

Sunday papers were heavy with headlines from Canada of what other people in Canada thought of Mr. Diefenbaker.

Since when has it become the policy of the Liberal party of Canada that matters affecting the jobs and lives and property of Canadian people should be left to the decisions of Whitehall and the bureaucrats in Brussels? That is the policy, and I have mountains of quotations to prove it. This will, of course, be denied, and the Leader of the Opposition will be in a position of being able to quote himself on all sides. He began by saying, "Why don't we join with Britain?" And having been told that this could not happen, he said, "Let us have an Atlantic trade community". And when the President of the United States knocked that into a cocked hat, he then proceeds to say, "We will take in everyone". And when the Prime Minister of Canada comes home to Canada and says we have something of that kind, Mr. Pearson gets up and sneers at him.

I know, or I believe I know, that Britain is going to join the Common Market. I think it is a sad thing that ministers of a British government should come to this country over the period of a year and give the unqualified pledges they gave to the Government and people of Canada and now simply disregard them. This is the truth, and it cannot be denied. As I said a moment ago, look at the communiqué issued by the Prime Ministers' Conference, and compare that with the speeches made in Wales the other day. If that is not an exercise in cynicism, then I do not know what it is.

You may ask: What do you believe in? Well, what I believe in is this, that if Britain joins the Common Market we must find trade wherever we can find it, and I think that the Prime Minister has put forward a program that is capable of being worked out.

Something was said by the honourable senator who leads the other side of this house (Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Brantford) about a growing distrust in Canada and a loss of faith in this country. He quoted two examples and then proceeded to argue from the particular to the general, and to say that if these two institutions have lost confidence then all others must have lost it too.

Honourable senators, I have been reading and studying the debates of the other place on this so-called loss of confidence in Canada. One of the reasons given was that the Prime Minister during the last election withheld the truth from the Canadian people. Now, this is a most serious charge. It is called, as a matter of fact, by the people making it, a major fraud. This is very strong language. I recall in the days of Sir Robert Borden,

when he said that a certain statement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier lacked the essential elements of truth, a lot of people were shocked. They now use a five-letter word—fraud. I think that that sort of language, and that sort of charge, without substantial evidence behind it, is another reason why the young people of this country are losing faith in our party system.

I spoke of evidence. I am looking across this chamber and I see before me, not only four of the most famous senators, but four of the most famous lawyers in Canada. These honourable gentlemen surely know the rules of evidence. I ask them to go over the debates of the other place and to read the charges that have been made there, and then ask themselves if any of these charges are supported by what they regard as admissible evidence. There is conjecture, suspicion, and so on and so forth, but there is nothing concrete to say that a certain person on a certain occasion did something that has brought about a loss of trust in the Government.

One of my famous ancestors who bears my name, John O'Leary, an old Irish revolutionary, once told W. B. Yeats that there were some things that a gentleman would not do for his country. Honourable senators, there are some things that politicians may not do for their party, and one of them, I submit, is going about the highways and byways charging major fraud unless they are able to back up the charge with evidence. I am willing to look at the truth. I have looked at these charges. I have examined them as objectively as I could, and nowhere could I find a shred of evidence to back them up.

The other day the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Brantford) said, "There is a lack of trust in Canadian business". I often wonder if those people who are going about at this time talking about Canada being in stagnation and talking about the wasted years ever read the financial pages of their own newspapers. Is there to be seen on the financial pages of the morning papers any evidence that Canada is going to the dogs? What is to be seen there is the precise opposite.

In the Liberal party at the present time there is an economic prophet, a Mr. Walter Gordon, who, honourable senators will recall, headed the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects. At the close of the report of that royal commission Mr. Gordon and his associates went into the realm of astrology and presumed to horoscope what would happen to Canada in the next twenty-five years. It is well known that one of the things predicted was that by 1965 the gross