

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: What is the vote?

The CLERK: 7 to 1.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Let me put my question.

The CHAIRMAN: 7 to 1; then there would be no quorum.

Mr. TURGEON: Well, there is no quorum and no record. Could you devise a formula whereby at the end of each parliament there will be no change in membership in the House of Commons?

The CHAIRMAN: Be careful, gentlemen, how this committee will end. I saw that.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Are you ready for my question?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. Put it if you like.

*By Mr. Beaubien:*

Q. I would like Dr. Beauchesne to provide the committee with a list, and have that list embodied in the proceedings of this morning, of the employees not employed when the new parliament was brought into being in 1930.

Mr. TURGEON: Not re-employed.

WITNESS: 1930?

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Yes. Their length of service. I refer to those who had been employed previous to 1930, in 1929.

The CHAIRMAN: The ruling I gave with reference to Mr. Lawson's question applies to the question which Mr. Beaubien now puts, and I rule the question out.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Mr. Chairman, in view of your fairness, I am not going to appeal against your ruling.

Mr. FACTOR: I think, in view of the fact that there is no quorum, that all this by-play that has been going on should be stricken from the record.

The CHAIRMAN: How can we do it?

Mr. CAMPBELL: What about hearing the Sergeant-at-Arms?

The CHAIRMAN: We have no quorum, gentlemen.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Have you given an opinion on Mr. Factor's point?

The CHAIRMAN: What was that point?

Mr. BEAUBIEN: That not having a quorum all this should be stricken out.

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot entertain it.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: He has no authority.

Mr. FACTOR: Adjourned by effluxion of time.

The clerk having counted the committee and having found only nine members present, the committee rose.