

Mr. RHEAUME (Translation): I was paired with the hon. member for Berthier-Maskinongé (Mr. Barrette). Had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

RADIO BROADCASTING

MESSAGE INTIMATING RADIO STATION TO BE
LOCATED IN SASKATOON

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Before the orders of the day are called, I might say to the Prime Minister that I have received a wire from one of the members of the local legislature of Saskatchewan stating with respect to the control of radio by a commission that the hon. member for Saskatoon (Mr. Mac-Millan) has wired to his city that one of the radio stations is to be located in Saskatoon. That, in the mind of the member who wired me, indicates that the decision will not be made by technical men, but will be actuated by political motives. I know nothing of the matter except the representation in the telegram, and I am sorry the hon. member for Saskatoon is not in his seat, because I should like first to have asked him if he personally sent the wire referred to. May I ask the Prime Minister, although I am sure it is not necessary to ask the question: Was the wire authorized in any way?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I assure the right hon. gentleman that no such telegram has been sent with my knowledge or consent, either direct or indirect, and I have no reason to believe that any determination of any question of this kind has ever been thought of by the administration. I can assure him further, although I have received large numbers of letters indicating that particular individuals should be appointed to certain positions, I have replied that this matter has not yet been considered; that the bill has not been finally passed in the house, and further that so far as employees were concerned, this matter would have to be decided by the commission itself.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

QUESTIONS PRECLUDED BY VOTE TO PROCEED TO
ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): I did not wish to raise a point of order while the leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) was putting his question just now, because I knew in any event he would be able to get the leave of the house. But in view of the motion which has just been passed, we are in the orders of the day and therefore

we cannot, as would usually be the case, submit questions before the orders of the day are called. I raise this point of order just so that a precedent will not be created, if Your Honour rules, as you should, that it is not now competent to raise questions on the orders of the day.

Mr. SPEAKER: In my view, the motion just passed makes the next order of business the orders of the day. Out of deference to the leader of the opposition and the Prime Minister, I made no objection while they were both on their feet. A few minutes ago the Secretary of State (Mr. Cahan) would have spoken, but I stopped him and I think the next proceeding of the house is to read the orders of the day.

Right Hon. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): It was quite unwittingly that I overstepped the rule, but I thank Your Honour and the hon. Minister of Finance for not having raised an objection, and for according me the privilege of bringing up the matter which, of course, might as well have been brought up when the radio broadcasting bill is further considered in committee as will I expect be the case a little later in the day.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State) moved the third reading of Bill No. 99, to amend the Civil Service Act.

Mr. E. J. YOUNG (Weyburn): I move in amendment that the house do now revert to motions.

Mr. GUTHRIE: That is out of order.

Mr. RHODES: If I may rise to a point of order, obviously the motion of the hon. member for Weyburn is out of order; it is a negative of a motion which was decided by the house by vote just a moment ago.

Mr. YOUNG: There have been two orders of the day since then.

Hon. PETER HEENAN (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, with respect to the—

Mr. WOODSWORTH: We have no idea of what business is being transacted.

Mr. HEENAN: With respect to the third reading of Bill No. 99, I desire to make just a few observations, because yesterday I attempted to get some information from the minister in charge of the measure and unfortunately we were not able before lunch to proceed with the bill in committee. Yesterday, while the bill was in committee, I endeavoured to ascertain the procedure that is