

member when addressing the people of his own province. He would say that he had withdrawn the statement only to save public money and to save the time of parliament in a period of war. Yet I am now being accused of trying to make a martyr of the hon. member because I wish this matter thoroughly investigated. I have been listening carefully to what has been said from all parts of the house. I have made no request; I have left it to the hon. member himself to say whether he withdraws his statement completely. I do not wish him to say that he is withdrawing to-day at my request. It is a question not of any request on my part but of what he owes to this House of Commons. So I say to him that unless he is prepared to make the statement that his withdrawal is made because of what he feels he owes to this House of Commons, in view of the statement he made, I am not prepared to withdraw my resolution. However, if the hon. member is prepared to say that he withdraws the statement completely because it reflects upon hon. members of this house and that he regrets having made it, in the light of the discussion that has taken place here to-day I am quite prepared not to press the motion further. I say the hon. member owes it to this house to make his position perfectly clear in both regards.

Mr. LACOMBE: I would ask the Prime Minister to repeat what he said a few moments ago. I could not hear every word of the last statement he made.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The statement was very simple. I say to the hon. member I am making no request of him. I am leaving to him, in the light of the statement which His Honour the Speaker has made, of the proper procedure to be followed in a case where a member has reflected improperly upon other members of the house to be the right course. I suggest to him to rise in his place and declare that what he is saying is to the members of the house, not that it is in compliance with some request of the Prime Minister, and that he regrets having made a statement which has reflected upon hon. members. If he does that I am quite prepared not to press my resolution. I think it is a course which he owes the House of Commons.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is a very generous statement.

Mr. LACOMBE: It is not at the request of the Prime Minister, or at the request of any other member of the cabinet, or any other member of the House of Commons, that I

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

withdraw the following words which I quote from page 4042 of *Hansard* for June 25, 1943:

Nous avons dans le Gouvernement trois nouveaux millionnaires depuis la déclaration de la guerre. Nous les dénoncerons en temps et lieu. Les fortunes s'édifient.

Mr. GARDINER: Finish it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think the hon. member, in view of what he has just said, should express his regrets to the house, if he wishes me to withdraw my motion. I would expect him to do that for hon. members because he has reflected upon the membership of this House of Commons. That he should do so is owing to the membership.

Mr. LACOMBE: I asked a few moments ago that the Prime Minister repeat the words he spoke so fluently. I understood that he asked me to state in the house that I regret my words. I regret the words, if I have offended any of my colleagues of the House of Commons, or any members of the House of Commons or of the cabinet.

Mr. GRAYDON: That is fair.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I would ask that the motion be withdrawn.

Motion (Mr. Mackenzie King) withdrawn.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

NEWSPRINT PRICES

Mr. COLDWELL:

1. What was the price of newsprint in September, 1939?
2. What was the basic price in October, 1941?
3. Has permission been given since to advance the basic price? If so, by what amount, and at what date?
4. Has an application for a further increase been received? If so, when, and what is the amount of the increase requested?
5. Has a decision been reached? If so, what is the decision?

Mr. ABBOTT:

1. In September, 1939, the generally recognized basic price for standard newsprint in white rolls and in carload lots delivered at New York was \$50.00 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

2. In October, 1941, the basic price had not changed from that of September, 1939.

3. Effective on March 1, 1943, the maximum price of newsprint was advanced by \$4.00 per ton.

4. On August 26, 1942, the newsprint administrator of the wartime prices and trade board received from Canadian newsprint com-