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Mr. Choquette: The hon. member for Villeneuve says that I should co-operate with him in order to help my riding. He thus wants to insinuate that I do not work for my constituency. I work for my constituency in co-operation with the ministers and, consequently, it would be worse to co-operate with the hon. member for Villeneuve, and I do not wish to see him in my riding.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a word about the question of privilege raised by the hon. member. I quoted the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette) when he was not in his seat. As reported in Hansard on page 6532, left column, second last paragraph, he said, and I will read this over again for his own information:

I say that those figures are wrong-

He is referring to my figures.

-and that in due time, the Minister of Finance will reveal the true situation, as regards the taxes collected by the federal government in the province of Quebec and the redistribution of those taxes in that province.

This is what we are asking for and I say that the hon. member for Lotbinière is not co-operating with the other members to obtain the information requested, and yet he assured us himself that we would get the information.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. In my opinion, the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Lotbinière is not in order; the hon. member for Villeneuve should carry on with his remarks.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I quite agree with you. In fact, and as usual, the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Lotbinière is a stupid question which does not in any way constitute a question of privilege.

He is always trying to give himself airs and to make it known that he is in favour of the farmers and the taxpayers in the province of Quebec. However, he is not taken seriously either in his own riding or by the members of his party in the House of Commons.

Mr. Choquette: The hon. member for Villeneuve is the least serious man in Canada.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, the repeated interruptions of the hon. member for Lotbinière do not frighten me.

Mr. Choquette: Joker.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I am not concerned with these interruptions because the hon, member for Lotbinière is aware that his earthworm; you cut it in two and it still lives.

own party, that is the party in office, does not take him seriously. He is considered as a separatist.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, he is considered as anti-logical-

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It seems to me that the dispute or the fight between the members, one rising on a question of privilege, the other trying to reply, departs from the subject under consideration. In fact, the only matter under consideration is whether it is in order for the government to table certain documents, and the member who has the floor should merely advise the house whether or not he feels the said documents should be tabled. I would therefore ask him to restrict his remarks to this point and I ask the hon. member for Lotbinière to recognize that the hon. member for Villeneuve has the floor.

Mr. Choquette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Grégoire: There is no question of privilege.

Mr. Choquette: The Speaker will decide.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege, because falsehoods will appear in Hansard tomorrow, and I have the right to correct them. I feel that you should grant me this right under the rules of the house.

Unfounded accusations are being levelled against me. I must point out to the hon. member for Villeneuve that I am highly considered in my party, where a fine solidarity exists, as evidenced by the spontaneous applause now being heard.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.

Mr. Choquette: The opposite situation prevails in his party; it is a divided and a schismatic party.

Mr. Grégoire: What a joker you are.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. May I point out to the hon. member for Lotbinière that there is no question of privilege, but that he is simply disagreeing with the hon. member for Villeneuve. He may, when the hon. member for Villeneuve has concluded his remarks. take part in the debate.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I shall revert to my remarks-

Mr. Choquette: Social Credit is like an