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sard, they will find records of very long and acrimonious debates on the subject of the rights of the French language in the Northwest Territories which are now the provinces of the west. They will find there motions to amend the Northwest Territories Act; they will find many amendments moved with respect to those particular motions and they will also find there a debate which I hope will never be repeated in the parliament of Canada because it was very acrimonious and bitter on both sides. That debate reached a point where something had to be done. At that stage, at the instance of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir John Thompson for the Conservatives and the Hon. Edward Blake for the Liberals got together and drafted a resolution which was satisfactory to both. That resolution received the approval of Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Wilfred Laurier, who voted for the amendment proposed, which was to the effect that this parliament of Canada declares its adherence to the terms of the British North America Act.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Tuesday, February 28, 1933

The house met at three o'clock.

UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. SPEAKER: During the debate last evening on the resolution moved by him, the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Boulanger) interjected the remark "Merci pour le baiser de Judas." I am of the opinion that the remark was not directed at the hon. member for Regina (Mr. Turnbull), who was about to rise to speak, nevertheless, it was unparliamentary and should not have been made. May says:

A member should say nothing disrespectful to the house or the chair or personally opprobrious to other members, and the use of temperate and decorous language is never more desirable than when a member is canvassing the opinions and conduct of his opponents in debate.

The use of contemptuous or insulting language at any time is improper.

I should like to quote from Cushing, ninth edition, chapter 10, paragraph 1736, the following, which seems very appropriate:

The offences against order in debate, which are the subjects of the rules embraced in this chapter, not only imply a great want of respect in the persons by whom they are committed, towards the body of which they are members, and are therefore virtual if not actual contempts, but they are also calculated to degrade
[Mr. Turnbull.]

the legislature and its members, and the existing institutions of the country, in the estimation of the people. They are never necessary, for the most radical reform, in the power of the legislature, can be effected without resorting to such means; they tend as strongly as words of heat and anger towards individual members to produce altercation and recrimination; and they should be as promptly suppressed as any offences whatever against the peace, dignity, and harmony of the legislature.

I am to-day directing that the said remark of the hon. member for Bellechasse and all references to it be removed from the report.

BANKING AND COMMERCE

Second report of the select standing committee on banking and commerce.—Mr. Matthews.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Mr. M. C. SENN (Haldimand) presented the first report of the select standing committee on agriculture and colonization and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I beg leave to lay on the table copies in English and French of the draft annotated agenda submitted by the committee of experts on the Economic and Monetary conference and to move that 700 copies in the English language and 300 copies in the French language of the draft annotated agenda of the Economic and Monetary conference laid on the table of the house this day be printed forthwith and that standing order 64 in relation thereto be suspended.

Motion agreed to.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Mr. GORDON: I desire to lay on the table of the house certain orders in council passed pursuant to the relief legislation.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. S. W. JACOBS (Cartier) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 39 to amend the Railway Act (return tickets).

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, this bill is similar to one which I have introduced into the house five or six times since 1917 when I had the honour to become a member of this house. The conditions under which this bill is being presented are somewhat different from what they were in the past, and I have hopes that the higher intelligence of this