

the war and the years succeeding that they were no longer habitable. He made special reference to the difficulty of finding suitable quarters for the servants. He remarked that if he were to visit Quebec as his predecessors had done it would be necessary to have the governor general's quarters at the citadel considerably refitted, new quarters built for the servants, and the house in part refurnished. His Excellency said he thought that as the country had just come out of the war, and there were many obligations with respect to re-establishing our returned men, and the like, it would not do for him to urge on the government to make those expenditures at that time. But he expressed the hope that postponement would not in any way militate against the old custom being continued in the future of having the king's representative spend part of the year in Quebec. Owing to the representations made in that particular the government did not ask the house at that time for the necessary moneys to put the citadel in proper repair. At the same time the members for Quebec were repeatedly directing the attention, not only of the government, but of this house, to the extent to which the historic walls of the citadel were being allowed to fall into disrepair and the degree to which the citadel as an historic monument was being more and more impaired.

Shortly after His Excellency Lord Willingdon reached Canada he said to me, speaking as the representative of the king, that it was his hope and his desire that he might be able as speedily as possible to take up quarters again at Quebec during the summer and also during the winter. I explained to His Excellency that this would involve considerable expenditure—

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, I think there is a well-defined practice not to bring the representative of the crown into discussions of this kind. The rule is very clear that the Prime Minister of all men should not mention what was said to him by the representative of the crown. He will recall what happened to Mr. Lowe, afterwards Lord Sherbrooke, and the view taken by Mr. Gladstone as to the absolute and wholly erroneous practice from the standpoint of order of introducing the name of the sovereign into any discussion at all.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have considered, Mr. Chairman, this phase quite as carefully as my hon. friend has. There is

a great difference between bringing the name of His Majesty into controversy in the House of Commons and the making known the wish of His Majesty, or His Majesty's representative, with respect to what pertains to his own immediate household.

Mr. BENNETT: No. The Prime Minister will recall the difficulty Mr. Lowe got into was through bringing into debate the name of the sovereign, charging that Mr. Disraeli did a certain thing at the instance of Her Majesty. Mr. Disraeli went to the queen and got her permission before he even introduced her name into debate. Now the Prime Minister is telling of conversations which he had with His Excellency.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am not saying that the government is doing this at the request of the Governor General. I am pointing out to the house exactly the position in which with respect to Quebec the crown's representative in this country has been placed, and I am giving to the house the authoritative source of my information in that particular.

Mr. BENNETT: So far as the opposition is concerned, I protest in the name of the House of Commons against dragging the name of the sovereign's representative into debate, in view of what took place at the imperial conference as to the position of the governor general, who acts only on the advice of his ministers, and can effect no matter touching the Canadian people unless he is so advised by the government of the day. I protest it is wrong not only from the standpoint of the constitution but from the standpoint of the Canadian people.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I submit, Mr. Chairman, that I am not dragging the name of His Majesty's representative into this discussion.

Some hon. MEMBERS: You are.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Hon. gentlemen opposite apparently feel that the government is not to be allowed even to mention the name of the residence of the governor general or His Majesty's representative, because it involves mentioning his name.

Mr. STEVENS: Nobody suggested that.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I again say to the house that the government takes full responsibility for what it is asking the