

make it better than it was. That was his job. If these conditions continue, then his job is to see that they are stopped. The issue is a simple one: Shall these conditions continue or shall they cease? That is all. It is to that issue that I directed the minister's attention. If he had been as careful yesterday as he was on former occasions, he would have realized that what I was trying to do was to direct attention to these conditions, not because I believed he had created them—I do not believe that yet—

Mr. ROGERS: The impression was left that way, whether it was intentional or not.

Mr. BENNETT: I do not think one could use stronger language than I used to free the minister from the intention to do it. I made it clear beyond peradventure that what I was asking him to do was to cure the condition by having proper steps taken to end it. I cannot see how anyone could think otherwise unless they wished to do so regardless of the language used. What is more, the hon. minister will remember the occasion when I first mentioned the matter. Attention was directed to the fact that I did not think the minister himself had done these things. One who is as familiar with history as he is and desires to do what he did; one who made the speech he did, that he was going to clean up that mess, could not believe otherwise. I pointed out the condition to which he referred.

Mr. ROGERS: Let me just refer to the debate of yesterday. At page 3701 of Hansard I am reported as follows:

Quite so, and his whole purpose has been, by a number of vague charges in the beginning, which I have no doubt were designed to bring more definite charges, to seek to create the impression that I as Minister of Labour had definitely connived at the violation of the terms with respect to employment under relief agreements.

Mr. Bennett: And he will prove it in this house.

Mr. BENNETT: Not prove connivance, prove the charges.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: No, no, because I followed that up.

Mr. ROGERS: I simply read the words. If my right hon. friend says that he did not mean that—

Mr. BENNETT: I certainly did not revise that Hansard, and I certainly did not say that the minister had connived. I said the charges could be proven. I say that yet. That is what my statement referred to. I gave

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the letter from Rollands, and I can give other cases with respect to this matter from what I regard as fairly accurate sources.

Mr. DUNNING: My right hon. friend surely will take steps to correct Hansard.

Mr. BENNETT: If the Minister of Finance will correct his own Hansard, it will be a good deal better.

Mr. DUNNING: I would not do an injustice such as that to any man.

Mr. BENNETT: I have not seen the occasion when if he could, he did not. That is all I can say.

An hon. MEMBER: Shame.

Mr. BENNETT: That is not out of order. I say to the minister that I was dealing with the charges and I was not dealing with his connivance.

Mr. DUNNING: I rise to a point of order. The Minister of Labour has just quoted yesterday's Hansard and has shown a plain charge by the right hon. leader of the opposition in connection with the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers).

Mr. BENNETT: That is not so.

Mr. DUNNING: The minister read the words, and the right hon. leader of the opposition said only a few moments ago that he did not intend to say yesterday that the Minister of Labour connived, but he refused to move to have Hansard corrected in accordance with his explanation of to-day. My point of order is that under these circumstances and in view of the fact that those words have gone out all over the country doing an injustice to the Minister of Labour, you, Mr. Chairman, acting in your capacity of chairman of this committee should order that the words used yesterday by the leader of the opposition be corrected in accordance with his statement of to-day.

Mr. BENNETT: A little more knowledge of the rules would have prevented the Minister of Finance from making that statement. The chairman has no such power.

Mr. DUNNING: The Speaker has.

Mr. BENNETT: The Speaker has under certain conditions.

The CHAIRMAN: On the point of order raised by the Minister of Finance, the right hon. leader of the opposition is correct in saying that the chairman has not authority, but the chairman can report to the Speaker.

Mr. BENNETT: What can you report?

The CHAIRMAN: On the point of order.