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was made. If the hon. member for High Park will tell me he did not make this motion, this would clear up the matter and would allow the Chair to admit its mistake and declare there is nothing before the house.

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I had not intended to make that motion today. As long as it will remain on the order paper I ask that it be stood, and that is what I would now like to do.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker,—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Grégoire: On a point of order—

[*English*]

Mr. Starr: Order.

Mr. Woolliams: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has not made the motion so why do we continue the discussion?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May I suggest to hon. members that this is a simple matter. The Chair was under an erroneous impression that a motion had been made but the hon. member for High Park now tells me he did not make a motion. We certainly have to accept his word, and the motion was called by the Chair in error. It is as simple as this. The speech which was made by the hon. member for Lapointe was very interesting, but I assume he will be given an opportunity to make it on another occasion. This motion therefore stands.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think we are in a situation—

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

Mr. Grégoire: I rise on a point of order—

[*English*]

Mr. Starr: Order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Lapointe is speaking on a point of order and he should be heard.

Mr. Starr: A point of order on what, Mr. Speaker?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We find ourselves in a situation for which there is perhaps no precedent

[**Mr. Speaker.**]

in this house. A motion has been moved, the 48 hours' notice has been given, the motion has been put in the *Votes and Proceedings* and on the order paper, it has been called by the Chair, another member has risen without there being any protest at all from the hon. member for High Park—Mr. Speaker, I want to conclude my point of order—during the ten minutes I had the opportunity to speak. And now, because I raise a strange and unusual point, those who are precisely surprised by that point rise, ten minutes after, to say that there has been no motion presented in the house.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recall a precedent which occurred, I do not remember the date too well, I believe it was at eight o'clock one Friday night, when the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Pearson) moved a motion concerning the dispatch of Canadian troops to Cyprus. Nobody rose to protest when the Prime Minister asked the unanimous consent of the house, but even if someone rose seven seconds later to do so—and that was proved at the time—refusal—

[*English*]

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I ask for the co-operation of the hon. member. I suggest that the point of order is not well taken, that the precedent to which the hon. member has referred is not at all applicable here. In the instance to which he referred there was a motion which was seconded. Whether the hon. member likes it or not, the hon. member for High Park said he did not make a motion and the hon. member for Cochrane said he did not second it. The hon. member has every right to ask that this motion be stood. If this is what he asks for now, then I suggest the matter be closed.

Mr. Langlois (Mégantic): Mr. Speaker, normally I do not come to the aid of the Liberals but may I say, to help out the Chair in this matter, that I for one heard the hon. member for High Park say he did not make his motion.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am very pleased to hear the hon. member sustain the position taken by the hon. member for High Park.