

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the privileges of this house do not permit a member, rising on a question of privilege, to make a charge against a fellow member. The hon. gentleman has risen to a question of privilege. The observations he has made as to the conduct of the hon. member for Melfort (Mr. Weir) cannot possibly be proper remarks to make on a question of privilege. The hon. member is dealing with a matter raised yesterday, with which he has every right to deal, and we will listen to him with very great interest if he continues to deal with it.

Mr. McINTOSH: Yesterday, when I was not in the house, the charge was made against me that I had changed my remarks in Hansard. On a question of privilege I am merely making an explanation of the matter, and I want to finish my last statement.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. McINTOSH: I am not going to withdraw any more. You had better withdraw yourselves.

Mr. SPEAKER: Did I understand the hon. member for North Battleford to withdraw his statement?

Mr. McINTOSH: Yes, about five minutes ago.

Mr. SPEAKER: Very well.

Mr. McINTOSH: I was referring to the statement made by the hon. member for Melfort that the words I used should be stricken from the record. Well, they are good Anglo-Saxon words. Then later on Your Honour suggested that the matter should be referred to one of the committees of the house, and the Prime Minister also stated that this might be done. I made the statement that I would be quite willing to have that done providing the words that were altered in the speech of the hon. member on May 22 of last year in connection with redistribution were also brought before that committee.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. If any action is taken by the house concerning a matter which occurred yesterday or during this session it will be done by the house as it sees fit, not with any proviso that may be made by the hon. member for North Battleford.

Mr. McINTOSH: Well, I shall feel fine about any action that may be taken. I am through.

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RELIEF CLOTHING

On the orders of the day:

Mr. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (East Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, on the orders of the day I should like to direct a question to the government based upon a dispatch appearing in the Toronto Mail and Empire of June 1. The dispatch states that a contract has been let to the Needlecraft Mills Limited of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, for the purchase of fifteen thousand pairs of trousers for distribution among men employed on relief projects, at a cost of \$1.76 per pair. The cloth required will be issued by the department and charged against the price, and I understand that, after everything is considered including freight, trimmings and so on, the labour cost of these trousers will be eighteen cents per pair. The cheapest that it can be done in the city of Toronto is forty-five cents a pair. I should like to ask the Minister of Labour whether the fair wages policy of the government will be enforced in connection with that contract towards the end of preventing sweated labour conditions existing under government contract.

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): I believe the remarks of the hon. member have reference to goods purchased through the Department of National Defence. If the question stands it may be looked into and answered to-morrow.

Mr. MITCHELL: I am most concerned about the labour conditions under which the contract will be undertaken; I am not particularly interested in the goods in question, but in the conditions affecting the working people employed in the industry.

MARKETING ACT

ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE METHODS AND PRACTICES IN MARKETING NATURAL PRODUCTS

Hon. ROBERT WEIR (Minister of Agriculture) moved the third reading of Bill No. 51, to improve the methods and practices of marketing of natural products in Canada and in export trade, and to make further provisions in connection therewith.

He said: Mr. Speaker, before the third reading passes I should like to make a very few observations in connection with the bill. I believe all hon. members who have given any concern or thought during the past few years to the marketing of the primary products of the dominion, whether they be producers, those engaged in the marketing of the