

Mr. DUPRE: I should like to know what it is the Chair wants me to withdraw.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The leader of the opposition said, if I am right—and I may be wrong: "The Solicitor General accuses me of offering a price to the labour members for their support, and I say that this is not correct; I ask the Solicitor General to withdraw it." According to parliamentary custom and usage, the Solicitor General must withdraw.

Mr. DUPRE: May I draw attention to what I said?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. DUPRE: This is what I said, at page 2500 of Hansard—

Mr. VALLANCE: The point of order has been settled.

Mr. DUPRE: It seems to me my hon. friends opposite do not want light; they only want me to withdraw.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Solicitor General has only to say this: I accept the word of the leader of the opposition.

Mr. DUPRE: May I say, this Mr. Speaker?

Some hon. MEMBERS: No, no.

Mr. HANBURY: There is a speaker in the chair, and he has given his ruling.

Mr. DUPRE: I do not like my right hon. friend to put words into my mouth that I did not use. This is the question I put, as it appears at page 2335 of Hansard:

My question at the present time is this: Is the Liberal party having recourse to the same tactics in 1932 that it had recourse to in 1926?

An hon. Member: This is 1933.

Mr. Lapointe: You are a year late.

Mr. Dupré: Are they paying a second price? That is my question.

That applies to the Liberal party.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is precisely the statement of which the right hon. leader of the opposition complains. He has said that that statement is not according to fact, and has asked the hon. Solicitor General to take his word. I think according to parliamentary rules the hon. member is bound to accept his word and take back his statement.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: What my hon. friend has just referred to is only one-third of what he said. If he will look at the earlier part of his speech, he will see that he used these words:

A few weeks after that letter the then Minister of Justice introduced a bill to repeal

section 98 because he and his leader wanted to pay the price for the support of the two labour members.

I say to the Solicitor General that we had no price to pay, that we had never negotiated in any shape or form, directly or indirectly, with respect to the support of the labour members, and I ask my hon. friend in view of that statement to withdraw his statement.

Mr. DUPRE: That was my interpretation, and it seems to me that I have a right to my own interpretation.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not to prolong the discussion on the point of order, I have given my ruling, and it is this: that the hon. Solicitor General must accept the statement of the right hon. leader of the opposition.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. DUPRE: I suppose I am bound by the ruling of the Chair, but that does not prevent me from keeping my own opinion.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Make him withdraw.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I submit, Mr. Speaker, that under the rules and usages of this house an hon. gentleman must retract as a gentleman of this house has to. His withdrawal must be unqualified.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Chevrier) is quite right.

Mr. DUPRE: May I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to repeat the last words you said? With all this noise I did not catch them.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I said that the hon. member for Ottawa was right, that when an hon. member accepts the statement of another he must do so unqualifiedly. It is done every day. The hon. Solicitor General must accept the word of the right hon. leader of the opposition, and I am sure that he can do it very gracefully.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Name him.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I hope the hon. member will not force me to ask him to withdraw.

Mr. DUPRE: Mr. Speaker, I shall abide by the ruling of the Chair.

Some hon. MEMBERS: And withdraw.

Mr. DUPRE: And, Mr. Speaker, I shall not qualify my statement.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.