

Statement on Alteration in Hansard Report

indicate that my recollection of what the Prime Minister had said was the same as that of the hon. member for York South. We now find I was right in this regard, from what you have reported this morning, Your Honour.

I did not understand I was making any imputation against the Prime Minister; I was stating my impression of what the Prime Minister had said. The Prime Minister yesterday disputed what the hon. member for York South said, indicating his recollection was that he had used the word "finding". My impression was that he had used a different word conveying to me a different sense; and with all respect, Mr. Speaker, the word "levying" does convey quite a different impression in this context than the word "finding". I want to make it very clear that I do not want to be associated with any imputation against the Prime Minister. I don't think I have anything to withdraw.

Mr. Trudeau: What about the words about the integrity of *Hansard*?

Mr. Stanfield: The integrity of *Hansard* is the sense of reporting accurately what the Prime Minister had said. I don't want to continue this, but I think it is clear now *Hansard* did not report in fact what the Prime Minister had said, and I think the matter should be dropped there with the explanation you have given, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I don't really quite know what the Prime Minister is after in his interjection. I said very clearly that I was very happy to acknowledge that neither he nor any member of his office staff had made the change. I remind the house, Mr. Speaker, that yesterday instead of the Prime Minister saying, as he ought to have, that he did not quite remember, that maybe I was right but he did not remember, he said very emphatically his memory was that he used the word "finding".

I have expressed and acknowledged clearly my satisfaction as a member of this house that neither the Prime Minister nor anyone of his office staff had made the change. To that extent I believe the Prime Minister's statement yesterday that he had not made it, and I certainly am happy to know the fact today. But if I apologize, as I did, for having suggested anything to the contrary, I think the Prime Minister has an even greater duty to apologize to the house for being so emphatic about the word that was used in *Hansard* yesterday, which was wrong and which gave

[Mr. Stanfield.]

a completely different meaning to his statement.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I doubt whether we should pursue the matter further. We have had explanations indicating that perhaps everybody was right yesterday.

Mr. Baldwin: The Prime Minister is just more sophisticated than he thought he was.

LABOUR, MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION

First report of standing committee on labour, manpower and immigration—Mr. Caccia.

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[Translation]

SUGAR

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the house that the United Nations Sugar Conference, which was reconvened on September 23 in Geneva, was successfully concluded October 23. The conference adopted the text of a new International Sugar Agreement for the consideration of governments with a view to bringing it into force on January 1, 1969. This follows a number of attempts to negotiate an arrangement to replace the former International Sugar Agreement which lapsed on January 1, 1962. The new agreement is for a period of five years, subject to a review of its economic provisions in the third year.

The new agreement provides for export quotas to be adjusted when market prices exceed or fall below specified price levels from 3.25 to 5.25 U.S. cents per pound, f.o.b. Caribbean Port. Other provisions include supply commitments by exporting countries as well as importer undertakings regarding access and limitation of imports from non-members. The supply commitments are of particular importance to importing countries such as Canada since they are designed to ensure that consumers will not be called upon to pay excessive prices in periods of world scarcity of sugar.

The purpose of the new agreement is to achieve a more orderly world sugar economy