

*Income Tax Act*

from the Social credit party realize that the two old parties are exactly identical.

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** It is so true.

**Mr. Caouette:** They are exactly the same.

**Mr. Rondeau:** It is so true!

**Mr. Caouette:** If the Progressive Conservatives were sitting where the Liberals are presently sitting because they both use the services of the same economists we would have this same Bill C-259 before us.

**Mr. Rondeau:** It is so true!

**Mr. Caouette:** It is being discussed for the sake of discussion.

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister said that because of Bill C-259 one million citizens of this country would be taken off the tax rolls.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Caouette:** There they go. This afternoon I saw people applauding like the one I see on the other side of the House.

**An hon. Member:** Do not look at me.

**Mr. Caouette:** They applaud and do not even know why they are applauding. The Prime Minister said this afternoon that the opposition did not understand this legislation but that everybody else in this country did.

**Mr. Rondeau:** Is that right!

**Mr. Caouette:** Everybody understands it. There are not even five Liberals in this House who understand this bill.

**An hon. Member:** Wrong.

**Mr. Caouette:** Even the Prime Minister does not understand it.

As for the economists—one of them will speak after me, namely the former Minister of Communications—they do not agree more than he does on this bill because they know it is unfair.

The Prime Minister says that the Canadians do understand the bill. And yet we have received, as the government did, protests from all kinds of associations, from economists who do not share the views of the government economists, and from consumers organizations which object to Bill C-259. We have even received protests from the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

An accountant, the responsible member for Laurier (Mr. Leblanc), spoke the other day about the dictatorship of the member for Témiscamingue. But who will impose this damn dictatorship in the House tomorrow by using the closure rule which will prevent us from debating this bill and taking exception to it? Let us speak about dictatorship! They are imposing it!

When they have nothing to say they attack people.

I can understand that the member for Laurier, as an accountant, has been able to attack the member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau) by arguing that he was a chartered accountant. But when it comes to figures, the member for

[Mr. Caouette.]

Shefford has nothing to learn from him. In fact there are a few things we know better than he does; he claims that two and two make five and we claim it makes four. There is a difference.

**An hon. Member:** What a strong argument!

**Mr. Caouette:** The member for Laurier should have presented valid arguments on Bill C-259. He does not understand anything in it.

**An hon. Member:** You cannot read it.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I have read his speech. His arguments are as hollow as empty 20-pound buckets. So is the member for Laurier.

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister said this afternoon that everybody understands Bill C-259. I can well understand that the hon. member for Laurier can blush till his ears are red. He well deserves to have them redder still.

**Mr. Fernand-E. Leblanc (Laurier):** You did not see your own.

**Mr. Caouette:** No, because boys like the member for Laurier never got on my nerves, and moreover they are no match for me.

• (9:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** Tell us about your son.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is referring to my son whom he defeated in his constituency, but he is not saying how he stole the election with his election organization.

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** I defeated your son twice, in spite of the 500 Créditistes who tried to steal the election.

**Mr. Caouette:** The hon. member for Laurier has his head full of telegraph poles. That's what people think of at election time, to defeat honest people.

Mr. Speaker, I was saying that the Chartered Accountants Association was against Bill C-259, as well as associations of professionals and industrialists. Businessmen and tradesmen are against Bill C-259. I was in western Canada, scarcely three weeks ago, and I also visited the Maritime provinces. I met Liberals who are opposed to Bill C-259.

The Prime Minister will now turn around and say to the House that the Canadian people want Bill C-259 to go through. It is not true. Nobody can prove that the Canadian people want this bill passed. It is being forced upon the people and this is called democracy.

**An hon. Member:** Ah, ha!

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, listen to the braying of the donkeys on the government side.

**An hon. Member:** A donkey—

**Mr. Leblanc (Laurier):** Look at yourself!

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, this afternoon while the Prime Minister was speaking—