

## OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES

EXPUNGEMENT OF OBJECTIONABLE STATEMENTS  
FROM RECORD

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to take exception to what Your Honour may have done in the way of expunging possible objectionable phrases from Hansard, but I would ask if it is not part of the privilege of the house to control its own records, and whether the house should not, before any statements are expunged from the records, pass a resolution in the first instance. I raise this point now because Your Honour has made decisions which equally affect members on both sides of the house. I did not wish to take exception to anything done in the past but I respectfully submit so far as the privileges of the house are concerned that His Honour the Speaker is the servant of the house in this as in all matters, and the house should itself determine whether anything is to be expunged from any of its records.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will take the remarks of the right hon. gentleman under consideration.

## PRIVILEGE—MR. HEENAN

Hon. PETER HEENAN (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege: The Ottawa Citizen of this morning contains the following statement:

Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Northern Development, in the legislature to-day promised to investigate charges made by Peter Heenan, former Minister of Labour in the federal government, to the effect a Liberal merchant had received only \$350 for supplies—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order!

Mr. HEENAN: The report continues:—while a Conservative merchant in the same northern town had received \$125,000.

I did not use those figures. The correct figures will be found in Hansard and if there is going to be any investigation I want the Ontario government to investigate the figures I gave.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member can refer the house and the public to Hansard. If every hon. member is to bring up misquotations by newspapers of what he has said in the house, we will never get ahead with business.

Mr. HEENAN: This report states that the legislature is going to investigate and I want it to investigate the figures I gave on the floor of the House of Commons.

Mr. SPEAKER: The figures the hon. member gave are properly quoted in Hansard. This house has no control over the Ontario legislature as to what investigation it shall make.

Mr. HEENAN: I am quoted here—

Mr. SPEAKER: What point is the hon. member seeking to make?

Mr. BENNETT: This cannot be considered as a question of privilege in this house.

Mr. HEENAN: I am misquoted.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has said so and that is as far as he can go. He has admitted he is correctly quoted in Hansard.

Mr. HEENAN: The figures I gave—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order!

Mr. SPEAKER: I call the hon. member to order. I want the hon. member to understand that there is nothing personal in my remarks with regard to this matter but when the Speaker rises to address the house it is the duty of any hon. member to take his seat. I call the hon. member to order.

Mr. HEENAN: On a question of privilege: Surely if I am misquoted in the press or in the legislature, I am entitled to make a correction.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understood the hon. member had made his correction.

Mr. HEENAN: I was just about to do so.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member said the figures given in the report are not correct, but he said also that he is correctly reported in Hansard.

Mr. HEENAN: I am going to give the correct figures now.

Mr. BENNETT: That cannot be a question of privilege in this house.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has made his statement; he has gone far enough.

Mr. HEENAN: Well, sir—

Mr. SPEAKER: I call the hon. member to order.

Mr. HEENAN: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order!

Mr. HEENAN: I appeal against the ruling of the chair.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no ruling to appeal from; I call the hon. member to order.