

to dispose of it. On the finding of the grand jury, their institution for the insane at Selkirk—

Mr. BORDEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I have no objection to the hon. gentleman dealing in the proper place with the provincial administration of every province in Canada, but I do not think the time of this House ought to be wasted in that way. I think it is out of order.

Mr. OLIVER: I wish to establish—

Mr. BORDEN: I would like to have it decided whether, in the debate on the Address it is competent for any hon. gentleman to discuss the merits or demerits of provincial administrations over which this House has absolutely no jurisdiction.

Mr. SPEAKER: While usually there has been great latitude allowed in the debate on the Address, I think the hon. member (Mr. Oliver) is wandering a little from the subject, and perhaps it would be well to keep closer to it.

Mr. OLIVER: I do not wish to trespass against the rules of the House. But there was a certain state of facts, bearing entirely upon what I have placed before the House, which I wish to establish beyond question, and had got almost to the point of establishing.

Mr. BORDEN: I do not object to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) establishing whatever he desires to establish, so long as it relates to any matter over which this House and this Government has jurisdiction or control. But if we are going to discuss the provincial administration of Manitoba, we shall have to discuss that of every province in Canada, I suppose, and I do not quite understand why this House should take upon itself that burden.

Mr. OLIVER: My point, Mr. Speaker, is that the Government of Manitoba has interfered directly in the election of members of this House and I want to establish—

Mr. BORDEN: I do not object to the hon. gentleman doing that if he thinks there is a point in it, though I cannot see that it is relevant; for the amendment, I understand, is directed against this Government and not against the Government of Manitoba. I object to the hon. gentleman dealing with the administration of highways, of insane asylums and matters of that kind which are purely subject to provincial jurisdiction.

Mr. OLIVER: I do not dwell on the point at all. I had reached a conclusion on the statement I wished to make, that the condition of affairs which I have placed before the House in regard to the province

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of Manitoba is arrived at because the revenue of that province to-day are systematically diverted to the maintenance of a standing army of thugs, whose principal employment is in connection with elections, under one name or another, and this is evidenced in the army that they could bring to bear, under the name of detectives, scrutineers, or whatever name you like, in the constituency of Macdonald. I wish to deal with another matter that I think has some bearing upon the question. I have tried to show to the House the absolute injustice that has been meted out to the men who were connected with this election in the constituency of Macdonald. I want to draw a comparison between the action that was taken in this case in the constituency of Macdonald, and the action which was taken in the province of Saskatchewan a few months previous, where many of the same men were concerned, and where many of the same interests operated.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. member cannot follow that out, it would be going too far from the debate.

Mr. OLIVER: Then, Mr. Speaker, if I am permitted, I desire to open up the question of the administration of justice in the province of Saskatchewan in connection with the recent provincial election. If I am not permitted, I presume the question does not pertain to this discussion.

Mr. BORDEN: In respect of this Government?

Mr. OLIVER: In respect of this Government.

Mr. BORDEN: The hon. gentleman is quite at liberty, so far as I am concerned, to go ahead and say what he likes in regard to that.

Mr. SPEAKER: With due regard to the rules of the House, I think the hon. member would be ill-advised in opening up this discussion.

Mr. BORDEN: I want it to be distinctly understood that I raise no point of order against the hon. gentleman in proffering a complaint in respect to this Government, and I desire to place absolutely no restraint upon him in respect to anything he desires to say in that regard. All that I do object to is the discussion of provincial administration—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MACDONALD: The hon. gentleman for Edmonton (Mr. Oliver) has the floor.

Mr. BORDEN: My hon. friend from Edmonton, as I understand it, suggested some question as to his being in order. I want