

Privilege—Mr. Duff

Mr. MANION: I was paired with the hon. member for North Waterloo (Mr. Euler). Had I voted, I would have voted against the amendment.

Mr. SAUVE: I was paired with the hon. member for L'Assomption-Montcalm (Mr. Séguin). Had I voted, I would have voted against the amendment.

Mr. DUPUIS: I was paired with the hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. McDade). Had I voted, I would have voted for the amendment.

Mr. ROBITAILLE: I was paired with the hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Thompson). Had I voted I would have voted for the amendment.

Mr. RHEAUME: I was paired with the hon. member for Compton (Mr. Gobeil). Had I voted I would have voted for the amendment.

(Owing to the impossibility of recording pairs announced simultaneously, this list is incomplete.)

It being fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock the house adjourned without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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Tuesday, June 30, 1931.

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE—MR. DUFF

Mr. WILLIAM DUFF (Antigonish-Guysborough): On a question of privilege, I desire to refer for a few moments to an incident that occurred in the house last evening. During the speech which was being delivered by the Minister of Railways (Mr. Manion), there were some interruptions, and during those interruptions you, Mr. Speaker, made the following remarks as reported in Hansard:

Mr. Speaker: I would ask hon. gentlemen to desist from loud remarks and interruptions while the minister is speaking. He has only ten minutes left, and a member cannot present his case when he is continually interrupted.

I interjected this remark:

Mr. Duff: Especially when they are speaking from the other side.

You, sir, then said:

Mr. Speaker: I resent that. The hon. member has no right to make any such statement.

Then a little further on the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) rose in his place and suggested that I should withdraw the observation which

[Mr. W. A. Black.]

I had just made. My reply to him was that I had heard the Prime Minister do the same thing that I had done, reflect on the Speaker. May I say to you, sir, and to the house that in my sixteen sessions in parliament I have always endeavoured to abide by and obey the rules of the house. Of course I do not pretend to be superhuman and I am liable to make mistakes, but may I assure you, sir, that in my first remarks, to which perhaps you had a right to object and to construe in a sense that was not intended, I did not mean to reflect in any way upon you, as Speaker of the house, when I interjected the remark:

Especially when they are speaking from the other side.

My last remark to the Prime Minister, where I ended up by saying "reflect on the Speaker," may be considered a reflection upon the chair and upon you. If in your opinion I have made any reflection upon you, the chair or the house, I gladly and willingly withdraw any remarks which might reflect upon the House of Commons, the chair or yourself.

NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (Secretary of State) presented the report of the special committee to which was referred Bill No. 3, to amend the Naturalization Act.

He said: The report was unanimous.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

SUSPENSION OF RULES TO FACILITATE CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE BILLS FORTHWITH

Mr. T. H. STINSON (Victoria, Ont.): With the unanimous consent of the house I desire to move:

That for the remaining period of the present session all private bills ready for presentation be read a first and second time and referred forthwith, and also that standing order 105 respecting the posting of all private bills referred to committees of the house be suspended.

Motion agreed to.

PROCEDURE RESPECTING GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): As regards the government notice of motion standing in my name in connection with the Statute of Westminster, in view of what was said last evening that we dispose of order No. 27 for the second reading of Bill No. 47, to provide for the appointment of a Tariff Board, and then proceed with the government notice of motion. Perhaps we had better first dispose of order No. 27 and