

*Administration of Justice*

**Mr. Speaker:** "Immediately" may mean one or two minutes later. I suggest to the hon. member it would be so much easier to allow the minister to complete his remarks. I agree with the hon. member that if he feels his question of privilege should be raised at this time he should raise it and I will recognize him. I was just asking for his co-operation in allowing one statement to be finished first. There is before the house a statement being made by the hon. member for Yukon, a point of order which has been raised by the Minister of Transport, and now a question of privilege on the point of order. It seems to me this is not a very good way to carry on the debate. I should like to hear the minister and then the question of privilege.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** On my question of privilege—

**Mr. Speaker:** Very well. If the hon. member insists on raising his question of privilege now I will hear him.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** I raise my question of privilege because I recall that a previous Speaker ruled the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi out of order because seven seconds had elapsed. My question of privilege is that the minister has stated that the Chair should see that both sides have equal opportunity in the matter of raising points of order or questions of privilege, whatever the case may be. I would call to Your Honour's attention that again the Minister of Transport is continuing to abuse the rules by rising without recognition from the Chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I will recognize him now.

• (12:50 p.m.)

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, so there will be no misunderstanding, I did not make any admonition to you, sir. I merely said to hon. gentlemen opposite that I had listened politely to them and I hoped they would listen politely to me, as I think most of them want to do. My point is this, sir. The hon. gentleman is embarking upon a debate which seems to me to have wandered very far afield from any possible question of privilege. In the course of his remarks he said there had been no specific charges made. If there have been no specific charges it is hard to see how there can be any question of privilege before the house. If all that exists is a grievance—

**Mr. Brand:** On a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** There can only be one point of order raised at a time.

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South).]

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I was speaking to a point of order. There cannot be a point of order on a point of order.

**Mr. Brand:** On a question of privilege—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Saskatoon on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Brand:** On a question of privilege affecting the Chair, I believe that a ruling once made by the Chair cannot be challenged. This is now being done by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I was not seeking to challenge any ruling. I was rising on a point of order with respect to the speech now being made by the hon. member for Yukon. My point of order is a simple one. The hon. member has said there are no specific charges. If he looks at the record he will see he was complaining there were no specific charges. If there were no specific charges, I do not know what question of privilege he was talking about. It seems to me that under the guise of privilege he is seeking to develop a grievance. There is a procedure under our rules for dealing with grievances. That procedure will be in effect on Monday, if the government's plans continue with respect to a motion for supply. At that time the life of the government will be at stake and hon. gentlemen will be able under the rules to challenge the government and defeat it if they can.

**An hon. Member:** Just you wait.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If, as the hon. gentleman himself has said, there are no specific charges to be considered, he cannot be speaking on a question of privilege and therefore, since there is nothing else before the house, there is no justification for his continuing his speech at this time.

**Mr. Brand:** I should like to bring to the attention of the house that Your Honour has already ruled that there is a prima facie case of privilege here; yet this decision is being argued by the Minister of Transport.

**Mr. Nielsen:** On the point of order spuriously made by the Minister of Transport, he has twisted my remarks out of all proportion. As he knows, I detailed a whole list of the charges the Minister of Justice made both in the house and in the press. I put this on record in *Hansard* yesterday. What I meant when I referred to specific charges, as I believe the minister knows, was that no inquiry, whether a judicial inquiry or an