

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, January 20, 1970

The House met at 2 p.m.

### PRIVILEGE

MR. KNOWLES (WINNIPEG NORTH CENTRE)—  
ACCURACY OF "GLOBE AND MAIL" REPORT

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. In this morning's issue of the *Toronto Globe and Mail* there is a report on certain exchanges that took place in the House yesterday in which there is attributed to me a statement that is the very opposite of what I actually said.

**Mr. Trudeau:** It happens all the time.

**Mr. Benson:** Join the crowd.

**Mr. Bell:** Impossible.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** The Ottawa chief of the *Globe and Mail* has already apologized to me personally.

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

**Mr. Trudeau:** I never get any apology.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Perhaps he should get his name in the paper too. In any case, I feel that the record should be corrected. The offending sentence in the *Globe and Mail* reads as follows:

When Mr. Trudeau said he expected to make an announcement "in due course," Stanley Knowles (NDP Winnipeg North Centre) said sarcastically: "I hope the phrase 'in due course' will not take as long as it usually does."

Mr. Speaker, I understand the confusion. In fact, I learned yesterday afternoon there was some confusion so I went to the office of the Canadian Press to find out what that bureau put out over its wire. I have in my hand the words the Canadian Press sent out, which were as follows:

Mr. Trudeau said it is and the government will report to the House "in due course." Stanley Knowles NDP—Winnipeg North Centre said he hopes "in due course" takes as long as it usually does.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry my subtle sarcasm was not understood. When I suggest that "in due course" sometimes takes a long while I

have in mind a certain commission which was appointed in 1965 and took two years to make its report, following which it took a year for the report to be translated and then there was a white paper which is still before a committee. It is that kind of pace which I would like to see if and when this matter is dealt with. Indeed, if the Prime Minister has any idea of acting on this matter in this Parliament he can count on me to oppose him, all the way.

• (2:10 p.m.)

[Translation]

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

CONCURRENCE IN FIFTH REPORT OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Gaston Clermont (Gatineau)** moved that the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, presented to the House on Friday, January 16, 1970, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

#### INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT  
OF STANDING COMMITTEE—RULING BY  
MR. SPEAKER

On the order: Motions—Mr. Yewchuk:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development presented on December 16, 1969, be concurred in.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House will recall that yesterday, when the motion listed in the name of the hon. member for Athabasca was called, the President of the Privy Council raised a point of order concerning the propriety of placing the notice of motion by the hon. member under Routine Proceedings. The basis of the submission made by the President of the Privy Council was that in the absence of any authority from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development the hon. member for Athabasca