

Mr. SPEAKER. My hon. friend may ask a question of the Government in reference to some matter of public interest, but he cannot go on with the discussion or make a speech.

Mr. LANDERKIN. It is impossible to state the facts unless I give the history.

Mr. SPEAKER. Order. If the hon. member is going to discuss something that occurred in the Committee, it is out of order.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I am not going to discuss the matter; it is merely for the purpose of asking a question of the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman has got to put the question direct. I have already pointed out the inconvenience of discussions at this stage of the proceedings of the House.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I quite agree with you. I wish to ask the Minister of Justice if he has officially handed over to the Chairman of that Committee and to the members of the Government who attended that Committee, a copy of the resolution passed by the House on motion of the member for South Oxford, so that in future our meetings will be given to the conduct of the investigation?

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. DAVIN. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to refer, as a matter of personal explanation, to a statement made in the *Globe*; and I will take care that I shall not be out of order. The *Globe* quotes this statement, referring to me:

"I find in the Auditor General's Report for 1887—he was only three months a member of Parliament that fiscal year—he got \$938.83; in 1885 he got \$5,440.75; in 1889, \$6,400.98; in 1890, \$6,818.43; or in all for the three months to the end of 1890—or from the time he was elected, he got \$19,598.99, besides his indemnity as a member of Parliament. To overcome his liability under the Independence of Parliament Act, he forms the Regina *Leader* into a joint stock company immediately after being elected. He divides it into 4,000 shares at \$5 each, takes 2,000 shares himself and pays up \$1,000. One or two others take a share or two apiece and pay in a trifle. This relieves him from his liability under the Independence of Parliament Act. If this is not hoodling and fooling his constituents, then I am no judge."

And the *Globe* comments:

"What has Mr. Davin to say? Mr. Perley seems to be his mortal enemy, and is, therefore, not a good witness against him in ordinary matters; but there are the figures from the official reports."

I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that I have received no money whatever since I have been elected. I have to say this, that since I have been elected a member of Parliament, one word in regard to my private business, or one word in regard to any business of a commercial character with which I am connected, I have never spoken to a Minister, or a Deputy Minister. I have never sought to use my political position one iota to help myself. I have to say this, that the statement that I have in any way contravened the Independence of Parliament Act is untrue; and I have to say that the suggestion that there is any hoodling is utterly false; and if any gentleman thinks that I have in any way contravened the Independence of Parliament Act, there are yet two or three weeks of this session, and I should be very glad, if he thought it necessary, to have me summoned before any of the committees and take my evidence.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Move to refer it to the Committee on Privileges and Elections at once.

Mr. DAVIN. The statement is made in a ribald, lying, scoundrelly letter emanating from Senator Perley.

Mr. SPEAKER. I am afraid that it is not permissible to speak in disrespectful terms of a member of the other branch of the Legislature.

Mr. DAVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am very sorry that an elevation of such a character should have been made to that Senate,—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. DAVIN—as it reflects indelible disgrace to Canada and all connected with it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER. It must be remembered that when an hon. member is called to order he must sit down, and afterwards rise to explain if he chooses.

The Orders of the Day having been called,

Mr. CASEY. Do I understand that such language, having been used, is to remain on record without retraction, or what is the ruling of the Chair in regard to it?

Mr. SPEAKER. I have already pointed out to the hon. member that he must not speak disrespectfully of a member of the other branch of this Legislature, and he must, I think, withdraw the words he has applied to a Senator.

Mr. DAVIN. Then I suppose, Mr. Speaker, that the parliamentary thing is to say that the hon. gentleman is a truthful and honourable man, and a credit to the Senate.

Mr. SPEAKER. I must point out to the hon. member that a retraction must be full and complete; it must not be qualified. When a member is guilty of having used unparliamentary language and is asked to retract it, he must retract it fully.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Withdraw.

Mr. DAVIN. Well, Mr. Speaker, I need hardly say that it is always my desire to comply with the rules of Parliament and with your ruling, and I, therefore, as you direct me, withdraw those unparliamentary words, as they are unparliamentary.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). And use them elsewhere.

SUPPLY.

House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). What amount are you taking?

Mr. FOSTER. A fifth.

Resolutions reported, read the first and second time.

CONCURRENCE.

House proceeded to consider resolutions reported from Committee of Supply.

Marine Hospitals..... \$34,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Would the Minister of Marine tell us how much of this vote for Marine Hospitals is recouped to us? What is the exact drain on the Treasury from this source?