

Mr. BENNETT: There is one member of this house who is always interrupting, and usually his observations indicate his profound ignorance. Sometimes they are impertinent; on this occasion they happen to be the latter. He boasted the other day that he never made personal observations, but now he asks if I have turned detective, and he thinks that is clever.

Mr. BRADETTE: I think I am in order. I asked who gave the information for the statement he read a moment ago. Surely I am in order. That is not showing ignorance.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): On a point of order, on page 98 of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms the word "impertinent" is listed among unparliamentary terms. I would ask the right hon. gentleman to withdraw the expression.

Mr. BENNETT: It depends upon how the word is used. It has been held to be unparliamentary, but if it is used to express the exact meaning it is not unparliamentary. It depends on whether it is used in that sense or not.

Mr. BRADETTE: On a point of order, I have never yet been called ignorant and I ask that the word be withdrawn.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. On the point of order raised by the Minister of National Defence—if the right hon. gentleman will sit down for a moment—

Mr. BENNETT: I had not noticed that the chairman was standing.

The CHAIRMAN: The word "impertinent" is unparliamentary and is listed on page 98—

Mr. BENNETT: I am familiar with it.

The CHAIRMAN: —and I would ask the right hon. leader of the opposition to withdraw it.

Mr. BENNETT: I will say "not pertinent" and withdraw "impertinent."

Mr. BRADETTE: Following your ruling, Mr. Chairman, I would like the word "ignorant" to be withdrawn also. I do not think it behooves the leader of the opposition to make such a statement against members of this house, unless he is included in it.

Mr. BENNETT: That is a nice way in which to raise a point of order. To continue—

The CHAIRMAN: On the point of order raised by the hon. member for Cochrane; the word "ignorant" is unparliamentary. It is listed on page 97.

Mr. BENNETT: "The hon. member is lacking in learning;" the word "ignorant" is withdrawn. I am thoroughly familiar with the fact that the words "impertinent" and "ignorant" have been held to be in other parliaments unparliamentary, but I am well aware of the fact that they have been used in this parliament frequently and I would like to think that Your Honour has at last concluded that the rules of order shall be enforced.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. DUNNING: That is a reflection on the chair.

Mr. BENNETT: It is not a reflection on the chair. I desire to compliment the chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. I would point out to the right hon. leader of the opposition that the first point of ruling I had to make in this chamber in 1936 was to ask the leader of the opposition to withdraw the word "impertinent" which he had applied to the hon. member for Moose Jaw.

Mr. BENNETT: I quite recall the circumstances. But it is an amazing thing how frequently it has been used since. That is all I have to say.

An hon. MEMBER: By whom?

Mr. BENNETT: Now I propose to proceed. We have cement provided by the taxpayers of the country for use on the Fort Henry job, and we have the Frid Construction Company with a contract under specifications for \$70,000 only. We have many hundreds of thousands of dollars—we shall know exactly before we conclude this discussion how much money has been expended by the Frid Construction Company, and we shall expect to see a list of those employed and the salaries paid to them during the progress of the work. We have the cement being taken from the car, and I have given the car number; other information can be supplied, but that will do for the purpose. It is taken to the Crain building, put there, and the empty bags, in order that the count may be complete, were taken to Fort Henry. Keep that in mind. That is the sort of work that is going on there.

Mr. ROGERS: Does my right hon. friend vouch for the accuracy of that?

Mr. BENNETT: I can vouch for the accuracy of part of it, the observations I make—

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Which part?