

against the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order. Hon. members should remember that only a few seconds remain before the end of the debate and I will have to extend a little the time allotted to the hon. member.

[English]

Mr. Malone: I would not want to see such interruptions taken from my time, Mr. Speaker, because I have here 26 pages of this kind of information. It must be lowering to the self-esteem of a tall man who wears a western hat to have to live with these words, words he used as late as March 10, 1977:

Do you really think I would lower myself to be in the same party as Transort Minister Otto Lang who has ruined not only the nation's transport system but its grain industry, too?

He must have found out that the Minister of Transport didn't have the depth he thought he had since he was able to lower himself so easily.

The list goes on and on. I do not know whether to call it ten o'clock tonight or ten o'clock tomorrow morning. If there were sufficient times available I should have liked to deal in detail with the subject of the Prairie Rail Action Committee and what it is doing to the prairies. What we do see is the effect of cloning. The Minister of Transport has cloned his likeness into the shape of Professor Fred Anderson to do as he wanted to do. He wanted to abandon railways without community hearings and without having alternative systems in place. When railways are abandoned that way, disruption is caused in prairie communities. I can cite one example.

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Rail service is being removed from towns surrounding Stettler, Alberta. Such towns are Rumsey, Rowley, Big Valley, Endiang, Byemoor, Red Willow and Donalda. It is now being assumed that one community can take in all the grain from those communities where rail lines are being abandoned. Without extra services in that one community, the only conclusion we can come to is the conclusion drawn by my party and by the New Democratic Party, that is, in terms of transportation policy this government is incompetent.

I see, Mr. Speaker, that you are beginning to rise, and if I can conclude with the word incompetent, I could not conclude with a better one.

Mr. Harquail: That is a good word for you.

Mr. Loiselle (Chambly): Why do you lie like that?

An hon. Member: Withdraw.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I heard the words of the hon. member opposite. I apologize for not remembering the name of his riding. He mentioned a word which I do not think he would want to leave on the record.

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Perhaps he might want to take this opportunity to withdraw that word and not to blemish the good nature of this House, which never becomes political. We do not get into harsh political language at all, and I think the hon. member might like to have such an opportunity.

[Translation]

Mr. Loiselle (Chambly): Mr. Speaker, as I just indicated, the hon. member should be ashamed of what he says because I know his riding well, and in any event most producers in his riding would not support him.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I would ask the hon. member to return to his seat. I want to indicate to him that I did not hear the remark he made, but if he used a term that was not parliamentary, I think he should withdraw it.

Mr. Loiselle (Chambly): If I said "liar"—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I did not hear the remark.

Mr. Loiselle (Chambly): If I said "liar", I will correct myself by saying the hon. member did not tell the truth.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I think the explanation given by the hon. member is acceptable.

[English]

I hope the hon. member will accept the explanation.

It being 10 p.m., it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(11), proceedings on the motion have expired.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

POST OFFICE—DOOR-TO-DOOR MAIL DELIVERY IN URBAN AREAS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, on two occasions I have raised questions in reference to conditions in the Post Office and to the way it is functioning in the city of Calgary. I raised this matter on January 26 and again on February 13. I asked the minister to order an independent investigation into the workings of the Post Office and into the gross inefficiency in a city which is growing by more than 2,000 inhabitants a month.

I want to make it abundantly clear that in my long association here as a member of parliament, and before that in practising as a barrister, mail was the lifeblood of both endeavours. I have found that 99.9 per cent of those involved