

Questions

Mr. POULIOT: I hold in my hand the standing orders of the House of Commons, coming from the table of the Clerk of the House. Chapter IV relates to questions. Standing order 44, paragraph one reads as follows:

Questions may be placed on the order paper seeking information from the ministers of the crown relating to public affairs; and from other members relating to any bill, motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the house, in which such members may be concerned; but in putting any such question or in replying to the same no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same.

Therefore, sir, the right hon. gentleman, in accordance with the rules of the house, which I respect, which I have always respected and which I want to be respected in this house, has no right to state any facts except in answer to my question nor to express any opinion of any kind. He has other opportunities, when we go into supply, or on the orders of the day, to express his views; but, sir, as the guardian of the rules of the house, as the only member of the House of Commons who has any precedence over the other members while in the house, I ask you, sir, to give me fair play. The Prime Minister now is no more than the hon. member for West Calgary, and I am the member for Temiscouata. I ask for your decision, and I expect to receive a decision in all fairness, because all members are on the same footing in the House of Commons.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, I was about to suggest that these questions are not in order, and to indicate that they might properly be and should be stricken off the list by the Speaker. In doing so I was about to make certain observations as to bringing into discredit this parliament or this country or the Postmaster General among foreign countries.

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. BENNETT: I had not proposed to proceed further with the discussion.

Mr. POULIOT: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has stated his point of order.

Mr. POULIOT: I wish to state a new one.

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): One at a time.

Mr. SPEAKER: The point of order that has been raised first may be discussed.

Mr. POULIOT: I would like the right hon. gentleman to stop.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the hon. member take his seat.

Mr. POULIOT: I stand by the rules of the house, which are in print.

Mr. SPEAKER: Question No. 13 will stand for consideration.

CLEMVILLE-PORT DANIEL, QUE., MAIL CONTRACT

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Has the mail contract held by Julien Langlois, for the service between Clemville and Port Daniel, Quebec, been renewed? If not, why?

2. How long has Langlois held this contract and what was the amount allowed him and the service required?

3. Has a new contract been entered into for this service? If so, with whom, on what terms and price?

4. Were any complaints made against the service given by Julien Langlois?

5. If so, have they been investigated, by whom, and with what result?

Mr. DUPRE:

1. No. Contract arrangements were made with another person.

2. Since April 1, 1930. He was paid at the rate of \$156 per annum for performance of tri-weekly service of 3½ miles each way.

3. Yes. Felix Langlois at \$140 per annum, effective April 1, 1934.

4. No.

5. See answer to No. 4.

HOPETOWN, QUE., POSTMASTERSHIP

Mr. MARCIL:

1. Who is the postmaster of Hopetown, Bonaventure county, Quebec?

2. When was he appointed, and on whose recommendation?

3. At what distance is this office situated from the nearest offices east and west?

4. Is the money order business attached to this office?

5. What was the revenue of this office during the last fiscal year?

Mr. DUPRE:

1. John Daniel Ross.

2. (a) October 7, 1933; (b) Hon. Dr. E. Paquet.

3. 1 mile 628 yards west of Rivière Nouvelle and 1½ miles east of Paspébiac Est.

4. No.

5. \$142.90.

MONTREAL CUSTOMS HOUSE

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri):

1. On what date were the foundations of the new customs house, in Montreal, McGill street, built, and what was the cost of such foundations?

2. Were these foundations since protected against weathering? If so, how?