

had been put I surely think we would have voted on it. I did not understand the question was put, and I am just as positive that if we had understood it was put there would have been a division on it. The 'Hansard' is taken down by one official of the House, and we have the 'Votes and Proceedings' which are taken down by another and entirely different official of the House. I do not think the Prime Minister will have such reliance on his recollection when I tell him that the official of the House whose duty it is to record the 'Votes and Proceedings' evidently thought the same as the 'Hansard' man; that the motion was not put. It is remarkable that the official reporter recorded it in the 'Hansard' in the same way as the clerk of the House recorded it in the 'Votes and Proceedings.' At page 1126 of the 'Votes and Proceedings,' immediately after the vote, I read:

The Committee of the Whole on the said Bill then resumed.

And progress having been made and reported, the committee rose, and obtained leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House then adjourned at 1.45 o'clock a.m.

Thomas Simpson Sproule,
Speaker.

I think the evidence there, so close to the name of the hon. gentleman who presides over our deliberations, ought to attach additional importance and credibility to the record.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I have not the 'Votes and Proceedings' before me, but I would ask the hon. gentleman if the 'Votes and Proceedings' make any reference to the postponement of the consideration of clause 2?

Mr. KNOWLES: My hon. friends on this side of the House tell me that a standing vote was taken.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Blondin): I feel that I ought to ask the hon. member (Mr. Knowles) to correct his statement. I remember very well how the thing happened, and the Clerk of the House remembers it in the same way as does the Prime Minister. After the ruling of the Chairman had been sustained, I called the main motion and I declared it carried. I have under my hand the minute of the Clerk, which says:

Ruling sustained; Mr. Borden's motion adopted.

I must call the attention of the hon. member to the fact that he is making a point of order that we are not regularly on clause 4, but if he refers to the motion which has just been ruled out of order, he will see that it reads:

Mr. KNOWLES.

Moved by Mr. Graham, that the further consideration of clause 4, be now postponed, and that the consideration of clause 2, be resumed.

Mr. BELAND: You cannot rely on that.

The CHAIRMAN: That motion has been lost and we are now on clause 4. I have ruled that we are on clause 4.

Mr. KNOWLES: The fact that any hon. member of this House moves that we leave a clause we are not on and that we proceed to another clause, is no proof that we are on that clause. I can get up and move that we pass from clause 2, and that will be voted down, but that does not prove that we are really on clause 2.

The CHAIRMAN: I merely mention that to show that the committee evidently understand that we are admittedly on clause 4. I have already ruled that we are actually on clause 4.

Mr. KNOWLES: The fact that the hon. member for Renfrew (Mr. Graham) moved that we leave clause 4, is no proof that we were on clause 4; two wrongs do not make a right.

The CHAIRMAN: I have ruled that we are now on clause 4, regularly and the recourse of the hon. member is to appeal from that ruling.

Mr. OLIVER: Are we to understand that you have made a ruling while my hon. friend (Mr. Knowles) was on his feet?

The CHAIRMAN: I have already ruled that we are on clause 4. I merely repeat it now.

Mr. KNOWLES: Then I will appeal from your ruling, and I want to ask if I can elucidate my reasons for appealing.

The CHAIRMAN: With the consent of the committee, but I cannot take it upon myself to give that consent.

Mr. KNOWLES: There is no consent of the committee coming to me; I am not going to ask any favours along that line.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member will understand that I cannot give permission myself.

Mr. KNOWLES: I have yet to learn that in a British House a Speaker can give a ruling when an hon. member is speaking.

The CHAIRMAN: I understand that the hon. member does not mean to reflect on the Chair, but he must understand that while a point of order may be discussed, the Chairman or the Speaker, when he feels that he is clearly informed on the matter, has the right to give his ruling.

Mr. GAUVREAU: The Nationalist gag.