

*The Address—Mrs. Wadds*

**Mr. Lambert:** You will have the right to do so at the proper time, but not on this amendment.

**Mr. Speaker:** If hon. members have no other comments to submit to the Chair, I am ready to rule on the subamendment introduced by the hon. member for Portneuf.

First, I should like to thank the hon. member for Edmonton West and the hon. member for Lapointe who were kind enough to offer their comments; that is always useful to the Speaker when he has to make a ruling as to whether or not a subamendment is in order. I must say to the hon. member for Lapointe that I am not in agreement with his suggestion that amendments of this type have always been received in the past. On the contrary, the study I made on that matter, some time ago, more precisely during the last session of the last parliament, shows that on several occasions subamendments moved in similar circumstances were ruled out because they did not deal directly with the amendment submitted to the house.

Allow me at this time to repeat an argument which was made last year, rather that in February 1965, by the hon. member for Edmonton West when an amendment and a subamendment were submitted to the house. The hon. member for Edmonton West quoted a ruling from Speaker Fauteux, as reported in *Journals of the House* for 1948, at pages 220 and 221. I quote:

Obviously the amendment moved by Mr. Bracken constitutes a non confidence motion and deals exclusively with that question.

In my opinion, it is quite obvious that the subamendment does not in any way alter the amendment, since it deals with an entirely different matter. It is also obvious that the subamendment raises new and important matters. I now wish to quote Beauchesne's third edition, page 142, citation No. 367:

"A subamendment on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne may be moved subject to the same rules as any other amendment. It must be relevant to the amendment and cannot raise a new issue."

For the information of hon. members, I now quote citation No. 202 from Beauchesne's fourth edition:

Since the purpose of a subamendment is to alter the amendment, it should not enlarge upon the scope of the amendment but it should deal with matters that are not covered by the amendment; if it is intended to bring up matters foreign to the amendment, the member should wait until the amendment is disposed of and move a new amendment.

The hon. member for Lapointe has a point when he says that those matters are related to social security measures, but I do not feel

the relationship is complete and specific enough.

Under the circumstances, I must say that the subamendment moved by the hon. member for Portneuf goes further than the amendment itself and cannot be accepted by the Chair.

• (5:30 p.m.)

[English]

**Mrs. Jean Wadds (Grenville-Dundas):** Mr. Speaker, particularly since we are near neighbours on the banks of the St. Lawrence I should like to offer you more congratulations on your well deserved honour and may I join all members of the house in wishing you the very best of health with which to continue your usual good judgment, good sense and good humour because, as we all know, your job is one of the most onerous and one on which the success of any parliament depends.

May I also congratulate the mover and the seconder of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. I am also pleased to welcome again most warmly another lady colleague in the House of Commons. We have been fortunate, certainly in my time here and all the years I remember, to have a very good and happy relationship among the lady members, and I know that the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis), with her charming personality, her well known character and political background, will contribute to these good relations and also, as she has so well shown this afternoon, will contribute greatly to the business and the work of this parliament.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mrs. Wadds:** Without being unduly feminist may I also take this occasion to offer congratulations and good wishes to another lady, the new Prime Minister of India. I remember her originally as a charming, shy girl when she visited this building with her father many years ago, and last year when we were in India we enjoyed her hospitality and the magnificence of her historic and wonderful country. I am sure I am speaking for all women of Canada, and all citizens of Canada when I wish her the best health and success in her awesome task. Our good will goes out to her across the world.

The problems in different parts of the world today vary greatly, and in our rapid development in Canada it seems to me we have lost some of the capacity to adjust to fluctuations that we may have had in a