

I have considered that I would render a service to the Members of the Canadian Parliament and of the Provincial Legislatures, by publishing in this form the "Decisions" of the Speakers of the House of Commons of Canada, on questions of Parliamentary Procedure. I know by experience how difficult it is to refer, at any given moment, to those "Decisions", scattered as they are in the thirty five volumes of the "Journals of the House of Commons" since confederation, in 1867. Their study is very often necessary during a session. I hope to make easier the task of those who wish to get well posted with the rules of Procedure of our Legislative Assemblies, by the following classification of the "Decisions" of the able men who, for more than thirty years, have occupied the "Chair" of the House of Commons, at Ottawa.

Every "Decision" is preceded by the exposition of the principle of Parliamentary Procedure upon which it is based.

The Index also mentions the date of each "Decision".

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