

Mr. RALSTON: The chairman of the dependents' board of trustees tells me that the case submitted by my hon. friend is being examined. He is right in assuming that it can be discussed under this item.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Bow River): I took the matter up with the department separately, but I was wondering if there was a breakdown of this particular case.

Mr. RALSTON: No.

Mr. GILLIS: I am interested in a matter similar to that brought up by the hon. member. The dependents' board of trustees is not permitted to grant an allowance unless the dependent is receiving pay and allowance. When a man goes absent without leave and is away for the period covered by the regulations, his dependent's allowance is cut off and, if it is a wife, she cannot receive any assistance from the dependents' board of trustees. I ask the minister to see that the functions of this board are extended so that they may give assistance to these women. There are many cases across Canada, and a sad situation is being created because this board cannot give assistance to women in this position.

Mr. RALSTON: After the three months.

Mr. GILLIS: That is as I understand it. Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Tuesday, June 1, 1943

The house met at three o'clock.

RADIO BROADCASTING

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. J. J. McCANN (Renfrew South) presented the first report of special committee on radio broadcasting, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVILEGE—MR. POULIOT

REFERENCE TO ARTICLE IN OTTAWA "JOURNAL" OF MAY 31

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. I hold in my hand the five o'clock [Mr. C. E. Johnston.]

edition of the Ottawa *Journal* of yesterday, on the front page of which the member for Témiscouata is given equal precedence with the united nations. Of course the article is with regard to the exercise of his unquestionable right as a member of this house to express his views and also those of his constituents. Some calculations have been laboriously made by the skunk kittens of the *Journal's* tycoons with petrifying hearts and softening brains, and they are all wrong. For instance, they say that I have been speaking for 20 pages in the first place, then 30 pages before the Easter recess, and then 64 pages more, which makes a total, they say, of 94 pages, and they repeat that total three times. Now 20 plus 30 is 50, and 50 plus 64 is 114. Not only is their calculation wrong, but they also say that "it takes 34 other members to equal Mr. Pouliot's wordage." Here again they are wrong, because I have noticed that in the present discussion some members have spoken four lines, and I do not know how many times four lines is more than silence, more than naught. It is pretty hard to make that calculation.

I do not contend, sir, that I have spoken for an average of 34 members. I have expressed my views. As one member from Montreal said not long ago, the members from Quebec province who were elected at the last election were expressing in this house the views of the province. I have been speaking, not for 34 other members, but for 160 members who have not uttered a word since the beginning of the session, and if other members were exercising their rights as I do I would certainly not take so much time. But I deny anyone the right to say what the *Journal* said.

A great writer, Homer, in his "Iliad," said—

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Get on the wheat committee.

Mr. POULIOT: That is a book which the hon. member for Fraser Valley (Mr. Cruickshank) ought to read. It is a classic. Homer said of one of his heroes: *Palletai itor ana ta stoma* or "My heart leaps to my lips." The *Journal* editors or correspondents take so much space for the member for Témiscouata that they cannot express the deep feelings they have for those members who say nothing. They are not fair to the members whom they admire for their silence. They should take less time on me and devote more time to the members they admire for saying nothing in this house, thereby fulfilling their duty in a way that is approved by the *Journal*, the board of censors, the wartime information board and the press liaison officers of all the war departments.