

well have referred to New Zealand, or Australia, or Great Britain, or any other place. Is it *verboten* to speak the name of Canada?

Mr. Chairman Provided he is talking on the Economic Report.

Mr. Hollett Surely he was talking on the Economic Report, Mr. Chairman, in his concluding remarks.

Mr. Chairman That is not an inference I prefer to draw.

Mr. Hollett Well, what I want to know is this: are we not to be allowed to mention the name of Canada?

Mr. Chairman Yes, you may mention any country you like provided there is a necessary connection between the country referred to and the economy of this country.

Mr. Hollett May I ask what was the point of order raised by the member from Bonavista Centre?

Mr. Chairman The point of order, as I understood it, was that the member from Burin East simply referred to Canada, and no more. There was no connection whatever between Canada and the economy of Newfoundland. If he had done that I would have promptly overruled the objection....

Mr. Starkes Mr. Chairman ... I would like to have your ruling on the action of the junior member of Grand Falls district, Mr. Hollett. When he was addressing this House on the Economic Report, he addressed himself on two or more occasions to the ladies and gentlemen, to the gallery. Would this procedure be correct, or should he address himself to the Chair? In other words, was he out of order?

Mr. Chairman It is rather late in the day.... I don't think at this stage I should be asked to make a ruling on it.

Mr. Cashin I don't think that any member would have any objection to Mr. Starkes addressing himself to the ladies in the house!

Mr. Chairman Gentlemen will confine themselves to addressing their remarks to me.

Mr. Hollett I rise to a point of order. Who has the floor?

Mr. Chairman Mr. Starkes.

Mr. Hollett I must request Mr. Starkes to take his seat. I must sometime or other have addressed myself to the ladies and gentlemen of this House. Is he not aware that there are ladies in this House?

If he would look here at the stenographer's desk he would see one for sure. But if I did make that error ... I do apologise to the Chair, sir.

Mr. Chairman I think we might dispose of a lot of this, gentlemen. However hard I may be to look at, I am afraid that's the price you have got to pay for my being here, so you will kindly address your remarks to me.

Mr. StarkesMr. Chairman, I wonder how some of our large mercantile firms on Water Street look at the report. I ask members in their own minds to pick out one of the largest firms on Water Street today. Before the war that firm was selling so many goods and making so much profit. Suddenly the war comes along and that firm's sales start to jump, and they keep on increasing. That firm sells more goods and therefore becomes more prosperous. They pay their clerks and other employees more wages; they do twice as much business as they did before the war, and are therefore two or three times as prosperous. Now if you went to the principals of that firm and asked them one simple question — what has caused this great prosperity that they are now enjoying? — would those principals say that it had nothing to do with the war? Would they say that it all came about from the normal growth of the business? If you go to any of our large fish firms, or to either of our paper mills or mining companies and ask them the same question, what would their answer be? Would any of them say that their present prosperity is not due to the war? Of course they wouldn't. Ask the people who have extra money in the bank, or the people who have taken out extra life insurance in the past few years, won't they tell you right away that they thank the war for it? The commonest saying you hear in Newfoundland when people mention the prosperity we have had, is that the man to thank for it all is Hitler. But when we turn to this Economic Report what do we find? Do we find this report admitting frankly and honestly the present improved conditions of the country are due to the war? No, it does not.

If you turn to page 43, in the second paragraph you will find: "It is yet an obvious fact that our present revenues cannot be something dependent on war boom."

Mr. Cashin Read the whole paragraph, Mr. Starkes.

Mr. Starkes "There must be some other cause