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another by the minister of mines for Ontario. The statements of those two gentlemen cannot be taken lightly.

Mr. Gauthier (Porineuf): They need to be enlightened.

Mr. Courtemanche: You give me proof that we should keep our natural gas at home.

It would be unthinkable that the governments of Quebec and Ontario should now learn that Alberta, which they tried to encourage on grounds of patriotism and national unity, as I have stated a while ago, has now reversed her policy and decided to sell her products to people outside our own country.

Under such circumstances, there would be no cause to be surprised should the stand taken by Calgary be denounced both in Toronto and Quebec, and should Alberta feel that she were more or less being left aside.

Can our confederation stand such disunity? I do not think so. All parties interested should examine this problem calmly and from every angle and I am sure that they will then come to the same conclusion. The project may, at first sight, offer certain advantages, but they are negligible compared with the disadvantages that would ensue.

A country can only prosper in an atmosphere of harmony and mutual understanding. Such harmony and mutual understanding sometimes imply certain sacrifices on both sides—it is everyone's lot, now and then—but they are worth while.

We all want to see Canada keep on progressing, to see our natural resources add more and more to our national wealth and raise still further our standard of living. However, we might very well jeopardize this promising future if, instead of acting as a team, as shareholders in the same company, our sole concern is to please people abroad. Let us think first of ourselves and our own people; nobody can expect more.

I therefore believe, Mr. Speaker, that in the name of national unity, of national harmony, as well as in the name of our economic interests we must, without hesitation, reject this request which is made to us.

The Progressive Conservative party has always championed private enterprise and it still does to this day. It will nevertheless never allow private enterprise to work against the national interest. There is no better way of ensuring the future of this country. There is no better way either of ensuring the future of private enterprise in Canada.

(Text):

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Chairman, the number of speakers who have taken part in this debate, ranging from the Atlantic to the Pacific, of all provinces, of all races and of all parties, suggests that this is a much more important subject than is usually found in bills which sometimes come before the house at this hour. I do not know that I would have intervened in this debate had it not been for what I considered a rather captious article in the *Financial Post* regarding the House of Commons and dealing with this matter. In that article the august journal said that the House of Commons was making a spectacle of itself. Of course it is the prerogative of those who sit outside in ivory towers to pre-judge and so declare; but I think it was Bobbie Burns who said:

O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!

The *Financial Post* went on to say that the House of Commons was delaying most important business. That, of course, suggested some of the superiority complex which affects editorial writers when they presume to write about matters upon which they are not too well informed; because the editorial writer did not realize that this hour is provided for private members and, no matter how these private members' matters are discussed, they do not interfere with the business of Canada.

I would make no further comment but that it is nine o'clock.

Section stands.

Progress reported.

Mr. Speaker: The hour for private and public bills having expired, the house will resume consideration of the matter under discussion at four o'clock.

REDISTRIBUTION

READJUSTMENT OF REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. 393, to readjust the representation in the House of Commons—Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce)—Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.

On section 1—*Short title.*

Mr. Winters: Mr. Chairman, before the dinner recess we were dealing with the problem of redistribution in Nova Scotia and I was addressing myself particularly to the remarks made previously by the hon. member for Annapolis-Kings.