

Time Allocation for Bill C-11

saying, on one hand, that the administration of justice is provincial, as we have heard so many ministers answer here when they are asked questions: they say the administration of justice is provincial, but when the provincial administration in Quebec investigates the administration of justice, which includes the RCMP—and surely it is part of the system of justice—the minister is now going to say they cannot investigate the RCMP because it is not the administration of justice. This is the administration of what—mercy?

He is afraid that the Keable inquiry will be independent. He knows it is not under the thumb of the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) and not under the Prime Minister's thumb. He knows the Laycraft inquiry in Alberta is not under his thumb, so they will not co-operate with those commissions. We hear today that the Solicitor General will co-operate with the federal commission of Mr. Justice McDonald. The government is going to co-operate with that commission which the government itself appointed and which will not get down to the brass tacks, the meat and the nub of the question, until after the next federal election is over. They are not going to co-operate with the two provincial royal commissions; they are not going to co-operate with anyone but Mr. Justice McDonald, they say now.

We will see in a few months how much they co-operate with Judge McDonald if he shows any signs of independence whatsoever. It is a sad day for Canada when we see the iron heel of tyranny again imposed in this House today by a government which has nothing to offer, nothing coming up, nothing on the agenda, but sneaks in a budget speech and tries to prevent the House from discussing these measures brought in so pitifully by the Minister of Finance several weeks ago.

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce does not want to have matters discussed here. He said the other day in Winnipeg, according to the *Free Press* of November 9, that he wished the federal government would borrow less in order to make the money market more accessible to private industry. Did you ever hear anything more hypocritical? The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce wants the government to borrow less, yet the bill we have before us authorizes the government to borrow \$9 billion because of this spendthrift administration.

Why doesn't the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce get together with the Minister of Finance and get on the same wavelength. One minister says he wishes the federal government would borrow less in order to make the money market more accessible to private industry. I hope the Minister of Finance goes along with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Of course, that minister rides in every direction. He is not riding on the Mounties, but he is riding in every direction. In order to get power, he did not ride on the Mounties; he rode on something else I won't mention here this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I see you rising. May I carry on, with unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Crosbie.]

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I certainly do not intend to compete with the hon. member who preceded me. I was impressed with his vocabulary, particularly with the words he invented during his discourse. I was even impressed with the words he initiated, because they are like words my House leader accuses me of using all the time.

We are again faced with closure. I was impressed with the statement of the minister for amateur sports and fitness (Mrs. Campagnolo) about the British parliament. It is an interesting thing that, while it is true there are limitations in respect of the length of speeches in the British parliament, they at least know where they are going. If this parliament were to get cracking and pass this bill tonight, and probably two or three other little bills, we could do what I overheard an hon. member opposite say he would like to do—that is, go home. He can go home at any time, because his contribution is very limited. We were sent to this parliament to discuss a number of things. Obviously, one of them should be the economy of the country. The government has handled things so badly recently that we are still working on a budget from a year ago, and a pseudo budget from a few weeks ago, neither of which will solve any of the problems. In the opinion of my party it would be wise not to pass these particular bills, because we do not agree with the distribution of the tax structure which will give more to the corporations and less to the people.

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In the British parliament there is an order of what is going to be decided. I heard a couple of hon. members say that we should carry on this debate on economic matters until Christmas. The reason for doing that was simply because they did not want to get on to the subject of national unity. These are two subjects which have been handled very badly by the government. While economics may not be as devastating as far as our country is concerned, to get on to the other one is even less appetizing than staying on this one until Christmas. By that time they might find other problems to solve.

Canada has an immense unemployment problem. My colleagues have referred to the 3,000 people who will be laid off very shortly in Sudbury. Last year, in my constituency, we lost probably 1,700 or 1,800 jobs in approximately four plants. An entire industry was closed down in my community within the last ten years. No one cared and no one paid much attention to that. With the way the dollar is going today, perhaps they will rue the day that they neglected that industry and realize that stockpiling would not have been such a bad deal. That would not have been a bad deal for most governments, but this one could not see it.

When we allowed the gold mines in Kirkland Lake to close, gold was worth \$35 an ounce. We were subsidizing the production of gold to a limited extent. In fact, it was to such a limited extent that mining of gold could not be continued. If it had been subsidized to an extent at least twice as much as it now is, and if that gold had been stockpiled, we would have eliminated many of our troubles. It is a fact that the price of