

I refer to Cromwell and his impatience as an executive of Parliament. I am sure that his reference to the mace as a "bauble," which he demanded his soldiers throw out with the wronged Parliament members, stands out in all our memories.

I would now turn my attention to Canada and what this chamber should denote and signify to us as senators and Canadians. In this context, I am reminded of the fight for responsible government against the Family Compact. The executive had no patience with their leader.

During the summer, while reading *The Hansard Chronicles*, written by John Ward, the present Editor of *House of Commons Debates*, I was reminded of what befell Francis Collins, the first *Hansard* reporter in Canada, who was unknown to me until I read this particular book. This courageous Canadian insisted on reporting the debates of the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada. Robinson, of the Family Compact in Ontario, with others, had him tried for libel and thrown into prison. An outcry ensued and an appeal was made to the King. He was finally released only to die shortly thereafter. That again was a prime illustration of the Family Compact's arrogantly and arbitrarily wanting to avoid the arena of Parliament.

When we think of Mackenzie, surely we must derive a feeling of the immense responsibility which we have, as senators, to ensure accountability by the executive to Parliament. I am aware that the executive is not accountable to this chamber but, honourable senators, if we sense the slightest attempt by the executive to by-pass Parliament, then, surely, it is up to us to stand on our feet and demand that it stop.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Senator Thompson:** Honourable senators, I would suggest that Edmund Burke was the greatest parliamentarian. In his letter to the constituency of Bristol, he said that he would not be tied down by any party when it came to using his own judgment. They could demand his industry, but no man, no set of men, could demand his judgment.

I was relieved to read in a press release a number of years ago that the Prime Minister said the kind of parliament he respected was a parliament based on the Burkean idea. In the past, Mr. Trudeau has expressed his utter contempt for people who he felt had corroded into party hacks.

I now propose to read from Pierre Elliott Trudeau's writings on *Federalism and the French Canadians*.

**Hon. Stanley Haidasz:** What year?

**Senator Thompson:** I do not know when it was published, but I should make it clear it was prior to his joining the Liberal Party.

Referring to representation in the House of Commons, he wrote:

The party strategists had but to find an acceptable stable master—Laurier, Lapointe, St. Laurent—and the trained donkeys—

And I would certainly never use words like that, but our Prime Minister did.

[Senator Thompson.]

—sitting in the back benches could be trusted to behave.

With respect to this bill, honourable senators, I am concerned that we in this chamber do not behave like trained donkeys but, rather, as men of the calibre of Holles, of Eliot, of Pym, of Howe and of Mackenzie. I single Senator George McIlraith out as one of that calibre.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Senator Thompson:** Let us remember our historical strength as a free and independent people, and that freedom, in the words of Tennyson, can be lost "from precedent to precedent".

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I wanted to say this as I watched the private member's bill develop, in some way, into a government bill, and as I watched the tiptoeing through the tulips that went along with it. I wanted to be able to state that I shall include myself in the ranks of those courageous men who stood out, over the years, to develop an accountability by the executive. Those men, no matter whether they went to jail, stood by their consciences in the House of Lords, the Senate, and the House of Commons.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. John M. Godfrey:** Would the honourable senator accept a question? I wonder if he would mind giving us just a hint as to what that speech had to do with the amendments to the Interpretation Act, the Bills of Exchange Act and the Canada Labour Code?

**Hon. Martial Asselin:** Sit down!

**Some Hon. Senators:** Oh, oh.

**Senator Thompson:** In reply, it is especially important if you cannot see its aptness.

**Hon. Orville H. Phillips:** Honourable senators, without prejudicing my right to speak later, I would like to direct a question to the Leader of the Government in the Senate concerning Bill S-30.

Is he aware of anything in the rules that would prevent the Senate from giving credit to the real author of the bill, namely, Michael Valpy of the *Globe and Mail*?

**Senator Olson:** Honourable senators, I am not aware of any rule that would prevent my honourable friend from giving credit to whomever he wants to give credit to.

On motion of Senator Marshall, debate adjourned.

#### BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENTS ACT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—DEBATE ADJOURNED

**Hon. George van Roggen** moved the second reading of Bill C-129, to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act and the International Development Association Act.

He said: As some honourable senators may have noticed, this bill is very short, being only two pages in length. I recall that, some time ago, a confrère of mine on this side of the