

If the opposition think they can take a certain line of argument and hon. members on this side of the house are so infantile, puerile, or senile that we will take it lying down and will not meet it, then I purpose to disillusion them to-night. We in the province of Ontario are prepared to meet the campaigners right out in the open, whether they come from Vancouver or any other section of the dominion. When a man mounts the platform and makes the statement that the leader of the government entered into conspiracy with the chartered banks of Canada to put the provincial savings bank of Manitoba out of business, such a statement should not go unchallenged. That matter may rest with the hon. members from the province of Manitoba, but it also is of interest to hon. members from Ontario.

I shall give an example of the arguments used. I cannot understand the mentality of a public speaker who looks into the faces of an intelligent country audience and thinks he can get by with the political twaddle and clap-trap that has been handed to the people of Ontario during the last six months. One hon. member opposite visited Picton a few days ago. I happened to be in that place two days later, and found that the high school boys were talking about the remarks the hon. member had made while there. Speaking to a body of farmers on a Saturday afternoon he said, "There are two hundred cars in front of this hall to-day; had it not been for that wicked Tory party with their policy of high tariffs you could have bought each of those cars for \$500 less, and you would have been able to feel in your pockets the \$100,000 of which, because of the tariffs of the Conservative party, you have been robbed." Mr. Speaker, I imagine at least half of those cars would be Fords. If bought new they would cost \$650, so that if they could have been bought for \$150 it would be marvellous indeed. I presume, too, that not many new cars were bought last year, and that most of these were purchased under the King administration during its eight or nine years' tenure of office. And yet they thought they could inflame public opinion so that listeners would go back home and say, Mr. So-and-so told us to-day that owing to the high tariff policy of the Conservative party the cars around there have cost \$100,000 more than they should have.

Then we find hon. members on the other side getting up in this house speaking about

the millionaire cabinet ministers. I hope they are all millionaires. The only difference between themselves and myself is that they are on their second million—I am on my first. I know there are some hon. gentlemen opposite who are averse to having any money, and if a rich aunt left them \$150,000 they would not sleep until they had spread it out among other people. Well, if a rich aunt leaves me any such sum I will keep it a few days at least and run it through my fingers. But we have hon. gentlemen opposite appearing on the public platforms in my province and declaring one of the first acts of the Bennett administration was to raise their own salaries \$2,000 a year. That is in a measure true but it is a half truth which is ever the basest of lies. Think you, sir, that we are going to let anything like that go by? I have tried to refrain from speaking in this house, on the advice of my physician, but when I heard that statement I thought: That is one thing we will have to nail anyway. The people of Ontario can rest assured that most of the statements of those hon. gentlemen are of the same character. I asked for a return. I shall not have time to go through all the details, but I will deal with the former Prime Minister's car. Hon. gentlemen opposite forgot to tell the people that when the Bennett administration assumed office the eagle eye of the then Minister of Finance (Mr. Bennett) glanced around to see where he could curtail expenses. Some of you gentlemen perhaps have been commercial travellers at some time or other, or perhaps some of you have had men on the road, and you know that little travellers' book they call the "swindle sheet"; you will see commercial travellers figuring in it at night or while going from station to station to see if they can level up their expenses a bit so they will have a little extra for Sunday. Well, looking over the travellers' expense sheet of the old cabinet the Minister of Finance saw that a considerable saving could be effected, and I presume he said: Now, we will cut out these expensive cars driven by liveried chauffeurs from Dan to Beersheba, sometimes with the cabinet ministers, sometimes without them, and we will effect a great saving. Then I do not know what conversation took place, but anyway it was arranged that in lieu of the chauffeurs and the cars each minister would get \$2,000 per year, and that henceforth they could go about on foot, on bicycle, on horseback, by taxi, aeroplane, or in any other way