

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No, I simply want to say this, that my honourable friend did not do justice to the party that he mentioned, and that is what was somewhat vexing. The Minister of Defence had come there at the demand of Mr. Barrow, the representative of the returned soldiers, in order to help him, and help their views to prevail in the Committee, or assist by some suggestions. The Minister accepted the invitation, and came. He was sitting there when the provision that we had delegated to the Chairman of the Pension Board was read to us. It was a new proposition, and everybody proceeded to examine it. The honourable gentleman from Edmonton (Hon. Mr. Griesbach) stated yesterday that it was he who turned to the Minister of Defence and asked him his view. The minister was then conferring with Mr. Barrow and examining it at first sight. They were agreeing that after many attempts had been made—

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: Honourable gentlemen, I rise to a point of order. I think the honourable gentleman is out of order. I have raised with respect to him the point that he used towards me certain language which in my opinion should be withdrawn. It was not competent for me on a question of privilege to discuss the matter which he is discussing now. If it was not competent for me, it is equally not competent for him. The point I have raised is open to him to discuss. The other question he may discuss in another way, on the motion to adjourn, and then we may all participate, but it is not open to him to carry on this discussion on the question of privilege raised by me. I appeal to you for your ruling, Sir.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: He is telling you why he used the language.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: He is not permitted to use the language at all.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will close the two incidents by simply stating these facts. The Minister of Defence has written to me that in answer to a question he had said that from a quick examination of the clause which we adopted he was impressed with it and felt that it registered the desire of Parliament to accept the principle of providing for the class of cases we had in mind, and he thought it would be worth while to give the clause a trial for a year to see how it would work out. That was after conferring with the soldiers' representative who had invited him there. A number of attempts had been made to find a solution and all had failed. Here was a solution that had been presented by the Chairman of the Board.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR.

Now, as to the remark I made, I regret exceedingly having been under the obligation of saying something that was disagreeable to my honourable friend. It bore only on his state of mind which brought into the debate a party interest, which we all wanted to see eliminated.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: I appealed to Mr. Speaker a while ago to know if this was in order. To my mind it is clearly out of order. I believe that if it is out of order I am entitled to say something in answer to the closing statements of the honourable gentleman, who has not withdrawn his offensive remarks and has not palliated them in any way. I claim that there was a direct breach of the rules of this House and of the courtesies that we expect in this House. As to the Minister, I made no comment whatever on his right to be in the Committee or his right to do what he did. I have read carefully what I said, and I stand by every word of it as proper and decorous. What I said was that whatever happened in that Committee had happened on the advice and with the consent of a gentleman who was Minister of Defence and the soldiers' spokesman in the other House, and that I hoped that what had happened and was happening would not be made the excuse for a repetition of the cry that soldiers' legislation was bedevilled by the Conservative Senate.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The only statement I can make is that my remark was simply addressed to the inappropriateness of my honourable friend's bringing into the debate the party question, inasmuch as our joint effort was to keep this matter out of party wrangles.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR: How about the Conservative Senate? You have that spread all over the country.

MESSAGE FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Hon. the SPEAKER presented a message from the House of Commons as follows:

Resolved, that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House doth not insist on its disagreement to their first, second, sixth and twelfth amendments, and have agreed to their new amendments substituted for their previous seventh, ninth and eleventh amendments to the Bill No. 289, an Act to amend the Pension Act.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am happy to find that both Houses of Parliament are agreed on our joint work.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.