

on equal ground? I am strongly opposed to the passing of this item. I think the Conservative party should pay it out of their campaign funds.

Mr. McMILLAN (Huron): It seems to me that the members of the government still plume themselves on believing that this is an item which should be paid for by the cabinet out of the public funds. The other night I asked the Minister of National Revenue if on his responsibility as a minister he approved of paying an item like this out of the public treasury, and he simply sat in his place with that cynical smile of absolute unconcern as to what we thought about the matter. I should like to ask the Minister of Fisheries; do you approve the action of the government in paying this bill of \$97,000?

Mr. PORTEOUS: I should like to ask the hon. member for South Huron: Did he approve the action of the department under the last administration?

Mr. McMILLAN (Huron): I should like to know from the Minister of Fisheries whether he approves the government paying for an advertisement like this. There is no answer. Silence gives assent. The other night we got an answer from the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and I was thunderstruck at the bold and confident manner in which he rose and told us that he approved it to the letter. I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works: Do you approve of paying for an advertisement like this out of the public treasury?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): I do.

Mr. YOUNG: Shame on you!

Mr. McMILLAN (Huron): I see the Minister of National Defence in his seat. Do you approve the action of the government in paying for this advertisement out of the public treasury?

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Certainly I do.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Cowan, Port Arthur): May I suggest that the hon. member should address the chair and not members personally.

Mr. McMILLAN (Huron): I should like to know from you, Mr. Chairman: Do you approve the action of the government in paying for this advertisement out of the public treasury? I should like to give the Chairman an opportunity to reply. May I ask the Prime Minister himself through you, Mr. Chairman: Does he approve the government

[Mr. Young.]

paying an item such as this out of the public treasury? Might I have an answer from the Prime Minister? Silence again gives assent. I should like to ask you, Mr. Chairman, and through you the entire cabinet whether they think this is a proper example to set before the youth of this country? Are we going to build up true manhood and womanhood in Canada by approving a thing like this? It reminds me of the words of Robert Burns respecting the character of the manhood and womanhood which he would like to grow up on his native soil, when he said:

O Scotia! my dear, my native soil!
For whom my warmest wish to heaven is sent,
Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil
Be blest with health, and peace and sweet
content!

And oh may heaven their simple lives prevent
From luxury's contagion, weak and vile!
Then, how'er crowns and coronets be rent,
A virtuous populace may rise the while,
And stand a wall of fire around their much
lov'd isle.

I would ask the Prime Minister of Canada and through him the cabinet whether they think the advice of Robert Burns is rather the way in which we can build up a true national spirit. When we think of the action of the government in this respect, might we not well recall those other lines of Robert Burns to his young friend when he said:

Ye'll try the world soon my lad;
And, Andrey dear, believe me,
We'll find mankind an unco squad,
And muckle they may grieve ye.

If the members of the present cabinet represent the people of this country, heaven help the people of Canada if that is the kind of standard they set up for the admiration of the young men and women who are growing up in this country. I consider this is nothing better than a barefaced pilfering of the public treasury for the grossest partisan purposes.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

Mr. McMILLAN (Huron): Hon. members laugh. I hope they will go out to their electorate; I hope the Prime Minister will go through the country at the close of this session and meet his audiences as he did a twelve-month ago and preach this doctrine to them. When he does so, he will find out the result of his preaching.

Mr. CHAPLIN: The opposition are wonderful in their memories. I wonder if they have a recollection of the advertising that was done by the late Mr. Low here