

order" speech. Then, as I recall it, he spoke in Edmonton and quite dashed our hopes, for there he gave us to understand that all that was in his mind was the unemployment insurance bill, and that was a terrible let-down.

With respect to this new order the ministers have in mind, I wonder whether this measure, together with half a dozen others that are proposed to be introduced, constitute what they regard as the new order. If that is so, I wonder in what respect the new order is going to differ from the old order that ruined us during the twenty years following the last war. Once they have determined what really the new order is to be, I wish one of the ministers would give us some inkling as to how this new order is to be brought about and how it is to be maintained.

I should like to say just a word or two about the bill before I discuss further what I have suggested in my remarks thus far. I am inclined to agree with the hon. member for Weyburn (Mr. Douglas) and the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Roebuck) that this bill is simply a gesture, and a very empty gesture—a very hollow reed upon which the men will break and fall as soon as they begin to lean upon it.

The hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Slaght) seemed to be indignant last night because some of us had criticized the bill. The idea conveyed by his remarks and, I am afraid, by those of the Minister of Pensions and National Health, seemed to be that by criticizing this bill we are going to destroy the boys' confidence in the bill.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): No.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I am glad the minister negates that. No words which could be uttered in the house would disillusion the boys any more than they are already disillusioned. If anyone imagines that the bright, clear-minded, upstanding, fact-facing young men who are to-day in our army are deceived by all the mummery we are going through in this chamber, then he ought to get in contact with a few of them. Just spend a day in the smoking car on any railway train. The ministers ought to remember that members of the air force in Canada have to pass a rather rigid educational test before they can become members of that force. The boys are using that education in thinking out what is going to happen in the future. Things like this bill are simply nauseating to them.

All a man needs to do is to use the illustration which a fine young schoolteacher now in the air force used in my presence. He said, "in the school from which I came, already two former teachers have enlisted; I am the

third one. When the time comes to give us back the job, which of the three of us is going to get it—or is the man who has gone in after me, going to get it?" That is enough to illustrate how trashy and flimsy is the bill. I do not wish to be unkind, but it is flimsy. As the leader of the opposition has said, it is altogether too easy for an employer to excuse himself—

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. If I heard him rightly, the hon. member used the words "trashy and flimsy".

Mr. BLACKMORE: You heard me aright.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I suggest to my hon. friend that the genesis of this bill was a resolution submitted to the government on September 1, 1939, and resubmitted in March, 1940, by the Canadian Legion, representing the organized ex-service men in Canada.

Mr. BLACKMORE: What is the point of order?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): That these epithets as applied to this legislation are uncalled for and unjustified. The recommendation of the legion was as follows:

Statutory provision that every man enlisting shall on his return from service, if not incapacitated for his former occupation, be entitled as of right to reinstatement in his original employment if still existing, with the same rights and seniority as when he enlisted, with appropriate penalties, including compensation, if he is discharged without cause, say within three years after reengagement.

We have carried out exactly the request of the organized ex-service men of the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. BLACKMORE: All that has been done in this bill is that an attempt has been made to carry out that request. Those men were not recommending the bill before us; they were recommending a principle.

Mr. MITCHELL: Would you say the British bill is trashy—or the Australian bill, or the New Zealand bill?

Mr. BLACKMORE: We are not discussing the Australian bill.

Mr. MITCHELL: It is the same thing.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I have plenty to occupy my time, by devoting my attention only to our Canadian bills.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): It is the same thing.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I have not had a chance to get the wording of the Australian