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who were not qualified teachers, and that a thousand schools were closed. I put the situation down as being the worst in Canada, and I still say that that is correct. In fact there are 242 members from other ridings in Canada outside Saskatchewan, and I would ask any one of them to get up and say that they have 1,558 schools either closed or with unqualified teachers in them. I do not think any member will rise in his place and say that he has even half that number in his province.

Mr. Coldwell: Would the hon. member put on the record the letter to which he is referring?

Mr. Harrison: I shall be pleased to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am allowing the hon. member to state his question of privilege, but I do not think I should allow him to argue his case at this time.

Mr. Harrison: I think some of the allegations contained in this letter should be answered, and I intend to bring them up now. One of the statements I made was to the effect—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The only way in which I can allow the hon. member to discuss this matter is as a matter of personal privilege. He cannot deny generally what is in the letter, but can speak only as it affects him personally.

Mr. Harrison: I shall be happy to put the letter on the record, in full; but some comments are necessary with respect to part of it. The resolution contains, in part, the following expression:

—the true situation in education within the province of Saskatchewan and even of the situation in and benefits obtained by his home town of Meadow Lake.

That is, it is referring to my home town of Meadow Lake. The benefit received by my home town of Meadow Lake is that we have a 42 mill rate with regard to education there.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I take it the hon. member is answering the arguments set forth in the letter. If he is speaking as a matter of personal privilege, then I shall allow him to continue, but not to reply generally to the letter.

Mr. Harrison: The upshot of the whole matter is that there is nothing for me to tell the house. They say they are writing to me, but this letter was written to another member of the house. I have not received the letter yet.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think it is necessary for the hon. member to read the letter at this time. He has stated his question of privilege.

[Mr. Harrison.]

An hon. Member: What is it?

Mr. Speaker: I do not know whether he has completed it yet. Has the hon. member completed his remarks?

Mr. Harrison: Well, I should be pleased to read the last paragraph of the resolution. It says:

Now therefore be it resolved that the secretary—

That is, the secretary of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association.

—be instructed to write Mr. Harrison, forwarding a copy of this resolution and requesting him to withdraw his statement so made in the House of Commons.

In my speech I made no allegation whatsoever against the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association. I suggest that they get the speech and read it. Having stated that they were going to write me, they have created a false impression, because they have never written me, and apparently never intended to. That is my question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions of privilege?

REPORTS AND PAPERS

Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1952.—Mr. Howe.

Supply of Building Materials in Canada, Outlook 1952.—Mr. Howe.

PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES ACT**PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO
TICKET OF LEAVE**

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice) moved the first reading of Bill No. 63 (from the Senate), to amend the Prisons and Reformatories Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS**FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS**

Bill No. 62, to incorporate Boundary Pipeline Corporation.—Mr. Larson.

Bill No. 65, for the relief of Florence Edith Holland Clarke.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 66, for the relief of Olga Pretula McGonnigal.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 67, for the relief of Andre Roy.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 68, for the relief of Libertia Vinivar McClusky Rutherford.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 69, for the relief of Therese Michel Paquette.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 70, for the relief of Alice Courey Salhany.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 71, for the relief of Vivian Clement Mole.—Mr. Winkler.