

Privilege—Mr. Crosbie

member, and I should like the hon. member for Northumberland-Miramichi either to withdraw or to correct his quotation.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I would commence my remarks by briefly quoting Shakespeare; "Methinks he doth protest too much".

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): You should tell that to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): I referred to several quotes of the hon. member, but before going back to them I might refer to what the hon. member for Calgary North just cited—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for St. John's West has raised a point of privilege which I do not propose to deal with at great length. The hon. member for St. John's West raised the point that the quotation ought at least to be in sufficient context to set it. There is no requirement upon a member to do that so long as he is using language used by the hon. member, in this case the hon. member for St. John's West. I am interested in knowing whether or not the hon. member is prepared to include a reference to a more expanded quote. However, I do not think the matter should be debated at great length.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to cite the same citation as that cited some time ago, namely, that the proper time to raise such an objection is when the offence is committed. I could have also quoted the succeeding statement of the hon. member for St. John's West, which I believe makes it even worse:

● (1602)

They have to be brought to heel, and their political masters who encouraged them, or who are hiding them, or who directed them or who condoned those acts, have to be brought to heel also.

On November 8, 1977, the Prime Minister used that same quotation in a question of privilege which he raised. At that time the hon. member did not raise a question of privilege, and in my opinion the hon. member has no question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member for St. John's West had a point of order or some other argument when the matter was discussed during the course of debate last evening. Whether he has a point of order now seems to be in some grave doubt, certainly as a question of privilege. However, the hon. member for St. John's West has already had an opportunity to correct the record in so far as his expanded quotation is concerned, and to set it in context. Under the circumstances, that seems to be fair.

[Mr. Crosbie.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, questions Nos. 181, 218, 229, 263, 272, 321, 379, 380, 382, 383 and 384 will be answered today.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the other questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Are the other questions allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO CANADA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Question No. 181—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation and how many are retired public servants?
2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. Nil.

2. (a) Nil; (b) Nil.

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO FARM CREDIT CORPORATION

Question No. 218—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Farm Credit Corporation and how many are retired public servants?
2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. None.

2. Not applicable.

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOAN BOARD

Question No. 229—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Municipal Development and Loan Board and how many are retired public servants?
2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. Nil.