

I would be very happy to assist honourable Members if they were to consult me before they made a move but while they are making a point in the House I cannot very well leave the throne and go and tell them what to do. They were not moving a motion; they were just debating. No matter how many honourable Members think it was their question, the fact remains that the question of privilege was raised by the honourable Member for Prince Albert, and it was up to him to move a motion. It was up to him to continue this matter to its proper conclusion. But I say that by virtue of section 26 (6) (e) and also because of the fact that this matter—a serious matter amounting to an accusation that the Minister misinformed the House—is one of those matters which you cannot raise, save upon a substantive motion, an adjournment motion under Standing Order 26, cannot be accepted.

If the honourable Member had continued with it as a matter of privilege, all well and good. Not having done that I have no other recourse but to cite citation No. 225 of Beauchesne's Third Edition which says:

“Certain matters cannot be debated save upon a substantive motion—”

And a matter of this kind is one of them.

And the honourable Member for Eglinton having stated that the question of privilege had been disposed of and this was another motion and in his submission it clearly was not within Standing Order 26 (6) (e).

MR. SPEAKER: If what was raised by the honourable Member for Prince Albert had not been raised this morning and if the Leader of the Opposition had moved the motion he has, there is privilege in that motion. It was an accusation against an honourable Member of this House that he has made a misstatement and this is a matter which should be raised on a motion which will give the House a chance to say it is true or it is wrong. That is the whole idea.

And Mr. Drew having stated that he would appeal from the Ruling of Mr. Speaker;

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Drew has appealed from the ruling I have just given. Those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yea.

MR. SPEAKER: Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Nay.

And Mr. Coldwell having raised a point of order on the question of whether there could be an appeal from the ruling of the Speaker;

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members know the story of this. I am sorry that we have spent so much time because of a point of procedure and it is now 20 minutes to 12. I do not like to have to talk about procedure any more than is necessary but honourable Members remember the story of this kind of appeal.

Mr. Speaker Black was the first one who made the ruling that there was no appeal of his decisions that motions should not be accepted because he was given the discretion under the old Standing Order No. 31, now Standing Order 26, to decide whether or not in his view a motion should be accepted.

Mr. Ralston, who was then an honourable Member of the opposition, appealed the Speaker's ruling that there was no appeal. Mr. Speaker Black on