

Mr. COYNE: I am at the disposition of the committee, Mr. Monteith.

Mr. MONTEITH: Is this a very long story?

Mr. COYNE: No, I do not suppose so, but if everyone wants to pursue that question it can take quite a long time. It has taken a long time on previous occasions.

The CHAIRMAN: Since I have interrupted other members who have wanted to extend the area of discussion, I think I should do so here.

Mr. LEBOE: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I do not think you can rule out Mr. Monteith's question. When we are dealing with a charter of a bank we are dealing with everything a bank does and everything a bank anticipates doing under law. I do not think for one moment this committee can be short-changed in any way. If Mr. Monteith does not want to pursue the question, that is quite a different matter, but I do not think we can put ourselves in a box by saying we cannot pursue a question similar to the one asked by Mr. Monteith in connection with banking. This is an occasion when a charter for a bank is being requested. It covers everything that is in the act and everything the bank does or hopes to do. I think this question should be allowed.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): On this point of order, Mr. Chairman I think this question is perfectly in order. We are here discussing banking in Canada and the application for a charter for another bank in Canada, and I think this question comes within those perimeters. How much money is in circulation? Would more banks create more money in circulation? Those questions are well within the perimeters of this discussion. I would like a brief definition of it, along with Mr. Monteith.

The CHAIRMAN: I have not ruled Mr. Monteith's question out of order. I used the Chair's prerogative to suggest to him that if the question was wandering farther afield it might not come within the proper business of this committee at this time. Therefore, while I do not think it is necessary to produce any ruling on the question or order at this moment, I would like to say that the committee may not say we are discussing banking in Canada generally but, at the very widest, banking in Canada as it is reflected by the incorporation of this bank.

As I said before, whilst it is not my intention to limit the discussion, I think the committee will agree that the range of the discussion, even when touching on very important topics such as this, should attempt to link this discussion with the actual bill before us.

Mr. MONTEITH: I wonder if Mr. Coyne could give us a reasonably brief explanation. We are neophytes in this game. Can he explain whether this bank will create more money which will go into circulation?

The CHAIRMAN: You are referring to this bank for which application for a charter is being made?

Mr. MONTEITH: Yes.

● (4:25 p.m.)

Mr. COYNE: I think the answer to that is that the creation of a new bank will not add to the volume of money nor will it add to the total volume of bank deposits which I presume is what you are calling money. It may affect the distribution of them. Some of those deposits may be with this bank instead of