

CHOQUETTE CREATES UPROAR IN SENATE

French Member of the Upper House Accused of **Sedition.**

TALK OF SUSPENSION

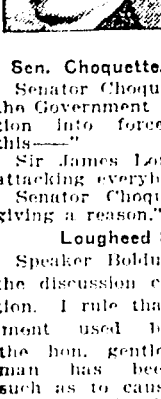
He Is "Named" Before He Withdraws His Re- marks.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—A scene unparalleled in the history of the Senate occurred yesterday when Senator Choquette was "named" by Speaker Bolduc, and Sir James Loughheed, the Government leader, threatened to move his suspension unless he apologized to the Speaker. After a number of warm exchanges Senator Choquette expressed his willingness to withdraw any language offensive to the Speaker, to whom, he said, he had not intended any discourtesy.

Arose Over Motion.

The trouble arose over a motion by Senator Choquette for correspondence relating to the putting into force of the Military Service Act.



The Senator argued that it would be desirable to have an immediate election so that the enforcement of the Act would not occur before the people had been con-

Sen. Choquette. sulted.

Senator Choquette: "I was asking the Government not to put conscription into force. I was saying this—"

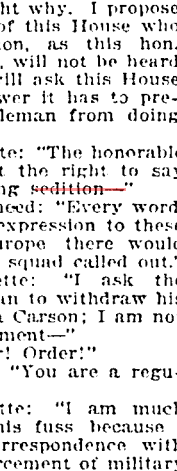
Sir James Loughheed: "You were attacking everybody in sight."

Senator Choquette: "No, I was giving a reason."

Loughheed Says Sedition.

Speaker Bolduc: "I have ordered the discussion confined to the motion. I rule that the line of argument used by the hon. gentleman has been such as to cause excitement in the country and to have a bad effect upon the people."

Sir James Loughheed again stated his point of order.



Senator Choquette: "I cannot understand why."

Sir James Loughheed: "We will give you to understand why. A man who will preach **sedition** in this House will be taught why. I propose that any member of this House who will preach sedition, as this hon. gentleman is doing, will not be heard by the House. I will ask this House to exercise the power it has to prevent an hon. gentleman from doing here—"

Senator Choquette: "The honorable gentleman has not the right to say that I am preaching **sedition**—"

Sir James Loughheed: "Every word. If you had given expression to these sentiments in Europe there would have been a firing squad called out."

Senator Choquette: "I ask the honorable gentleman to withdraw his words. I am not a Carson; I am not the head of a regiment—"

Senators: "Order! Order!"

Senator Gordon: "You are a regular pro-German."

Senator Choquette: "I am much surprised at all this fuss because I am asking for correspondence with regard to the enforcement of military service and asking the Government to postpone it. And I have given the reasons of those who are asking it and who are mentioned in letters to the Government."

Senator Choquette: "And I am going to say—"

Senators: "Order! Order!"

Told to Shut Up.

Senator Power said he regretted the disturbance. Whatever the present feelings of the Senate were, consideration should be given to the possible precedent that was being created. Senator Choquette was moving, as he had the right, for the production of certain papers and, as was also his right, was making remarks necessary to show why his motion was made.

Senator Dennis: "Yes; but not **sedition**."

Senator Domville: "Oh, shut up!"

Senator Choquette: "I must object to the remarks of the leader of the Government and the Speaker, and say that I have used no seditious words. I do not want anybody to put expressions into my mouth which I never used. I never used seditious words."

Sir Jas. Loughheed: "You are so disloyal that you do not know what **sedition** is."

Senators: "Order! Order!"

Speaker Bolduc: "I shall have to 'name' the hon. gentlemen the next time."

Senator Choquette: "Considering your position and the way you received it, you should not show so much zeal for the Government."

Speaker Bolduc: "Sit down! The hon. gentleman has no right to be insulting."

Sir Jas. Loughheed: "I ask the hon. Speaker to maintain order, and if the hon. gentleman does not maintain, I ask the Speaker to name him."

Speaker Bolduc: "I have named him."

Sir Jas. Loughheed: "Then I propose to move a motion—"

Senator Domville: "You are only fit to haul—"

Sir James: "Inasmuch as the Speaker has named the hon. gentleman from Grandville (Hon. Mr. Choquette), I propose that, if the hon. gentleman does not retract his discourtesy to this House, I will move that he be suspended from the service of the House for a certain number of days. I propose doing that at once."

Tries to Calm Members.

Senator Belcourt: "Let us try to conduct ourselves like gentlemen, there is no use shouting order. My hon. friend (Sir James Loughheed), is mistaken. The conversation, during which the Speaker claims to have named the hon. gentleman from Grandville was had in French. There are few gentlemen on the other side of the House who understand French. I understand it, and am quite close to his Honor, the Speaker. His Honor

the Speaker, if he claims that he did name the hon. gentleman--I am not quite sure that he did--but if he did name the hon. gentleman from Grandville, he did not name him for any discourtesy to the House."