

ister. I think I can assure him, without information from a lawyer, that we of the medical profession know how much it takes to put people to sleep, and how easily they go to sleep.

On motion of Mr. Veniot the debate was adjourned.

WAYS AND MEANS

CANADA—UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Progress reported.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

MISCELLANEOUS

Grant to the Canadian Council on Child and Family Welfare, \$13,100.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. POULIOT: No, Mr. Chairman, it is not carried. Some time ago the government told us about the superannuation of General McNaughton and Colonel Steel, the former presently of the national research council and the latter of the radio broadcasting commission. Mr. Chairman, this item of \$13,100 for the Canadian Council on Child and Family Welfare is too low, and General McNaughton, who was well known as the brain trust of the former Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) and who was responsible for most of the blunders that were made by the late government during the last five years, should be sent back at once to the Department of National Defence and retired at the lowest rate, thereby enabling this item to be largely increased. If General McNaughton is sent back right now to the Department of National Defence in which he has, not one foot or one toe, but one nail of the little toe, it would be much better because it would give \$4,500 to the government to apply on child and family welfare, and that would be in the public interest. It is a shame, sir, to think that that man, who should be condemned and punished for having given wrong advice to the government of the day for five years, should enjoy such privileges. I am strongly against bureaucracy; I am strongly against pickings of that kind. That man should go back where he was. He is not qualified to be president of the national research council because that council has to do, among other

things, with chemical research and that man is not an expert in chemistry. He taught physics in Montreal a long time ago but has forgotten all that; yet now he is president of that very important body. Sir, the first thing that should be done now is to send General McNaughton back to the Department of National Defence, where he has the nail of his little toe, and then superannuate him right away, and do the same with Colonel Steel of the radio broadcasting commission.

I remember, sir, how when you yourself brought up this question in the house last year, you did not get a satisfactory answer from the late government, nor did I, although we tried to crucify them on that great scandal. It is a shame, sir. How is it the matter has not been settled since October 14? It is a shame. It is a shame also about Colonel Steel of the radio broadcasting commission, a man who was the brain trust of Mr. Herridge every time he came to Ottawa. Here are the two brain trusters, one of the late Canadian minister at Washington, the other of the former Prime Minister, and because he is a sixth cousin of a tenth cousin who is a Liberal he enjoys such privilege. Sir, it is shameful. The first rule for any party should be, equal rights for all.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. The hon. member is out of order in this discussion and I would ask him to confine his remarks to the item before the committee.

Mr. POULIOT: Sir, I am carrying on now the same battle as you and I carried on together last year.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member is entirely out of order. I ask him to confine himself to the item under discussion.

Mr. HEAPS: There was no battle last year.

Mr. POULIOT: There was no battle? There was no general?

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, but I think in fairness to a gentleman who is absent—

Mr. POULIOT: Absentminded mostly.

Mr. BENNETT: —I must at least make some observations. Since you permitted the hon. member to make the statements he made I must be permitted to answer them. During the period of five years, apart from the time the imperial conference was here, I do not think I discussed with General McNaughton any matters of public business on an average of once a month. I heard recently that