

to make such a statement there would be loud cries of "Shame" from the other side. The Minister of Trade and Commerce says—and I agree with him—that the people of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific have behaved nobly. The person born in Canada, the person who came to Canada as an infant—the people of Canada generally of all classes and creeds—have done everything for the successful prosecution of the war that a true, loyal, capable people could do. If that be so—and it is so—there is not one instance of a disloyal act in this country on record to-day against anybody. And what is the reward that the Government gives to this loyal people who have stood to their guns, who have given of their money, of their children, of their blood, of their very life, for the maintenance of the flag under which they live? Their reward is to be cut off as aliens and strangers and traitors.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member is speaking beside the question.

Mr. McKENZIE: I am simply following the trail blazed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The hon. member is following it very badly.

Mr. McKENZIE: I have pointed out that he has stated that the people have been doing very well. If the people are doing well, he is not rewarding them properly; that is, every one of the people of this country has stood by us loyally, there is no justification at all for cutting them off as is intended to be done.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is strictly out of order in discussing the Franchise Act.

Mr. McKENZIE: If I am out of order in discussing it, of course, I shall not discuss it. I simply wish to say to the minister—and that is not discussing the Franchise Act—that if three years ago his Government had told the people of this country what was going to happen, and the different Acts that were to be enacted by this Parliament and the course that was to be taken in respect to the rights of the people—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I must ask the hon. gentleman to confine his remarks approximately to the subject before the House. He is going very far afield.

Mr. McKENZIE: Thank you. Your Honour will not permit me to finish my sentence, but there may be other oppor-

[Mr. McKenzie.]

tunities for pointing out what I was about to say. As far as the real question before the House is concerned, I do trust the Government will take the matter seriously in hand, and if those industries can be kept going by proper management, and the people of this country who are engaged in the production of shells can be kept at that production; and the finances of this country can be so husbanded and so marshalled that, while we may be obliged to drop other enterprises; while we may be obliged to drop the expenditure of some \$20,000,000 or so on public works which I think can stand over; while we may be obliged to give up an expenditure of \$4,000,000 or \$6,000,000 on this old railroad in Quebec which I think we can dispense with; while we may be obliged to let the Canadian Northern, with the expenditure of \$600,000,000 that it involves look after itself;—I do trust that the Government will finance every line of supplies that is required to keep up our present standing in support of this war, and that we shall have money for the wheat, and the cheese, and the hogs, and the munitions, that will be necessary in order to keep everything going at full blast as at present. We did something this afternoon to stir up the Government on these things, and if the motion of the hon. member from Pictou has resulted in stirring up the Government and giving to the world an idea of how we stand and what can be done in order to carry forward the affairs of this country and our share in the war in a way that will be satisfactory to the Canadian people, the afternoon will have been well spent.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

THE GORDON DIVORCE BILL.

On the order for resuming the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Edwards "that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole House on Bill No. 126 (Letter T of the Senate) intituled: 'An Act for the relief of Albert Edwin Gordon'" and the proposed motion of Mr. Steele in amendment there-to:

Mr. KYTE: Mr. Speaker, I think the understanding last evening was that this Bill would not be gone on with until Monday. My hon. friend from Moosejaw (Mr.