

Mr. McINTOSH: I am accepting what you said, but that is my opinion.

Mr. BENNETT: I think the common sense of the hon. member and his respect for the rules and amenities of parliament will induce him to want to do the right thing.

Mr. McINTOSH: I am willing to do the right thing, but I am not doing what you stated; I am not reading the editorial.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): The hon. member has insulted the chair.

Mr. McINTOSH: You have done the same thing yourself once in a while.

Mr. BENNETT: One afternoon I happened to be sitting at a table discussing some matters and a question arose in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister left the room, went out and made the necessary motion that a member be relieved from further attendance in the house for a given number of days. The motion was carried and the Prime Minister went back to his work. If members are to defy the chair as has been done by the hon. member and bring into contempt the institutions of the house in the way in which this has been done, there remains nothing to be done but what was done on that occasion. I would suggest that when a chairman has discharged his duty, read the rule upon which he based his ruling that reading the editorial as well as referring to it was out of order, and any hon. member who has regard for the institutions of parliament should treat the chairman with that measure of respect which his office demands, leaving the occupant out of the question for the moment as we must do in dealing with matters of this kind, because this is purely an impersonal matter. In view of the hon. member's observations that in most places would be characterized in very severe terms, I suggest that he make a proper withdrawal and so place himself in a correct position in this house.

Mr. McINTOSH: I think I respected the chair; I had no idea of not respecting it and I withdrew what I said, but I coupled with that the idea I was not actually reading from the editorial. I also stated that I did not need to quote any further from the editorial because it was simply a question of memory. I do not need to continue the debate on that.

Mr. BENNETT: I refer to the insulting remark addressed to the chair; that is all I am referring to. I have certain obligations and responsibilities which are sometimes not

the pleasantest to perform. But if a member of the house insists on insulting the chair, the chair being occupied by a fellow member, he places in a very difficult position whoever happens to have responsibility for the conduct of the house. I suggest that the hon. member should withdraw the insulting observations he made to the chair after the chairman had given his ruling on the point of order.

Mr. McINTOSH: I withdraw the reference mentioned. That is twice I have made that statement. May I go on to a statement made by the Minister of Agriculture with reference to my honoured leader. In the last part of his remarks that night the minister stated that the whole outlook of my honoured leader was purely political and that the hon. member for Melville and the hon. member for North Battleford also made use of remarks that were entirely political. I am absolutely loyal to my leader and I know the hon. member for Melville is also; we are not only loyal but devoted to him and our desire is to cooperate wholly with him. I presume hon. members on the opposite side desire to do the same thing with regard to their leader, but when the question is one of loyalty and devotion to leadership I think my hon. friend ought to be the last man to introduce into the house a discussion on that point. If he knew history and read of "the nest of traitors," he would not accuse me of being loyal to my leader. That is an extraneous matter and should not have been brought into any discussion in the house. I will leave it at that.

Further, when the minister made the statement that those on this side of the house who wanted information were politically inclined, he was absolutely out of order, and was doing something he should not have done, because if we go back to his history everyone knows he ran as an independent member in Melfort and was elected absolutely as an independent member.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Independent Conservative.

Mr. McINTOSH: The hon. member was elected as an Independent.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): No.

Mr. McINTOSH: I know men who voted for the hon. member in his riding and they confirm my statement. I will, however, take his word for it. The minister says that he ran as an Independent Conservative.

Mr. QUINN: What is the item under discussion?