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Mr. Rowe: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I have every respect for your ruling, and I think other hon. members should have respect for it as well. You have asked the hon. member to at least modify his statement. He deliberately rose in his place and said he would not dilute it.

Mr. Maybank: That is quite right. The hon. gentleman has given the statement exactly as I made it.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am sure the hon. member who has the floor will be pleased to modify the expression which he has used.

Mr. Maybank: Mr. Speaker, with all respect to you, I must say that there is no occasion for modification unless I should fail to prove that which I have said; but if I should fail to prove it to the satisfaction of the hon. gentleman opposite then I would not merely modify it, I would withdraw it and apologize.

Mr. Rowe: Again I rise to a point of order—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Again I ask the hon. member to modify his expression, and I hope I shall not be obliged to rise again and ask him to do so.

Mr. Maybank: Mr. Speaker, I just do not know where to start to endeavour to meet your wishes.

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Maybank: One thing is certain. You can see, Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Rowe: It is an order from the chair.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Maybank: You can see that they do not wish to give any person an opportunity even to follow up your suggestion, sir. Let us see what I said to which they object. What I said was that the statement which the hon. gentleman leading the Tory party said was not true; and I quickly said that it was not his veracity I was attacking. That is the statement I made to which objection is taken. Perhaps I had better start at the beginning and say what I said. I said, "the statement is not true." I will withdraw that statement.

Mr. Jackman: Hear, hear.

Mr. Maybank: How would that be?

Mr. Rowe: That would be fine.

Mr. Maybank: Let us see whether the hon. gentlemen themselves will not say in just a moment that the statement which their leader made was not true. Let us see if that is not so. I will ask any hon. member to look up the *Votes and Proceedings*. If he does

that he will find, in the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday and not Thursday, the motion which we are debating at the present time. Look it up for yourselves. You know, Mr. Speaker, these gentlemen might as well learn that it is always difficult to be a player and an umpire at the same time.

Mr. Rowe: You have just found that out.

Mr. Maybank: However, I will put it to them. They can be the umpires. All they have to do is to look at the papers which they have on their own desks, and they will find the motion there on Tuesday, not Thursday.

Just to reply a little further to what the leader of the opposition said, I should like to make this comment, sir, since all this pother has arisen. Even if I had been wrong, it did not constitute a point of order. He has the opportunity later on to make a speech and show that I was wrong.

An hon. Member: Read the rules.

Mr. Maybank: He has to pop up like a jumping jack. If he does not do a great deal of jumping then some of the members around him will not imitate him and be jumping jacks, and there is nothing he wants more than a crowd of jumping jacks around him. That is why he raised the bogus point of order, and bogus points of order come naturally for him, as you realize when you see how bogus is the proposition which he has introduced in this amendment. I presume they consider it to be their duty to yell out many different kinds of expressions in support of their new peerless leader. They have had about umpteen "peerless" leaders in the last few years.

May I return quietly to the point before the house, with which I was dealing before I was so rudely and unnecessarily interrupted? I was saying that every person knew that the next step in the proceedings was an address to be passed by this parliament, directed to the British parliament, which would request the enactment of the necessary British legislation to effect Newfoundland's entry into the Canadian confederation. The actual resolution requesting that has been on the order paper since last Tuesday, as I have said. Up to last Friday the position was that the Tories were taking the position that they wanted to effect the union of Newfoundland and Canada in accordance with the terms of the agreement already mentioned, and to do it by March 31. They wanted hon. members to believe that that was their attitude. They wanted the people of Newfoundland to believe that that was their attitude. They