

Third, will the minister explain his statement of June 3, 1938, page 3555 of *Hansard*, to the effect that the contract was not obtained through the good offices of the Canadian government, in view of subsequent testimony on that point?

Mr. SPEAKER: These questions should not be put at this time. They should be put on the order paper.

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Minister of National Defence): Possibly this is a question of privilege, although the questions as they have been put are not proper either for the orders of the day or for the order paper. Perhaps I may be permitted to answer the questions asked.

The answer to the first question is that my recollection as I stated it last year in the house is my recollection now, and that statement was honestly, honourably and truthfully made.

My answer to the second question is that the gentleman in question did not act as the agent of this government in 1937 and to the best of my knowledge he has not received any reimbursement for his expenses during that year.

With reference to the third question, the statement made by the Minister of National Defence last year was absolutely honourably and honestly made. If my hon. friend wishes to attack the correctness of any of these statements, he has the privilege of referring the matter to the committee on privileges and elections of this house.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed from Friday, January 27, consideration of the motion of Mr. J. E. Matthews for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, and the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Manion, and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Woods-worth.

Mr. A. A. HEAPS (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to represent in this house one of the four constituencies in the city of Winnipeg. In a comparatively few years Winnipeg has grown from a trading post to a city of 215,000 inhabitants. Within its borders are to be found all races and creeds and men of many different nationalities. It is these men and women who have built up the city of Winnipeg during the past sixty or seventy years. You will find there people of Anglo-Saxon descent, Ukrainians, Poles, Germans, and Jews. All of these people have contributed something toward the development

and growth of the city of Winnipeg, which is synchronous with the growth and development of western Canada. Winnipeg in itself typifies the general development of that part of our dominion.

During the twenty-two years that I have been in public life, thirteen of which have been spent in this chamber, it has been always my aim to try to bring about a closer understanding and more harmonious relationship among the various component parts of our population, not merely of Winnipeg but of the whole of the Dominion of Canada. I regret to say I have found that one of the main obstacles to that natural development of our people has been the fact that there are many politicians in the west, as there are probably in other parts of Canada, who are too ready to try to obtain political advantage by exploiting racial feelings and misunderstandings. I have always tried to avoid that in my public life. There is however one thing of which I feel proud, and that is the fact that the people of all races and creeds have been ready to support me year in and year out during the whole twenty-two years I have been in public life.

We find to-day throughout the west a new Canadianism. This type of new Canadian is a credit I am sure to our educational institutions and to the dominion as a whole. I often wish that those who talk so much about Canada, but who have not been beyond the confines of a limited area, could pay a visit to western Canada and see this new Canadian who has developed there. If the people of the west and the people of the east could mingle a little more than they do at present, it would do much to bring about that closer understanding which I am desirous of seeing accomplished. It is with this type of new Canadian that Their Majesties the King and the Queen will shortly sojourn. Speaking for the people of the west, whom I know so well and intimately, may I say that no section of the Canadian people will give a more warm-hearted welcome to their majesties than the new Canadians of western Canada.

We are living in a chaotic world, a paradoxical world. We are living in an age of inventive genius, and yet we see all around us so much misunderstanding and disharmony among the various peoples. One almost begins to despair of what is commonly called modern civilization. When I was a boy my parents had no fear when I crossed the road to go to school because there were no fast moving vehicles that made it dangerous for a child to cross the street. The fastest moving thing we had at that time was the ordinary horse and buggy, or perhaps one of those old-