

were listening closely and they did not hear the words, but that is no proof either. Actually that makes it worse than ever, because the disorder and the din in the house were of such a nature that words really could not be heard.

Then may I go a little further. The minister went on to say that I insisted to Mr. Young, the associate editor, that those words should be put in Hansard. I did not do any insisting; I merely requested to have the words I used put in Hansard, because I concluded that if a member uses certain words while speaking in a national assembly and those words are not reported, on his honour he should state that they were used and, by having them inserted in Hansard, have the speech as a whole given to parliament and the country. I used those words; that is why they are in Hansard. I did not insist upon Mr. Young making any change; I simply requested him to make the change, saying that I used the words and I would back them up.

Now I come to the next point. I notice that Your Honour made an intimation or statement to the house suggesting that the matter should be brought before the standing committee on the official report of debates. The right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) also became very much concerned about the matter and added to your suggestion by making the statement that perhaps it might be wise to have the committee on privileges and elections consider the matter. Well, Mr. Speaker, I am quite prepared to go before any standing committee of the House of Commons and back up the words I used in this assembly, but I want to say something further. If that is done I want the hon. member for Melfort brought before the same committee; I want him examined and reported upon with regard to the words he put into Hansard last year, which he did not use. We can prove it on this side of the house.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. McINTOSH: Let me finish my statement. This is a question of privilege. Kindly restrain yourself for a little while.

Mr. SPEAKER: During the remarks of the hon. member for North Battleford (Mr. McIntosh) the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Weir) raises a point of order, which he has a right to do.

[Mr. McIntosh.]

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I must insist that the hon. member withdraw his statement, that I inserted words in Hansard that I did not say. I take objection; I ask that the hon. member withdraw that statement.

Mr. McINTOSH: That is the charge the minister makes against me—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. McINTOSH: —and it is not true, but the charge I am making against him can be proved to be true.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I rise to a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I did not make the statement that the hon. member for North Battleford did not say the words that appeared in Hansard, "but merely political cattle." What I did say was that I did not hear him say those words, and that if I had heard him I would have asked that they be withdrawn immediately. Having satisfied myself that it was through no fault of mine that I did not hear him, because of the insulting nature of the words I simply requested that they be deleted from Hansard. I did not state that the hon. member had not used the words. I must insist that the hon. member for North Battleford withdraw the statement he has made.

Mr. McINTOSH: I am not through yet.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member for North Battleford accuses the Minister of Agriculture of having altered the report of his remarks in Hansard last session. The Minister of Agriculture denies that this took place. I submit that the hon. member for North Battleford should withdraw that statement.

Mr. McINTOSH: If the hon. member makes the statement that he did not—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. McINTOSH: Mr. Speaker, the statement I make is that the words were inserted in Hansard not that they were changed or altered. If the minister says he did not do it some other person did it, and he knows who it was.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. SPEAKER: In order to carry on the business of this house in a dignified way the hon. member knows that is not a withdrawal. The minister says he did not alter his remarks in Hansard. Having made that statement—

Mr. McINTOSH: I am quite pleased, Mr. Speaker, if the minister says he did not make the alterations himself to withdraw that statement, but that does not alter the fact that the words were changed.