

Morality in Government

member for Matapédia-Matane (Mr. Tremblay)?

Mr. Diefenbaker: I never knew that shoes were connected with McCarthyism.

Mr. Pickersgill: The hon. member for Matapédia-Matane is Mr. Tremblay.

Mr. Starr: What apology do you want?

Mr. Pickersgill: You might well ask.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Minister of Forestry rising to ask a question?

Mr. Sauv : Yes, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the hon. gentleman this question which is a fundamental one in a way. If I understood the hon. gentleman exactly this afternoon, he said that the R.C.M.P. commissioner in a way—

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, this afternoon the Prime Minister presented his case for asking the house to vote against an amendment and since that time the major part of the opposition's time has been taken up with ministers and members of the government rising on points of order.

Mr. Starr: The government.

Mr. Douglas: Irrelevant and meaningless questions have been raised and we have had no opportunity—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Greene: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

Mr. Speaker: I should like to suggest to the Minister of Agriculture that we should allow the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam to complete his point of order and I will then hear the question of privilege.

Mr. Greene: Let him state it.

Mr. Douglas: I am glad the Minister of Agriculture recognizes who is at fault in this instance.

Members of the various parties, Mr. Speaker, have had no opportunity whatsoever to make a statement on their position in the light of the Prime Minister's statement this afternoon. With the very limited time we have left, it seems to me it ought not to be taken up by questions or points of order on this matter.

Mr. Greene: On the question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I do not think the hon. member

for Burnaby-Coquitlam has any right to impute motives to any member of this house. If we feel the rules of the house should be abided by and wish to raise points of order in this regard, we have every right to do so without hearing the sanctimonious insinuations of the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Does the hon. Minister of Forestry wish to ask a question?

I must remind him that he may ask it only if the right hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) permits him to do so, as part of his speech.

[*English*]

Mr. Sauv : Will the Leader of the Opposition permit a question?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Lapointe.

• (5:50 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gr goire: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Several questions have been asked. The debate will be closed in 25 minutes and we did not have the opportunity to put in one word yet, nor has the party sitting on our left. What will happen if all the ministers ask questions? We cannot get the floor.

Mr. Speaker: Order. According to standing orders, the hon. Leader of the Opposition is allowed to speak without any time limit when he has the floor and, if he so wishes, he can accept, as an integral part of his speech, any question directed to him. I have no authority to prevent the minister from putting a question to the Leader of the Opposition if the latter accepts to answer it.

Mr. Gr goire: Mr. Speaker, a supply motion is before the house, but not a word has been said about supply yet.

The government is seeking authorization to spend money, but nothing has been said about that.

When the estimates were considered last January and February, not a word was said about government expenditures or how the people's money had been spent. The Spencer case was discussed, then the Munsinger case, and now we are discussing the McLellan case. When we should be finding out how the people's money is spent, we are discussing all sorts of thing.