

Canada expert to produce some of the speeches of Mr. Gagnon during the ten years 1940 to 1950. I would like to see Information Canada publish some of the essays and contributions to the literary world of the Prime Minister during that period. One hon. gentleman holds up a copy of "Pierre Trudeau and Canadian Federalism." I would like to see passages from it circulated to the Canadian people. Then, there is the book by Jacques Hebert and Pierre Elliot Trudeau, "Two Innocents in Red China", which I have read with great interest. I should like to see this book circulated because it tells of his second coming to Red China and his great association with the Chinese people. I think the Prime Minister is a great internationalist. I would like to see more publicity given to Jacques Hebert's views on his visit to Red China. This Jacques Hebert is the same gentleman who published the book by the Secretary of State.

The Prime Minister is an expert on eastern matters. There is nobody in this Parliament more capable than the Prime Minister of finding ways to get control of situations. Then, we have the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. We also have the Minister of Energy Mines and Resources. Where does he stand? I know we are having trouble determining where he stands with respect to energy policies.

**Mr. Deachman:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. Are we still on Bill C-207? If we are I would not have recognized the fact from listening to the last several minutes of the present discourse. I wonder if the hon. member just wandered off to another topic.

**The Chairman:** I think the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra has made a very good point. The hon. member who has the floor may have been straying just a bit far.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Chairman, I congratulate the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra for proving that he was awake. I think he is just getting in an early application for one of these appointments. I notice that my good friend, the expert in the area of finance, who is sitting over there, is not wearing his red shirt today. He has done a tremendous job of ingratiating himself with his colleagues since he was appointed parliamentary secretary. Keep up the good work, there are a lot of appointments to come.

● (3:10 p.m.)

I think my remarks are relative, Mr. Chairman. We are asked to approve a decision of the Prime Minister which, hopefully, came before the cabinet. I hope it did because I have some confidence in his colleagues in the cabinet. But I am challenging the various members of the Privy Council to explain why they are prepared to permit the Prime Minister, who has never explained the bill to the House, to go ahead with legislation which will in effect take complete and total control of the House of Commons. Instead of having dictatorship of the cabinet, as has been traditional since 1867, we will have a small group of 28 ministers in control of all the decision-making

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process, plus the fact that the Prime Minister will have control of his own party. It will be a completely autocratic situation.

I have overlooked the Postmaster General, but now I come to a gentleman for whom I have a great deal of respect, the Minister of Justice. He has not been in the House during the debate, so far as I am aware. Perhaps he has been here once or twice, but he has never taken exception to this provision. I wonder if he took exception to it in cabinet. At the moment, there are enough ministers in the cabinet with backbone that some will stand up against the things that are happening in this country.

I will overlook the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and come to the Minister of Labour, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, a man who has tremendous credentials on paper. Is he satisfied with the control being given to the Prime Minister? And where is the member for Vancouver-Quadra?

On rereading clause 23 I see that it gives permission to the Governor in Council to appoint an unlimited number of ministers of state, not just those who will be in charge of the five ministries of state. It provides also that a minister of state "may be assigned by the Governor in Council to assist any minister—". What kind of control is that? Is the member for Calgary South satisfied that we in this House can vote to give a blank cheque, as was done during the Second World War?

**The Chairman:** Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, and I do so only to advise him that his time has expired.

**Some hon. Members:** Carry on.

**The Chairman:** The hon. member may continue if there is unanimous consent. Is there such consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Agreed.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** I won't even accept the opportunity, Mr. Chairman, because I am sure there are many hon. members who wish to speak. I have another 20 minutes, so I shall wait until a little bit later in the day.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Chairman, we are now on clause 14 of Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto.

As the hon. members opposite know, I have already dealt with this clause, but in view of the extensive powers the government seeks in this clause, Mr. Chairman, this question cannot be settled through only one or two interventions. It is therefore my duty to intervene again, not to repeat what has already been said, but to raise further points.

Mr. Chairman, I should like first, for the benefit of my hon. colleagues, to underline three quite distinct points.

Under clause 14 of this bill, the government wants to assume the right to appoint five more ministers of state.