

appeal from the ruling on this question, if the question is persisted in, or the question itself of filing the names, will bring us back into recriminations.

The CHAIRMAN: I am decidedly anxious to keep away from any acrimonious discussion or any acrimonious feeling. If you ask for that, Mr. Lawson, somebody will ask for the other.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: There is one thing certain, we are not going to allow him to put the request of Mr. Lawson in the record without having some comparison with other years. That would not be fair.

The CHAIRMAN: If you are pressing it, Mr. Lawson, I would have to rule the other way.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: Yes, I am pressing it.

The CHAIRMAN: Then I rule that that is not to be finished. Now, gentlemen, is there anything else?

Mr. CAMPBELL: Your ruling is upheld, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: So that I may have it clearly on the record, I would like to have the specific question put and then have you rule that that question was not proper under this reference. I ask Dr. Beauchesne if he will read to the committee a list of the names of these persons previously employed immediately prior to 1936 who were not re-employed in the session of 1936, giving in each case the length of the service of such employees prior to 1936.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: I would like the record clear on mine.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: Let us get one at a time. You will get yours next. I will vote for yours as well as my own.

The CHAIRMAN: In that regard I rule that the names be given, but that the length of service may not be given, because that does not come within the purview of the reference nor of my previous decision, because that would lead to the question of the discussion of merit or demerit.

Mr. TURGEON: Mr. Chairman, I am objecting for the moment to the order of precedence. We have already moved Mr. Lawson's question; it was put definitely with a purpose; and you had already ruled that the question was not relevant, but you had not given that ruling until after both Mr. Lawson's question and Mr. Beaubien's question had been put to the chair, so that your ruling declaring the questions not in accordance with your general order is an answer both to Mr. Beaubien's question and to Mr. Lawson's question, and not an answer to Mr. Lawson's question alone.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lawson puts his question now, and I rule—

Mr. TURGEON: Mr. Beaubien had asked his question before you gave your ruling.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Mr. Lawson changed the wording of his question.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: No, I did not. The record will show.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we will only be fanning political discord if we allow that.

Mr. BEAUBIEN: Here is a question that has been asked by Mr. Lawson, and it is on the record. The chairman has ruled against it, and it is going out to the country that he has been railroaded—that the majority is Liberal. I would like my question to be put on the minutes of the proceedings and that the rulings be given.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lawson is not being railroaded because he is not a Liberal. It is immaterial what the outsiders think.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: You have ruled, Mr. Chairman, that my question is out of order. I appeal from that ruling, and I would like a vote taken on the appeal.

The CHAIRMAN: All those in favour of sustaining the chairman's ruling say aye. The ruling is sustained.