

site are familiar, we know that bodies such as the one proposed can in no sense make legislation respecting tariffs. That can be made only by this parliament sitting as a parliament with the Commons and the Senate and the third estate of the realm. Every hon. gentleman knows that. And that legislation must originate with the government of the day; no hon. member can submit legislation of that character unless he be a member of the government of the day. That is its function. There has been no derogation by this proposed legislation from the functions of government, there has been no lessening of the powers of parliament, there has been no restriction placed upon the plenary powers of the legislature. But the government has to assume responsibility. After reading the report that is given to it by this tribunal, in answer to the request of the Minister of Finance, that government decides whether or not it will go forward with its legislation and submit it to this parliament. Is that usurpation of the powers of parliament? Let us at least preserve a little of our intelligence in dealing with these things—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. BENNETT:—just a little. I ask any hon. member to stand in his place and say that this legislation in any sense lessens the powers of this chamber or the powers of this parliament.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Who said it did?

Mr. BENNETT: Who said it did?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: Has the hon. gentleman suddenly lost his sense of hearing that he could not hear what was said by hon. gentlemen opposite a few moments ago? Does he not remember what his leader said yesterday, as he threshed the air and talked no longer of "feudalism," but of a "star chamber" functioning and usurping the powers of parliament? Does he forget what every other member recalls? There is not another member in this house who does not remember it. And this afternoon the others followed in his train. The lead had been given—parliament had been deprived of its functions, the high court of parliament was no longer sitting, matters had to be determined by a tribunal thus set up. What an absurdity! But it served the purpose—to endeavour to humbug the public—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

[Mr. Bennett.]

Mr. BENNETT:—it followed the classic policy of the ex-Minister of Agriculture. Now, Mr. Chairman, I have dealt with this section at some length. One would have thought that after the second reading of the bill and after the long discussion that took place thereon, and after the more ample discussion that took place later, there might not be the least difficulty in arriving at conclusions with respect to this section. The opposition is bound to oppose the section. It has done so. It has placed itself on record—but it did not vote on the second reading!—and I assume on the third reading it will place itself on record. I hope so. Let the people of the country know what all this talk is about. Let them know what is the conception of hon. gentlemen opposite of a tariff board. When they were the government they got two or three men together by order in council and called them an advisory board on tariff and taxation. That was their conception of a tariff board!

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. BELL (Hamilton): "And e'en the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer."

At six o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair and the house took recess.

### After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

#### COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT

On the order:

House again in committee on Bill No. 33, to amend the Companies Act (auditors).—Mr. Hackett.

Mr. HACKETT: With the permission of the house, I ask to withdraw this bill. It was incorporated in a bill introduced by the hon. the Secretary of State.

Mr. SPEAKER: With the consent of the house the bill is withdrawn.

#### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT

NATURE OF SPEECHES ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO DETERMINE UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY

The house resumed from Tuesday, May 26, consideration of the motion of Mr. Woodsworth for the second reading of Bill No. 19, to amend the criminal code (unlawful assemblies).

Mr. J. R. MacNICOL (Toronto Northwest): I want to place myself in direct opposition to Bill No. 19. I have given the subject