

argument. I do not know what the practice is in the Winnipeg police court, but I do not think this is the time to introduce into this court, when you have a bad case, the practice of abusing counsel on the other side.

Mr. MacNICOL: We do not want police court stuff here at all.

Mr. SLAGHT: I hope the hon. member who just interrupted me will bear me out when I say that I did not conduct my share of this debate on any such grounds at all. I think it is a pity that hon. members cannot deal with the problem before us more fairly. My hon. friend undertook to make some reference to a man having insurance and so and so, but he did not answer at all what the hon. member who has just taken his seat emphasized, and he probably missed the point of my remarks, as far as a married man with children was concerned. Let me tell him that any case that I attempted to make out for an alteration was based on the fact that there was discrimination against a married man with two children, having regard to the allowance that was made to him and the allowance made to the bachelor. Surely by this time that has been made pretty clear to everybody else, except the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. That is all there is in that criticism; there is nothing more.

We welcome the young Lochinvar from the west, but he should not occupy the time of the committee in abusing another hon. member, in slurring him in that manner. I do not propose to waste the time of the committee in answering such statements. I want to make reference to just one of his bons mots or arguments. I do not know where he got his information, but he took us over to Germany. From what he said I gathered that Germany is having some trouble in holding down prices, and, therefore, because German character, which we have surely found out by this time is filled with selfish trickery and evasion, is not such that they are willing to keep the laws of their country, he is indicating with all that defeatist attitude that the Canadian people are not prepared to keep the laws of Canada with regard to rationing and price control.

Mr. GOLDING: Some have been fined already.

Mr. SLAGHT: Of course they have. In any new law which is as drastic as this there will be some people who will be fined. But if there is another member with a defeatist attitude, as it would appear that there is, let me tell him that I have great faith in the courage, in the honour and in the desire of the

[Mr. Slaght.]

people of this country in the main to submit to every law that has been imposed upon them. I do not propose to succumb to any such argument as that which has been advanced, although there seem to be two members of this house who want to advance it. I do not believe we can assume that in the main the people of Canada are not cooperating and will not continue to cooperate in the effort to win this war in accordance with the restrictions that have been placed upon them. I think it is a silly attitude to take to suggest that in the main the people will not cooperate. My hon. friend interrupts to say that somebody has been prosecuted.

Mr. GOLDING: The minister told us that last night.

Mr. SLAGHT: I heard him, and I heard the hon. member speak now. Are you prepared to stand up and condemn the people in your riding? Has anybody in your riding been prosecuted? Nobody in my district has been prosecuted. I am not prepared to argue the wisdom or the lack of wisdom in the method by which we raise our money on the basis that we must assume that a black market will prevail, that the people of Canada are crooks and will be ready to disobey the laws of Canada in war time.

Mr. GOLDING: That is about as sensible as your illustration was.

Mr. SLAGHT: My hon. friend is quite glib with his condemnation of the sensibleness of my illustration, but I have not heard him venture any remarkable expositions as to why a bank with \$5 in its strong box should be allowed to write up \$100 in credit and take in a bond which will bear 3 per cent interest for twenty years.

Mr. GOLDING: I have not been converted as you have.

Mr. SLAGHT: That is another glib remark. I really cannot get very far in discussing the real facts surrounding this matter if I have to reply to the smart-Aleck interjections that are thrown in in that way. A man will make a greater contribution if I am wrong by rising in his place and discussing the facts and showing wherein I am wrong. I had not intended to say anything until the new Moses appeared on the horizon to lead us out of the wilderness.

Mr. GOLDING: You made a wonderful contribution; you are getting better all the time.

Mr. SLAGHT: That sort of minstrel show end-man business is played out in this House of Commons; it does not get us any-