

The Constitution

On June 27, 1972, the then hon. member for Wellington complained of the circumstances connected with the tabling of a report prepared by the National Harbours Board. He alleged that the procedure followed did not conform with the law or the Standing Orders. The Speaker ruled that he might have a grievance, but he had not established a case for priority of debate under privilege. With respect, I feel that this matter cannot be accepted under the definition of privilege.

MR. ANDRE—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT—MINISTER'S STATEMENT

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 1978, the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) raised a question of privilege in which he alleged that certain figures published in two documents tabled in the House by the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Buchanan) contained data that "are not fact and are not accurate."

He complained specifically of documents entitled "Research and Development in Canada—Discussion Paper" and "Measures to Strengthen and Encourage Research and Development in Canada."

In his reply on June 15, 1978, the minister acknowledged, and I quote:

Due to an oversight, the footnote to the table in my statement was not amended when the original data, from an August, 1977 publication, were changed to reflect the latest information available.

That having been said, however, I can still come to no other conclusion than that I reached initially during the course of the argument by the hon. member for Calgary Centre, that is, that the matter is not one of privilege, but clearly and fundamentally a dispute as to facts and to the interpretation of those facts and statements and, therefore, ought not to be accepted as a matter of privilege.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

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TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE ON WHITE PAPER DEALING WITH RENEWAL OF THE CANADIAN FEDERATION

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 42(2), I would like to table in both official languages, my correspondence, in fact letters that I wrote to the premiers of the various provinces concerning the implementation of the proposals made last week in the white paper tabled here last Monday.

[Mr. Speaker.]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 128, 707, 779, 992, 998 and 1,523.

I request, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

DEPUTY MINISTERS AND ASSISTANTS

Question No. 128—**Mr. Herbert:**

Are there any persons who held positions as Deputy Ministers or Assistant Deputy Ministers in the past ten years presently working for Crown corporations and, if so (a) what are their names (b) what positions do they hold (c) on what date were they appointed?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): In so far as Atomic Energy Control Board is concerned: (a) Dr. A. T. Prince, (b) President (c) February 20, 1975.

In so far as the Canadian Wheat Board is concerned: (a) Mr. Esmond Gervais, (b) Chief commissioner, (c) October 1, 1977.

In so far as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is concerned: (a) Mr. A. W. Johnson, (b) President, (c) August 1, 1975. (a) Mr. Arthur C. Boughner, (b) Vice-president, finance, (c) April 1, 1977.

In so far as the Federal Business Development Bank is concerned: (a) Mr. G. A. Lavigueur, (b) Executive vice-president, (c) March 1, 1977.

In so far as Petro-Canada is concerned: (a) Mr. W. H. Hopper, (b) President and chief executive officer, (c) July 15, 1977.

In so far as Loto Canada is concerned: (a) Mr. Guy Cousineau, (b) President, (c) June 8, 1976.

In so far as the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority is concerned: (a) Mr. Paul D. Normandeau, (b) President, (c) October 25, 1973.

In so far as the Export Development Corporation is concerned: (a) John A. MacDonald, (b) Chairman and president, (c) May 1, 1975.

In so far as the other Proprietary Crown Corporations are concerned: None.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Question No. 707—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1976, what amount was paid by the Department of Justice to outside lawyers practising in Fredericton, New Brunswick and to whom were such payments made?

Mr. Roger Young (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): In so far as the legal agents of the Minister of Justice are concerned for the period from April 1, 1976 to November