

quoting as an illustration that a child of eighteen years is worth \$18,000, and that 5,000 are now going to the United States each month, and only 878 coming back to Canada. That was the statement he made at Stratford on July 17, and there is not a word of truth in any part of it.

Mr. BENNETT: The hon. gentleman is out of order, Mr. Speaker. I raise the point of order that no hon. gentleman in this chamber can say that there is not a word of truth in a statement such as that.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am not referring to a statement made in this house.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am referring to a statement that was made at Stratford on July 17, not to a statement made in this house.

Mr. BENNETT: That was not the way the hon. gentleman put it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend would not have dared to make such a statement in this house.

Mr. BENNETT: He will make it presently. I raise a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The right hon. gentleman has read a statement which he says was made by me. As to the accuracy of that statement I am not now speaking. He went on to say, "There is not a word of truth in it." I submit that that is not in accordance with the rules of this house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I wish to make it perfectly clear, Mr. Speaker, that what I am quoting is a statement made by my hon. friend at Stratford. I am not calling in question any statement that he has made in this house at all. I am calling in question the accuracy of certain figures which appear in that statement, and I say that those figures are not correct.

An hon. MEMBER: That is not what the hon. gentleman said at all.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think that Mr. Speaker will be pleased to be relieved from ruling on that point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Does the right hon. gentleman say that the figures are not correct?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I certainly say that they are not correct—the figures that only 878 persons are coming back to Canada from the United States while 5,000 Canadians are going to the United States each month.

[Mr. King.]

Mr. SPEAKER: Saying "there is not a word of truth" in a statement quoted, and stating "certain figures are not correct," are very wide apart. I am inclined to think, inexperienced as I am as yet in giving rulings on these matters, that the right hon. member is approaching unparliamentary language when he says "there is not a word of truth in this statement." The authorities bristle with precedents to that end. The right hon. gentleman is a learned parliamentarian, he knows what is parliamentary and what is not, and I hope he will adhere to the last statement, that is, that the figures are not correct, rather than the statement which he made at first.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, may I say with all deference that it would be quite impossible to carry on a debate in this house if every statement that appears in the press has to be admitted as being accurate, and if members are to be debarred from saying that inaccurate statements are not true. I do not desire to embarrass your honour in your first ruling, and if I pass the matter over it is for that reason.

With regard to the statement made by the hon. Prime Minister at Sydney, Nova Scotia, and may I say with regard to many of the other statements made by him during the course of the campaign, I shall have to leave it to the country to judge of their accuracy—

Mr. MANION: They have judged already.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: At Sydney, Nova Scotia, on July 7, the then leader of the Conservative party said—I am quoting from the Ottawa Citizen of July 8:

Mr. Bennett this evening lost no time in getting down to the subject of unemployment which he said was steadily increasing in Canada. Industry was languishing, he declared, for lack of protection. There were between twelve and fifteen thousand unemployed in Winnipeg and others elsewhere throughout Canada. This because Canadians had bought goods from abroad which should have been made at home. We were importing iron and steel goods to the extent of \$1,000,000 worth per day, buying from the United States at the rate of \$3,000,000 for every working day, and the question now was whether we were to be a country or an annex.

So much for the iron and steel industry. Then coming to lumbering, he said:

"We could not," he declared, "build a country by sending our raw materials abroad and throwing our markets open to the manufactured products of other countries." Canadian workmen had followed our pulpwood to Rockland, Maine, our fishermen had gone to Gloucester as a result of the higher duty imposed on fish by the Fordney tariff. "Is there no way to meet that?" he demanded. "Well, I will undertake to meet it."