalling with malicious pleasure that a non-confidence motion moved by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Thompson) and seconded by myself had brought about the defeat of his government. He did not fail to point out that at that time, the hon. member for Red Deer and myself were together. In all fairness, he could have added that at that time, he had at his side the hon. Léon Balcer, his chief lieutenant for the province of Quebec, the hon. Pierre Sévigny, Mr. Rémi Paul and others.

Was it not Mr. Balcer, his chief lieutenant, who expressed the firm belief that there was no longer any place for a single French Canadian within a party headed by the Leader of the Official Opposition?

Instead of seeing the mote in his neighbour's eye, it seems to me the Leader of the Opposition should first remove the beam from his own. That would be more in accordance with elementary justice.

But, Mr. Speaker, after these tirades against the statement "One province against nine in Canada" the Leader of the Opposition mentioned toward the end of the last election campaign, that in an effort to influence the popular vote, the Liberal party had used all sorts of organizations such as the Gallup poll and the C.B.C. and that newspapermen and editorial writers had been paid by the Liberal party to praise that group and to present it as the only plausible and acceptable alternative for Canada.

For instance, we have seen on the C.B.C.—and I will name him—Mr. Roméo Leblanc, a commentator who went practically around the world at the expense of the C.B.C., that is to say of the taxpayers, we have seen him time the applause after a