

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 31, 1968

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that a communication has been received which is as follows:

Government House, Ottawa.
31 October, 1968

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Hon. J. R. Cartwright, P.C., M.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 31st October at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Esmond Butler
Secretary to the Governor General.

RESEARCH

WINNING OF NOBEL PRIZE BY FORMER
CANADIAN RESIDENT

Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw to the attention of the house the fact that Dr. G. H. Kharana has been awarded the Nobel prize in medicine. Dr. Kharana is an Indian by birth. He was educated in India and at Oxford University. He came to Canada in 1952 and worked at research in the British Columbia Research Council until 1957, when he went to the University of Wisconsin and, as I have said, has won the Nobel prize for his outstanding work in the field of nucleic acid in the genetic code.

I am sure all Canadians will have a great sense of pride in the accomplishments of a doctor who worked for seven years in our scientific research centres and then went on to win the coveted Nobel prize in medicine. This is an indication of the high level of research that can be carried on in Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should perhaps mention that the hon. member's statement does not qualify as a question of privilege, but I am sure hon. members were pleased to hear the hon. member's statement.

PRIVILEGE

MR. MACINNIS—REPORTED STATEMENTS
RESPECTING PATRONAGE IN
OTTAWA AREA

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege arising from the question asked by myself in the house yesterday and the answers given by the Prime Minister. First of all I definitely recall, as do other members sitting in this vicinity, my original question. I quote only the latter part in order to draw attention to the very important words that have been left out, in which the Minister of Justice referred to the Solicitor General as the senior member, while being questioned on matters of patronage in and around Ottawa. The way it is reported in *Hansard* is "the senior member in matters of patronage in and around Ottawa." I would refer also to the remarks of the Prime Minister when he said he was misquoted by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond.

Mr. Trudeau: What page?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): It is page 2216 of *Hansard*, the first column. The Prime Minister said he was misquoted by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond. Then the Prime Minister said:

The reason I did not answer right away was that I suspected there might be a misquote coming from the hon. member.

The Prime Minister further referred to my record of asking questions in this house. I regret very much that I cannot allude to the answers that are provided. In addition the Prime Minister went on more or less—and of course this is open to interpretation—to say that he had not witnessed the program about which I was speaking. Then, as is reported in *Hansard* on the same page, that is page 2216, I referred to the use of the word "probably" by the Prime Minister in this connection.

The question originally arose because of statements made by the Prime Minister in Halifax when he alluded to practices carried on in Nova Scotia, and I think it was absolutely necessary to make this statement. I would say, further, that there is now public