

**Mr. Latulippe:** Mr. Speaker, I do not want money to be wasted. At the present time, I am sure that money is wasted right and left, thus giving no return nor creating any asset in the country. We are destroying the country instead of building it. We must build rather than destroy. Then, all the money, all the resources that we can make available to citizens must be used to build.

I would draw the attention of this government on the necessity of protecting the people because we do not have the right to waste their money on futile causes, when there are so many useful things to do.

I agree with some hon. members. Once all these big problems have been solved, we may waste as much money as we have, if there is any left to waste, which, in my opinion, is not going to happen very soon. All those funds must be used to protect the people and give them what they are entitled to.

**Mr. Corbin:** Everybody will go to the Cr ditiste paradise!

**Mr. Latulippe:** I know that we cannot solve everything, but I commend the motioner for having urged the government to give the municipalities and the public bodies money at low interest rates so that they may build something, so that they may at last have some means in order to remedy the problem of water pollution.

It is very difficult to solve the problem of pollution, because the system itself is polluted. We must first clean the economy which is totally polluted.

**Mr. B chard:** Especially the Cr ditistes from Quebec. Tell us about what happened on March 19.

**Mr. Latulippe:** I do not know what the hon. member is saying, I can make nothing of what he says. In any case, he speaks so often and about such useless things that one cannot understand what he says.

Mr. Speaker, we should express our opinion and decide once and for all to protect our human capital. This is human capital, the most valuable we have because there is no price for a human being. There is no price either for animals which we need to survive. There is no price for that.

**Mr. B chard:** Everyone agrees with that.

**Mr. Latulippe:** I live on the shore of Lake Megantic in a town with a population of 8,000. From Lake Megantic to Quebec City there are some thirty municipalities and towns which discharge all their waste in the Riviere de la Chaudiere, then into the St. Lawrence River. There are no more eatable fish in the Riviere de la Chaudiere. Everything is polluted, including the St. Lawrence River. The water no longer flows into the river; it is so polluted, it rolls down.

**Mr. B chard:** Is it Cr ditiste country?

**Mr. Latulippe:** Be they from Cr ditiste or Liberal areas, people have the right to live. Liberals have the same right as Cr ditistes, and Cr ditistes the same as Liberals or Progressive Conservatives. This right is universal, Mr.

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Speaker. I point out to hon. members that our sole obligation is to be intelligent enough to respect ourselves and to eradicate pollution, whether it comes from people or things.

We should work in that direction instead of wasting our activity, our time, our energies and our money on useless purposes. Let us do something useful. Let us build instead of tearing down. We owe it to ourselves first of all to build the most urgent and most important things, those that afford protection to the human race. The point is to protect ourselves and mankind. To succeed, we must take exceptional measures.

It is easy for the government to loan interest-free money to municipalities, as it does to foreign countries. There is good to be done in foreign countries—I admit it—but our country also requires large developments and we can finance them all through interest-free loans maturing in 60 or 70 years. If we can do it for strangers, we must be able to do it at home also; in fact, we can find the means to finance any plan, provided it is workable and materially feasible.

Now, it is materially feasible to build treatment plants, since the engineers are there and we have all the necessary materials. Many people are prepared to work; however, the funds are wanting, they are not available to the citizens in need of them.

The solution to the problem would be to put investment funds at the service of citizens. We must realize that a *de facto* situation exists and that we should therefore take the necessary means to eliminate the automatic pollution that we are experiencing today. I say automatic because everything is polluted altogether. The first step we must take is to decontaminate our waters. Thereafter, we shall endeavour to purify the air. Afterwards, we might be able to live decently.

**Mr. B chard:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. Is the parliamentary secretary rising on a question of privilege or on a point of order?

**Mr. B chard:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the hon. member for Compton whether he would allow me a question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** The hon. member may ask his question, but he must have the permission of the hon. member for Compton. The hon. member for Compton still has 30 seconds to answer it.

**Mr. Latulippe:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. B chard:** The hon. member said a moment ago that it was easy to build water treatment plants, that engineers were available, and so forth. Is he aware that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation makes loans to municipalities at a very reasonable rate, and that further it pays a rebate of 25 per cent—which is rather substantial—of the total of the loan plus interests? Is he aware of that?