

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: All I ask is that a copy of the Order in Council be brought down, accompanied by a statement of the authority under which it was passed.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Yes.

#### THE MENACE NEWSPAPER.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. GAUVREAU: I should like to put a question to the Postmaster General, if he will be good enough to give me his attention.

(Translation). I find, in a Montreal paper, that the Canadian edition of the Newspaper La Menace is still being circulated through His Majesty's mail, in spite of the promise made to your predecessor, Mr. Pelletier, in the course of February, 1914. Yes, I find that this paper keeps on publishing against an important portion of our people, that is, against the Roman Catholics, such injurious and slanderous things, that I would hesitate even to read those nasty articles here, because I consider that this assembly is composed of gentlemen, and that such things should not be read in good company. I have the Nationaliste in my hand, and if the hon. Postmaster General will take the trouble to peruse those articles in this paper, he will see that I am not exaggerating in the least, and I am satisfied that there is but one thing to do—he will do it if he likes—it is to stop the paper in question from being circulated through His Majesty's mail, for that paper is a disgrace and a dishonour to journalism in this country.

Hon. T. C. CASGRAIN: (Translation): I thank the hon. member for having drawn my attention to the fact that the newspaper La Menace is still being circulated through the mail. I thank him also for having pointed out to me the article which he refers to. I shall see to that matter, and he may rest assured that, should La Menace keep on publishing such articles as those which have appeared in the Canadian edition of that paper, its circulation through the mail shall be prohibited.

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. PROULX: I wish to raise a question of privilege. The Ottawa Evening Journal of last Saturday, in an account of the debates of this House, said:

The Chamber was a deserted looking place last evening for a while. Hon. Charles Marcell and Mr. Proulx were in charge of the Opposi-

tion and at that they were half asleep on the job.

I wish to deny the imputation that I neglected my parliamentary duties. Instead of being half asleep I was fully awake, and if you will consult the Hansard you will see that I was awake enough to interrupt the hon. member for L'Islet (Mr. Paquet) and my hon. friend from Rimouski (Mr. Boulay). I think the correspondent of the Journal should be more truthful in reporting the proceedings of this House. I can say for the hon. member for Bonaventure (Mr. Marcell) that he also was fully awake and that during the speech of the hon. member for Rimouski he took notes. I was sitting beside him.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question raised by the hon. member is a correction of improper reporting by a newspaper, but not a question of privilege. Of course, the hon. gentleman has a perfect right to deny the incorrect report.

#### CORRECTION.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Hon. J. D. REID (Minister of Customs): On the 9th inst. I was asked a question as to a carload of potatoes that had been sent to Boston from New Brunswick and had been condemned there. I made the statement that the potatoes condemned had been shipped from Boston to Cuba. I got the information from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Since then he has told me that the potatoes were not shipped from Boston to Cuba, but that the American authorities had them destroyed or allowed them to be used in Boston, but directed that no further potatoes were to be shipped from Canada to the United States. I make this correction feeling that the misstatement which I had inadvertently made might interfere with the trade now carried on between Canada and Cuba. The carload of potatoes did not go from Boston to Cuba, as I stated on the 9th instant.

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

##### CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill No. 69, to incorporate Colonial Bank (Canada).—Sir James Aikins.

Bill No. 70, to incorporate the General Trust Company of Canada, and recommending that the title be changed to an Act to incorporate Alberta Permanent Trust Company.—Mr. Douglas.