

By Mr. Meighen, for Sir Henry Drayton:—Order of the House for a return giving a list of the 200 odd industries referred to by the Minister of the Interior in his speech at page 1748 of Hansard, 1925, as having been established along the line of the Canadian National Railway from Fort William eastward, and the location of each.

On the Orders of the Day being called;

Mr. Meighen raised a Point of Order under Rule 37 as to a certain answer given by the Government on April 2nd, instant, to a Question put by Mr. Doucet about the amount paid to Sir Henry Drayton, whilst Chairman of the Railway Commission, as a commissioner to enquire into the North Atlantic Steamship Conference and ocean rates. Mr. Meighen contended that the answer given should be expunged from the records as it only consisted in a statement of the salary paid Sir Henry Drayton as Chairman of the Railway Commission, and did not state whether or not he had been paid for holding the above investigation.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Deputy Speaker, who was in the Chair, declared that the Point of Order had better be decided by the Speaker himself, who would return to the House before the adjournment.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Robb: That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to resolve itself again into Committee of Ways and Means, and the proposed motion of Sir Henry Drayton in amendment thereto.

And the Debate continuing;

Mr. Speaker having arrived in the House, took the Chair.

And the Debate still continuing; the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Mackinnon, adjourned.

Mr. Speaker gave his decision on the Point of Order raised by Mr. Meighen at an earlier part of the sitting. His Honour decided that, under Rule 37, the answer given by the Government to Mr. Doucet's Question contained facts which were unnecessary to explain the same and should be expunged from the records, and that the Government was bound to state whether or not Sir Henry Drayton had been paid for the investigation into the North Atlantic Steamship Conference and ocean rates and what amount he had received.

The House then adjourned at 11.05 o'clock, p.m.

RODOLPHE LEMIEUX,
Speaker.