

*Motion for Papers*

Mr. CAHAN: Withdraw.

Mr. POULIOT: I do not wish to be disagreeable to any hon. member—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. POULIOT: Is it a crime to mark a letter "personal"—

Mr. SPEAKER: That is neither here nor there. My request is that the hon. member withdraw the insinuation, that the Minister of Marine marks letters "private and confidential" after they have been asked for by way of a return to the house. It is a most unfair insinuation to make.

Mr. POULIOT: I will use the words of the Minister of Marine—if it is unparliamentary I will withdraw it. That is exactly what he said the other day.

An hon. MEMBER: Withdraw.

Mr. POULIOT: I am not listening to Long Lake; he has not the floor. I am addressing Mr. Speaker, for whom I have great respect.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. gentleman's language was undoubtedly unparliamentary. I have given my ruling and now ask him to withdraw that language.

Mr. POULIOT: I will use the same terms the Minister of Marine used the other day.

Mr. SPEAKER: Unparliamentary remarks used in the past do not constitute a warranty for such language at any time. The hon. member must withdraw the remark.

Mr. POULIOT: If the words are unparliamentary I withdraw them.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Mr. Speaker, I cannot allow, not an insinuation but an affirmation of fact—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. POULIOT: Order. The minister has no right to speak. Has he a right to speak at this stage when I cannot? There is no privilege for that gentleman here—that clean-shaven von Tirpitz.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minister of Marine has been drawn into the discussion and may address the Speaker.

Mr. BENNETT: Might I ask that the reporter read the language of the hon. member [Mr. Pouliot.]

for Témiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) in response to the statement made by the Minister of Marine, when he asked that the order stand until to-morrow, so that there be no misunderstanding as to the language used, it should be read. That is the first step.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Under what rule should the reporter be made to read any words?

Mr. BENNETT: The reporter is a servant of the house, and in order that my memory may be correct as to what the hon. gentleman said I desire to have his language read. The Speaker did not follow it because, as he said, the hon. gentleman was interrupting and he could not hear. The house therefore has a right to know what the language is. The first step is to take down the hon. member's statement, and the house must know what was said.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Not by the reporter reading them; it has never been done.

Mr. POULIOT: Not only should it be read but learned by heart.

Mr. BENNETT: That is defiance.

Mr. SPEAKER: The procedure is for the clerk to take down the words spoken by the hon. member.

Mr. BENNETT: The clerk can take down only what he obtains from the reporter.

Mr. POULIOT: I complied with Your Honour's request and in terms with which you were satisfied. You are the master of this house and when you are satisfied I do not see why other hon. members should not be.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I raised a question of privilege and I think I am entitled to explain. The hon. member for Témiscouata asserted that I had altered some letters after they had been received by my office.

Mr. POULIOT: On a point of order, I did not say that.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I say that that is absolutely a false statement. My hon. friend is lucky to say that in the house because otherwise he would be called upon to prove it.

Mr. POULIOT: My only answer is "Ha, ha."