

## Post Office Act

promises and demagogic behaviours or comments of which the hon. member for Témiscamingue is fond. He wanted to say, Mr. Speaker, and I quote his words, so to be sure not to forget anything of that thoroughly affected prose. Besides, he has attended classes with Mrs. Gilberte Côté-Mercier and it is there he learned to use bland words. Madame Gilberte Côté-Mercier dubbed him a louse, a traitor, a turncoat and many other epithets. That was printed in the newspaper *Vers Demain*, and it is probably there that he learned his humanities. That is why he loves that kind of style.

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Mongrain:** "The hon. member for Trois-Rivières", and I quote—

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

I would like to point out to the hon. member that if the purpose of his spiteful innuendos is to defend the Postmaster General (Mr. Kierans) on the subject of the Post Office Act, we should like him to prove what he said at the beginning of his speech, when he said that he would prove that some of the statements contained in the brief submitted by the Association des quotidiens du Québec are false. Therefore, I ask the hon. member for Trois-Rivières to prove his statements rather than be satisfied with—

● (4:20 p.m.)

**Mr. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Béchard):** Order. I think this is rather a question than a point of order. I recognize the hon. member for Trois-Rivières.

**Mr. Mongrain:** Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to let the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) dictate to me the speech I should make. He should rather be proud I am quoting his leader. Of course, I am quoting him verbatim as it is on that I want to make some comments. The hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) said yesterday evening:

Mr. Speaker, the member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) who was looking after the interests of his people in the Mauricie district—

I thank him for testifying in my favour. I was and still am looking after the interests of my people.

—and who the other day was accusing me of not being present in the house—

**Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Témiscamingue was called to order and told he was out of order. The hon. member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) has been doing exactly the same for the last few minutes and you did not call him to order. Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member should be called to order.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker (Mr. Béchard):** Order, please.

**Mr. Mongrain:** I agree with the hon. member for Compton (Mr. Latulippe) when he says the member for Témiscamingue was out of order yesterday evening. However, I think it is only fair to let me answer him since he was attacking me without the slightest provocation.

It will not take long. I know we have too many serious matters to discuss. I am taking it up where I left off.

—who was looking after the interests of his people in the Mauricie district—

It is the Gospel truth.

—who the other day was accusing me of not being present in the house—

True again, he is not here today.

—realizes now that I am more present in the house than he is, since he does not have the courage to stand up and fight for *Le Nouvelliste* of Trois-Rivières.

If I wanted to be rather rude, I would say that this is an idiotic assertion, but I am not saying it, as I would be told that such language is unparliamentary. I have seldom seen anything as childish as that.

He is more present in the house than I am because he has the floor. But if I had asked before him to be recognized, I would have been. It was my intention to speak this afternoon only and I am not allowed to do so. He could not be more present in the house than I was last night since I was here as well.

I believe I do not have in this house either to praise or to curse *Le Nouvelliste* or *La Presse* for not giving me a due amount of publicity. This is not what I am here for. And I quoted that excerpt from the speech of the hon. member for Témiscamingue to show the shallowness of his remarks. He made an exhibition of himself and played the fool. It is amusing at times, especially in the evening, when we are tired. We would find it more amusing if he did not resort to such cheap