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That is why we thought it was essential, first of all, to hand back to the provinces the fiscal capacity, and especially the fiscal responsibility which would allow them to get rid of the obligation to fulfil duties imposed upon them by the constitution. That was all I said.

Of course, the hon. member could lead me into other fields, and I shall gladly meet his challenge in those fields, when I have the time and when my taking the floor here is not too demanding on the house's time.

(Text):

Mr. Pickersgill: There is just one word I should like to say in reply to the diversion created by the minister. I am not going back to my other point. The minister, who was so anxious to observe the rules a while ago, is now talking about the fiscal agreements. The minister knows, or ought to know, that so far as Quebec is concerned no change has been made whatever by this government in the juridical position. Quebec never had a tax agreement. Its taxing rights were never in any way limited, so this government has made no change in that respect whatever. All the words the Tory ministers and members may use will not alter the plain facts which are known to every objective person.

(Translation):

Mr. Denis: Mr. Chairman, may I put a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys? Is it not true that this morning—

An hon. Member: Go and consult your charter of Mr. Martineau.

Mr. Denis: Is it not true, Mr. Chairman, that this morning, the Minister of Labour stated that out of the amount provided for under this item, a certain amount was earmarked for the training of technical and vocational school teachers? Therefore, that concerns education and since the minister states that education comes under the jurisdiction of the provinces, is it not true that the minister is now approving what he rejected in the good old days of the Union Nationale?

An hon. Member: Do not bother to answer that, it is not worth it.

Mr. Flynn: Mr. Chairman, this refers to the training of technical school teachers, which comes under the province and is accepted by the government which is sympathetic to my hon. friend.

Mr. Denis: Is it not true, Mr. Chairman, as regards another joint program, unemployment insurance, that the minister is approving today what he was opposed when the Union Nationale party was in power?

Is it not true that, together with the Union Nationale and its supporters, he denied workers unemployment assistance, a fact which our Conservative friends today refuse to admit?

Mr. Bourget: I should like you to call the yeas and nays on the item now before us.

(Text):

Item agreed to: Yeas, 63; nays, nil.

(Translation):

Mr. Rouleau: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a question of privilege. On two occasions, that is before lunch and again a while ago, the hon. member for Roberval said that the hon. member for Dollard should pay his debts in L'Abord à Plouffe. There is absolutely no truth in that statement and I publicly declare, in this house, that I have no debt whatever. I feel the hon. member should accept my word. Furthermore, insinuations such as these are not allowed in this assembly.

Mr. Chairman, pursuant to the question of privilege I have just raised, I ask the hon. member for Roberval to withdraw his words.

Mr. Dupuis: Certainly.

Mr. Rouleau: The insinuations made by the hon. member for Roberval reflect on a member of this house. I declare that I have no debts and I ask him to take back his words.

The Chairman: On the question of privilege, I suggest that the hon. member for Dollard (Mr. Rouleau) should have raised it when the statement was made.

Moreover, I am not sure whether the words that the hon. member takes exception to are on the record, but in any case, I think that the subject should be closed.

Mr. Rouleau: Mr. Chairman, I appeal from your decision.

Mr. Caron: Report to the Speaker, that is the only procedure to follow.

Mr. Flynn: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Dollard, I do not believe that the decision of the committee chairman could be appealed unless a formal motion is introduced. I feel that the hon. member for Dollard will agree with this point of view.

(Text):

Mr. Bourget: Ask him to withdraw. It is simple. If he is a gentleman he will.

Mr. Pickersgill: On the point of order raised by the hon. member, I think perhaps Your Honour did not appreciate that the remark to which my hon. friend took exception was made while the vote was being taken and it would be against the rules for the hon.