

*Measures Against Crime*

my riding. These people, from what I see, are honest and respectable citizens. All of them without exception are opposed to the bill as I am, because it has been drafted by people who never set a foot in a forest or who have never been hunting in their life. They would probably see no difference between a telephone pole and a pine tree. And yet, Mr. Speaker, those very individuals who know nothing about hunting want to make laws to prevent sportsmen and people who like forests from practicing their favorite sports, something these people would like to be able to do without being harassed by a bunch of officials busily trying to see to it that only criminals have weapons.

I want the minister to know this: People in northwestern Quebec and all other areas of Canada do not like Bill C-83. They reject its false solutions. They refuse to be treated like criminals and will not let this useless if not dangerous bill restrict their freedom to have in their possession guns for hunting and target shooting.

If the minister is not completely deaf and blind, he must realize that the great majority of Canadians are opposed to this bill on gun control. He showed this a first time by trying to hide these control provisions in an omnibus bill which was introduced a few years ago and which proposed longer sentences for dangerous criminals, which everyone wants except the criminals themselves.

The minister seems to think that he will be able to mislead people freely by hiding gun control in a series of popular measures. His violent opposition to the amendment suggested by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) to divide the bill so as to allow members to vote for certain provisions without having to approve gun control is another manoeuvre which shows that the minister really knows that gun control is as unpopular as it is useless.

What is even more serious concerning gun control, Mr. Speaker, is that people in my area and other rural areas where nearly everyone hunts will be penalized because of the lack of understanding of public servants and people who live in cities and do not understand the use of owning guns and rifles for hunting.

As the representative of the constituency of Villeveuve, where the great majority of people own guns for hunting, it is my duty, Mr. Speaker, to tell the minister that he is making a serious mistake and taking clearly unjust action by penalizing in this way whole groups of honest citizens while criminals will always be able to find prohibited weapons like machine guns even if these weapons are supposed to be controlled.

Mr. Speaker, the bill now before us will penalize honest citizens instead of criminals. If the minister wants proof of what I say, I could give him loads of it, as I was telling the hon. member earlier.

[Mr. Caouette (Villeveuve).]

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Speaker:** It being five o'clock, it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment this evening are as follows: the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger)—Transport—Request that departmental contracts specify use of Canadian ceramics; the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrester)—National Defence—Possible closure of bases in Nova Scotia—Request for consultation with provincial authorities.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions for papers. However, I understand that there is agreement that all notices of motions will stand at the present time, which leads us to further consideration of private members' bills, which would return for consideration private bill S-30 which was before the House for consideration one week ago today at this time. Is that understood and agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** It is understood.

## PRIVATE BILLS

[English]

CONTINENTAL BANK OF CANADA

The House resumed, from Thursday, March 4, consideration of Bill S-30, to incorporate Continental Bank of Canada, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before turning the discussion to the consideration of motion No. 1 in the name of the hon. member for Waterloo-Cambridge (Mr. Saltsman) a week ago, discussion was closed by the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) arguing a point of order in respect of motion No. 1 in the name of the hon. member for Waterloo-Cambridge in that on the one hand it constituted an expanded negative or, on the other hand, if acceptable, it ran contrary to the provisions of the Bank Act.

● (1700)

The motion would propose the deletion of subclause (2) of clause 2. It is therefore certainly within the procedural definition of this kind of motion at this stage. It cannot, therefore, be viewed, in the eye of the Chair, as an expanded negative. Notwithstanding the argument, it might have the effect in this instance of establishing powers and principles which would contravene the provisions of the Bank Act.