

generation western Canadian. My grandparents are from Edmonton. My mother and father were both born in Edmonton. I have lived my entire life in British Columbia and I have worked very hard in the last ten years, eight of those years in the House.

I have great respect for the Chair, as the Chair knows, and I have great respect for the traditions of the House. However, when the Prime Minister of Canada says what he said, knowing as I do the traditions of the Party which I represent—the CCF and the NDP over the last half century in western Canada, in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the rest of the country—and looking at what I consider to be the really mean spirit with which the Prime Minister said what he said, I simply cannot withdraw what I said.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member takes the position, at least at the moment, that he cannot withdraw. Of course I know that Hon. Members will realize that the words the Hon. Member has used are unparliamentary. No matter what his position may be in respect of any other Hon. Member or other Party, or even the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), the way that we maintain order and ultimately free speech in this place is that we have imposed certain rules on ourselves.

Of course there are various ways for a Chair to react to the position which the Hon. Member takes. So far as this aspect of the Deputy Prime Minister's application is concerned, I shall adjourn the matter. I would ask the Hon. Member to consider carefully his position. Perhaps he may want to discuss it in the next little while with some other Members of his own caucus.

Mr. Nystrom: On a question of privilege—

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): On a question of privilege—

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Several Hon. Members are rising and of course I would want to recognize them. The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom) has a question of privilege. I just want to know on what the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) is rising so that we can proceed in a tidy way.

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, it is on the same point and on a personal question of privilege related thereto.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for York Centre has a question of privilege. In respect of the point in so far as the application of the Deputy Prime Minister is concerned, the complaint in respect of the Hon. Member for Oshawa is finished and I am not entertaining any further comment on it.

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The complaint with respect to the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) is still open and I am adjourning it to give the

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Hon. Member time to give the entire matter further consideration. I am not prepared to hear any further debate on that particular aspect of the Deputy Prime Minister's application. The effect is that part of the application has been dealt with by the withdrawing of unparliamentary words by the Hon. Member for Oshawa. The second part of that application is adjourned. I will hear the Hon. Member for Skeena at some further time.

If there are other Hon. Members who have points of order or privilege, then, of course, the Chair will hear them. But I do not intend to have further argument on the adjourned part of the application. I think I have made it very clear that on the other part of the Deputy Prime Minister's point of order that is completed.

The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom) is rising on a question of privilege. The Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) will be rising, and I believe the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques (Mr. Guilbault) is seeking the floor. I will in due course extend the appropriate courtesies to all Hon. Members and I will hear what they have to say.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): I do this seriously, Mr. Speaker. I very seldom rise on a question of privilege. I have not called anyone a liar and I do not intend to at this point at all—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nystrom: —or further down the road. I am sorry if you misunderstood that.

I do think some motives were imputed by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney)—and I speak as a Saskatchewanite. You are a British Columbian, Mr. Speaker. I grew up in Saskatchewan and I represent a Saskatchewan riding—when he said in this House:

I know that my hon. friends in the Liberal and New Democratic Parties are opposed to the interests of western Canada.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): The interests of western Canada.

Mr. Nystrom: I want to say very simply that I think you should take this matter under advisement, Mr. Speaker. We can have differences in this House but I never question the commitment of my friend, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark), to western Canada or that of the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) to western Canada, but I think it makes my job of being a Member of Parliament from Yorkton—Melville a little more difficult when my commitment to western Canada is questioned. What is being said is that I oppose the interests of western Canada.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): The interests.

Mr. Nystrom: I think that imputes motives to me, and it is something which makes my job more difficult as a Member of Parliament. Beyond that, I think it is a very insensitive thing to say. It is the kind of regional racism which pits one region of