

government of Quebec, speaking at Grand'-Mère on the 20th of May declared as follows:

(Translation)

Our province does not receive from the Dominion government what it is entitled to. Thus Ontario was granted \$10,000,000 to build highways, while Quebec has only received \$350,000. If it were fair to help the neighbouring province—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. BARIBEAU:

—our province also should have been granted, on that occasion, \$8,000,000.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. If the hon. member has a question to address to the government or a member of the government he should do so.

Mr. BARIBEAU: My question is: Is the above statement made by Mr. Arcand in accordance with the facts?

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, probably the question would not be difficult to answer, but in order that there may be no doubt about it I would like it to stand until to-morrow.

FOREST FIRE SUFFERERS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. E. MICHAUD (Restigouche-Madawaska): I wish to call the attention of the government to the fact that in the county of Restigouche, province of New Brunswick, the village of Oliver has been destroyed by the recent forest fire, and at the present time there are over three hundred persons living in the open without shelter. At the present time they are supported by the provincial and municipal authorities exclusively. My question is whether it is possible for this government to come to the relief of these people under the Relief Act, because everything they had in the world has been destroyed. They have nothing. They were new settlers, on ungranted land, and have lost all they had. I think they would be proper subjects for relief under the Relief Act.

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): The situation described by the hon. member is known to the Department of Labour. The provincial government of New Brunswick have taken steps and are making adequate arrangements to take care of the people who

have suffered by reason of the incident referred to. The premier of New Brunswick is in the city to-day and had a conference with myself and probably other members of this government. There should be little difficulty in taking care of the people who have suffered by reason of these fires.

PRIVILEGE—MR. McINTOSH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. CAMERON R. McINTOSH (North Battleford): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege and explanation. I find on page 3623 of Hansard of yesterday, June 4, the following statement by the hon. member for Melfort, the Minister of Agriculture:

Hon. Robert Weir (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. In this connection I regret that the hon. member for North Battleford (Mr. McIntosh) is not in his seat but I feel I cannot delay the matter. It is reported on page 3900 of unrevised Hansard of Friday, June 1, 1934, that the hon. member for North Battleford stated as follows:

Last year the minister contended that the Anglo-Saxons were the only people in the north; he suggested that the Mennonites, the French, the Belgians, the Scotch and the Welsh and others were not people, but merely political cattle.

I was listening very closely to the hon. member for North Battleford and I did not hear him use the words "but merely political cattle." I asked some of my colleagues if they had heard these words used and they stated definitely that they had not.

On checking up the typewritten copy of Hansard I found that the words "but merely political cattle" had been written in with red pencil, and that there had been a period after the word "people." Upon inquiring of the staff of Hansard I was informed that the words were not in the reporter's notes and the reason they were inserted was that the hon. member for North Battleford instructed Mr. Young, associate editor of debates, that he had used these words and insisted that they be inserted.

That is the first question of privilege to which I should like to refer, and I should like to take the matter step by step. Yesterday the hon. member for Melfort (Mr. Weir) regretted that I was not in my seat. I am very pleased to be in my seat to-day; in fact I am delighted to be here to answer the minister. In the second place the hon. member for Melfort takes the words "but merely political cattle" and says that though he was listening closely he did not hear me use those words. That is no proof that I did not use them. Further he says that his colleagues