

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, September 18, 1968

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

[Translation]

PRIVILEGE

MR. DUMONT—CORRECTION OF NAME IN NEWSPAPER REPORT

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

In a statement published in today's issue of the newspaper *Le Devoir*, mention is made of a reply to a question by the honourable member for Bellechasse, Bernard Dumont, whereas the representative for Bellechasse is Adrien Lambert. I would therefore ask for a correction of this article which reads as follows:

Crop insurance:

The Honourable Horace Olson, Minister of Agriculture, stated that the federal government would participate in approved crop insurance programs to the extent of 50 per cent of administration costs and 25 per cent of premiums. This was in reply to a question from Mr. Bernard Dumont.

Of course, this should be Mr. Adrien Lambert.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion, this question of privilege is not in order.

[English]

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBER FOR PRINCE ALBERT ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I hope the Leader of the Opposition will forgive me if I exercise my position as Prime Minister to report on the activities of one of the most select organizations in Canada, the prime ministers' alumni association. This group, Mr. Speaker, has but three living members and they are all very distinguished Canadians; but the House of Commons chapter has but a single member, and I must say that that chapter has never been in better shape.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Trudeau: Its distinguished and very active representative here is known by different names to different peoples—Chief Great Eagle, Chief Walking Buffalo, Chief Many Spotted Horses—and some of us from other

tribes call him by other names at other times. But in the House of Commons and to the people of Canada in general he is the hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker).

His unbroken tenure of office in this house, 28 years, is unmatched in length by any other member except the distinguished hon. member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. McIlraith). The contribution of the right hon. gentleman is one of the greatest in Canadian life. Indeed, it has become a legend.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Trudeau: The opportunity I have seized to make this report to the House of Commons is on the occasion of the right hon. gentleman's seventy third birthday.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Trudeau: On behalf of the government, indeed on behalf of all the people of Canada, I want to wish him very many happy returns of the day. I hope I will have occasion for many years, and possibly even my successors will have occasion, to make this annual report.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Trudeau: In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could offer him a blue flower as an expression of good will from the flower people.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

• (2:40 p.m.)

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I first of all say to the Prime Minister that I wish I found all his statements as agreeable as this report he has made to the house this afternoon. On behalf of the official opposition, the Progressive Conservative party and personally I am delighted to join with the Prime Minister in extending congratulations to our very distinguished colleague the right hon. member for Prince Albert. As members of parliament we are conscious of his great contribution to this chamber, the great part he has played here and the fight he has always made on behalf of the rights and traditions of parliament. His dedication has few parallels in the long history of this parliament of Canada.