

powers of the central provinces and emasculate the powers of the western ones and put them into a second-class status forever.

**An hon. Member:** Some of them third class.

**Mr. Huntington:** I never saw in the last election the power or mandate to expropriate and nationalize the energy industry.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Huntington:** We are not addressing energy supply any longer in this country. We are addressing some kind of a unilateral form of government which is being imposed upon us.

**An hon. Member:** Right on.

**Madam Speaker:** Order. I think the hon. member will recognize that he is making a very impassioned speech but this is not the time to make such a speech. I would like him to address himself to the question of privilege which has been raised. It is a narrow matter, and although some of the arguments of the hon. member might be remotely relevant, in these matters of procedure one must be kept much closer to procedure. I ask him to relate solely to the question of privilege.

**Mr. Huntington:** I thank you, Madam Speaker, and accept your admonition but, after all, my character was impugned and I was called a non-Canadian. The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway has insulted me on several occasions in the House, but I will accept Your Honour's admonition.

In closing I should like to read from a riding mailer which was directly on this issue. It was sent out in August, 1980, and reads in part as follows:

As your member of Parliament, it is my duty to do everything possible to keep this once great and proud country intact.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Huntington:** It continues:

However, the constitutional crisis has been created and if Mr. Trudeau's concept of federalism is nothing more than a brilliantly contrived vehicle to socialize Canada then I personally would rather see western Canada out than be a part of this Trudeau revolution.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Huntington:** That is what it is; it is an overnight socialization of the country.

**Some hon. Members:** Right on.

**Mr. Huntington:** We, and many of us in western Canada, are alarmed at this intrusion because there was no mandate for it.

**An hon. Member:** That is the way the west feels.

**Mr. Huntington:** I am speaking on behalf of my part of this great country, just as my hon. friend across the aisle speaks about his. I understand his emotion and his feelings. I am

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appealing so that the emotions of western Canada will be heard and understood. Do not rend this country apart with unilateral imposition on it.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, I had not intended to join with the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) in this important question of privilege which, in one sense, goes to the heart of the debate about the future of our country, but the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre), in the course of his comments just a few minutes ago, made reference to myself as indulging in a kind of McCarthyism as well.

In a dispassionate but honest attempt I will deal with the accusations which have been made. In a similar fashion I want to defend the statements made by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. We have just heard the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington) say that he was called a separatist, and say that he was called a non-Canadian, if I heard him correctly. I have checked this with the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway, and I want to say that at no time was it suggested that the hon. member for Capilano was a separatist or a non-Canadian. He does not have to wave his patriotic flag—a number of us in all parties could do that if we were interested—because, if I may say so, I think it is entirely beside the point in this argument.

What is at stake in the accusation of the hon. member for Calgary Centre the other day about my colleague is the imputation of motives, and I refer to Beauchesne's fifth edition, citation 316, subsection (e) which deals with the imputation of motives. To say that the motives of the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway were something other than what he said they were, that is, to pass a judgment and to state the truth as he was quoting it, in my view is a question of privilege. I do not think that is what the member was doing.

As he has done for a period of a week or so in the House, with justification, the member was saying that when the hon. member for Capilano called for a western Parliament—and he did not deny it today—it meant one thing and one thing only. We have legislative assemblies and parliamentary bodies outside the Parliament of Canada and, in my judgment, a member can rise here and express legitimate grievances whether he is from western Canada, Ontario, Quebec or Atlantic Canada.

There are legitimate grievances about the west with which my party has sought to deal positively, by proposing, for example, resource amendments that are central to western Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** That is a joke.

**Mr. Broadbent:** I have hit a sensitive chord, but we can watch the Tories and see how they vote when those amendments are presented in committee.