

Russia had not signed the treaty. It shows the childish way in which the government of that day was acting.

To conclude, sir. I am very much surprised at the importance which is attached to the remarks of the right hon. leader of the opposition. Since the beginning of the session he has not made a single constructive remark—not a single one. He reminds me of the fellow who drives his coach into the ditch. The present leader of the opposition drove the state coach into the ditch and last year used some small twine—the social legislation—to try to pull it out. The people have given to the present government a good rope for the purpose, but the coach is still there because the right hon. gentleman is in it and keeps on applying the brakes.

Mr. WILTON: I rise to a point of order. I would ask whether the direct attempt to abuse a member of the house is consistent with the item under consideration, or whether it is in order for the committee to listen to that kind of language.

Mr. POULIOT: Well, sir, I have just one thing to say.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. POULIOT: It is that I regret very much having put the Minister of Finance in the same bag with the right hon. leader of the opposition. I remove the minister and I put in it instead the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Wilton), to enjoy himself with the right hon. leader of the opposition.

Mr. BENNETT: Is there any reason why the provisions of this item should not extend to other than professional users of cameras? The difficulty of enforcing it seems to me very great; that is, differentiating between the professional user requiring equipment for professional purposes, and the private owner.

Mr. DUNNING: There was a very considerable examination, particularly on that phase of the matter, before the tariff board. It was on a reference, as my right hon. friend will probably recall; there was a consultation between the board and the administrative officials as to that phase of it, and apparently it has been found impossible to administer the item as at present worded. The size, for one thing, is important.

Mr. BENNETT: I was thinking of the accessories. I realize that cameras can be dealt with.

Mr. DUNNING: The Department of National Revenue, while acknowledging that it is not the easiest thing in the world, is pre-

pared to endeavour to administer it. At the same time the tariff board, after a thorough investigation of the whole matter, thought it a desirable reform to bring about, and seeing that the administrative department is willing to try, I am inclined to let them do so.

Mr. BENNETT: That always has been the trouble.

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: I think that was one of the principal reasons why the item was referred to the board.

Mr. DUNNING: That is true.

Mr. BENNETT: My memory is that it was not thought desirable—if I may be perfectly frank about it—to put small cameras, that is the ordinary cameras of commerce, on the free list; but it was represented, I think, to the late government that it was highly desirable that professional photographers should be able to secure the large sized cameras without having to pay a duty, because they were not made in Canada. I do not know whether they are made here now or not, but certainly they were not then. The difficulty I see arises not with the cameras but with the accessories.

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: I must say that when I saw the item in the form in which the tariff board had put it, I was surprised that the department would take the responsibility of thus dealing with accessories. With reference to cameras it is easy to know to whom they are consigned, but in small communities accessories are often sold by the professional photographer in the community to those who may require them, and I suppose these photographers would continue to do so, although it says, "cameras for professional purposes, for making negatives," and then, "accessories for use with such cameras." I have no doubt, as the minister says, the officials have given the matter every consideration, that they realize the difficulty, and will take steps to overcome it.

Mr. DONNELLY: I just want to express my agreement with the leader of the opposition. For the life of me I cannot see how customs officials or anyone else can distinguish between a tripod that is to be used with a camera for making negatives 4½ inches by 6½ inches, and one that is to be used with a small camera, and so make one free of duty and the other dutiable.

Mr. DUNNING: Of course the criticism of the hon. member (Mr. Donnelly) will apply