

Privilege—Mr. Chevrier

I beg to move the adjournment of the debate, Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to and the debate adjourned.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Mr. Speaker, may I have the consent of the house to revert to the orders for motions? Inadvertently two formal motions were omitted to-day when the order was called.

The house having reverted to the order for motions:

BANKING AND COMMERCE

Mr. GUTHRIE moved:

That the name of Mr. Smith (Cumberland) be substituted for that of Mr. Gagnon on the select standing committee on banking and commerce.

That the name of Mr. Cotnam be substituted for that of Mr. McDade on the select standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

Motion agreed to.

RADIO BROADCASTING

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT UPON OPERATIONS OF RADIO COMMISSION

Mr. GUTHRIE moved:

That Messrs. Ahearn, Beynon, Cardin, Gagnon, Garland (Bow River), McLure, McKenzie (Assiniboia), Morand and Wright do constitute the select special committee of this house pursuant to the motion adopted on the sixteenth day of February, 1934, to inquire into and report upon the operations of the commission under the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Act, 1932, as amended at the last session of parliament, and to have power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses and to report from time to time to this house.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Guthrie the house adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6, 1934

The house met at three o'clock.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

First and second reports of the select standing committee on banking and commerce.—Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury).

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): By leave of the house I beg to move:

That the recommendations contained in the first report of the select standing committee on banking and commerce presented to the house this day be concurred in.

[Mr. Jean.]

Mr. BOTHWELL: The report says 1,000 copies. Was it not agreed upon this morning that it should be 1,500 instead of 1,000?

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): My recollection is 1,000. If there is any error, we can have it corrected.

Motion agreed to.

PRICE SPREADS AND MASS BUYING

Mr. STEVENS moved:

That the special committee appointed to inquire into price spreads and mass buying be empowered to print its day to day proceedings and evidence in the English and French languages for distribution to the committee and to the members of the Senate and House of Commons.

He said: This is merely clarifying a previous motion made to that effect.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 27, to incorporate Thousand Islands Bridge Company.—Mr. Maloney.

Bill No. 28, to incorporate Ancient Foresters' Mutual Life Insurance Company.—Mr. Bell (Hamilton).

Bill No. 29, respecting The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company.—Mr. Kennedy (Winnipeg).

PRIVILEGE—MR. CHEVRIER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. R. E. CHEVRIER (Ottawa): Mr. Speaker, the second point I wish to raise is one of privilege affecting more the privileges of the house than the personal privileges of a member, but it falls within rule 41 as to decorum in debate. The hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa), as reported at page 996 of the debates of March 5, said this:

So that a half-witted, blunt or ignorant deputy minister, such as were to be found under various governments and even to this day.

Those are not words which, in the light of what has already been stated to the house, should have been used. May I be permitted to quote from page 4908 of Hansard of May 11, 1933, when the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett), on a question somewhat similar to this, spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, I think that ought to be withdrawn. There are certain amenities that should be respected. Has this parliament degenerated to that sort of thing? I just leave it to you, sir. If a member can talk that way about a man who cannot defend him-