

want them to accomplish something and to realize that they will do something when they follow the voice of their conscience instead of that of the troublemakers who are very often heads of the unions.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): We have had this resolution up twice, and I appeal to hon. members. I am certain that 90 per cent of the discussion during this debate has been out of order. Everybody admitted it. We did not interfere. I thought it was just one of those blasts that come up, but if nobody wants to discuss the resolution and its terms perhaps we can pass it and have the bill—

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): I want—

Mr. Fournier (Hull): You are not one of them. I will have to admit that the hon. gentleman was not in on that. Everybody admitted that the discussion that took place during the last hour was out of order. When the bill comes up hon. members will know more about it than they know at the resolution stage, and I think we could have a more orderly discussion on second reading and in committee. I do not know; that is a suggestion. I do not want to blame anybody for what took place because when we let these things develop, they are very hard to stop. But perhaps this would be the right time to do so, at ten o'clock, if it did not displease the hon. member for Greenwood.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): As the leader of the house knows, I am the most reasonable fellow in the world.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): I know.

Mr. Knowles: So are we all.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): I am in favour of getting back to the discussion of the Public Printing and Stationery Act, and I think that is a reasonable suggestion. But I do wish to point out that on October 30, when this was last discussed, the leader of the opposition, the hon. member for Kamloops, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre and the hon. member for Peace River all said that we had not sufficient information before us upon which to go forward. It was just like a quartette.

Now, tonight I observe with interest that the Secretary of State is not even here. He does not even honour us with his presence.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): The Acting Secretary of State is here.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Very well; then perhaps we can get some information, although it is now after ten o'clock. Now, in the face of that it would seem that it would be well for us, with this request facing us, to let it go through after the delightful discussion

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we have had. I have enjoyed every minute of it. Nevertheless I think that, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, it had nothing much to do with the case.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): May I add this word, that when the bill is in committee stage we will have the officials here, and I think at that stage all the information requested will be forthcoming. However, this is the resolution stage; and I do not know that hon. members should press now for the information.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): If the minister really thinks that by having the resolution pass tonight it would expedite matters, I would have no great objection, but on the clear understanding that all this information will be given. If that is the understanding I would have no desire to be stubborn about it.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): I will give the assurance that we will have the officials here, with all the answers; at least I hope they will know all the answers. At any rate we will have the officials here, and they will be able to answer the questions.

Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood): It must be clear that this principle is not being approved. Perhaps we should pass it on division. I do not want to leave the impression that on the next occasion it will merely be a matter of getting a few answers to questions, and that we have all agreed. I think the Minister of Public Works should make his choice, as to whether we pass it on division or let it stand.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Pass it on division; I have no objection.

Mr. Knowles: I would like to see the resolution go through tonight, and if I could have just half a minute perhaps we could avoid the revival of this little tête-à-tête. As far as the issues between us are concerned, I am quite satisfied with the case I made earlier, and with the case made in the two letters that are now on the record, particularly the letter from the union. I note from what the hon. member has said that he is opposed to the forty-hour week—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Knowles: It was because members of the union felt that to be the case that they wanted that corrected; and that is what I have done. And now, in the interest of peace, order and good government, as my genial friend has said, since he knows as much about printing as I do, I suggest that he and I go over to the printing bureau tonight; we can sit down at adjoining linotype machines and I will set his speech and he can set mine.