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Mr. Flynn:—and therefore it would have been completely inconsistent for us to oppose them, even from a tactical point of view.

Hon. members in the opposition should know that our main course during the last election was to relieve the provinces from the fiscal burden that had been placed upon them. I formally deny the statement just made by the hon. member for Levis.

Last year, we voted in favour of this act. We shall now vote for this item, and if anybody reverses his course it will not be on this side of the house, but on the side of my good friend, the hon. member for Levis.

Mr. Denis: Mr. Chairman, the only conclusion which can be drawn from this discussion is obviously that, due to the famous provincial autonomy of the Union Nationale, the province of Quebec lost hundreds of millions of dollars by re-electing the Union Nationale government, which has fortunately disappeared.

Mr. Flynn: You did not offer any compensation at that time.

Mr. Denis: You have repudiated what the Liberals had done—

Mr. Flynn: Not at all.

Mr. Denis:—from 1954 to 1957, and not only do you approve today what you repudiated at the time, but you go still further and vote twice.

Mr. Chairman, I notice that the hon. member for Roberval, having been expelled from this side of the house for being too noisy—

Mr. Flynn: Order.

The Chairman: Order. I do not believe that it is the responsibility of the hon. member for St. Denis to discuss the question of the distribution of seats in this house. His comments are not relevant to the present discussion. I would therefore ask him to stay on the item now before us.

Mr. Denis: I simply pointed out the fact that the hon. member for Roberval is now in a seat that is not his, and I did so in the interest of the hon. member to whom this seat was given, for I am convinced that he would not be too happy to be mistaken for the hon. member for Roberval.

Mr. Flynn: Order.

Mr. Caron: The hon. member for Roberval should also be called to order.

The Chairman: The hon. member for St. Denis has the floor, and I would ask the hon. members—

Mr. Caron: And also the hon. member for Roberval.

The Chairman:—not to interrupt him. I would moreover ask the hon. member for St. Denis to confine his remarks to the estimates now before us.

Mr. Caron: And especially the hon. member for Roberval. I suggest he should be named.

Mr. Denis: Mr. Chairman, we are now being asked to vote an additional sum of \$28 million, and I would very much like to know from the Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr) what proportion of this additional sum will be handed out to the province of Quebec.

If I understand correctly, the item deals with joint plans, and also with certain works concerning the construction of schools for technical and professional training, or for the teaching of certain trades which come under the purview of the federal government.

Thus I am asking the minister to tell the house if, as a result of this great project which is being promoted by Conservative ministers and members from Quebec at Lauzon, the Sulphur Converting Corporation proposes to look after the building of a technical school in that community—

Mr. Tremblay: Order.

Mr. Denis:—since, for the construction of these wharves which cover a distance of 30 miles, tradesmen, craftsmen and divers, will probably be needed, for the carrying out of federal works?

An hon. Member: You would have been an excellent one yourself.

Mr. Denis: Mr. Chairman, I wonder how much money the province of Quebec will receive under this vote, for this project should give employment to more than 4,000 unemployed in the province of Quebec, and we shall probably need mechanics and mining experts and workers to build wharves, etc.

I also ask the minister if, in this increase we are asked to vote, an amount is provided for the construction of industrial arts and trades schools in the Lauzon and Levis areas so that, should this project become a reality, the province of Quebec will not be caught off guard but will be in a position to train skilled workers, experts who could successfully carry out the famous project of the Sulphur Converting Corporation.

Mr. Tremblay: I do not intend, Mr. Chairman, to get involved in a lengthy debate and try to answer the arguments put forward