

face and of the committee to the difficulty we in Canada would experience in this regard, that we would become a dumping ground for crippled and broken down second hand aircraft to a tremendous extent if we allowed them to come into Canada at all. Not only would we be subjecting the lives of our airmen and mechanics to the dangers incident to rattletrap second hand machines; we would also be exposing to danger the lives and property of the inhabitants of the country. No one can tell me that a second hand machine is as good as a new machine. In certain instances a reconditioned machine may be in very good shape but who is to draw the line as to how far one might go in saying that a machine is reconditioned to the point where it is safe to use? I can only speak from my own experience as a motorist. I can say that the rattletrap second, third, fourth and fifth hand motor cars that one meets on the highways these days are a menace to life and limb.

Mr. YOUNG: But they are Canadian made.

Mr. RHODES: I do not care where they are made; we are discussing the question of second hand machines, that is all. That is the main reason why we prohibit the entry of second hand machines into Canada. We do not want to become a dumping ground for broken down machines from other countries.

Mr. HOWDEN: I quite appreciate what the minister has said, but here is a particular case in point. This man is employing these machines, which are owned by some United States firm, to bring in his supplies and take out his furs. Evidently it is one of these very machines, which apparently is giving very good satisfaction, that he could procure. Apparently, however, it is quite impossible to bring one of these machines into the country. The man would be quite satisfied to purchase this machine if he had the opportunity to do so, and since it would be his own neck that he would be breaking I suppose it would be largely his own business.

Mr. RHODES: That is not the trend of the times to-day as far as governmental activity is concerned; the idea is to protect the citizen against himself. I may say, however, that there is nothing to prevent anyone from importing a machine from Great Britain duty free, though we do draw the line at the importation of second hand machines from any quarter.

Mr. MARCIL: Does that apply to second hand motor cars also?

Mr. RHODES: Yes, it does.

[Mr. Rhodes.]

Mr. MARCIL: From both England and the United States?

Mr. RHODES: Yes.

Mr. YOUNG: If it is the duty of the government to protect us from breaking our necks in second hand United States machines would it not be equally the duty of the government to protect us from breaking our necks in second hand Canadian and British machines? I cannot see the distinction.

Mr. RHODES: I am not saying there should be a distinction. A man purchases a new machine to-day; to-morrow it is second hand. But he has purchased a new machine; he does not import a machine that has been used by somebody else, that is second hand when he purchases it in the first instance. I would not want to enter into the realm of logic, even if I were capable of doing so, with my hon. friend from Weyburn, because I am sure I would be lost in a maze in a very short time. I may point out to him, however, that we do prohibit the importation of second hand machines whether they come from Great Britain or any other country.

Mr. MARCIL: The automobile is under provincial jurisdiction; it must carry a provincial licence and must be inspected by provincial officers and so on.

Mr. RHODES: Yes, but they cannot get into Canada without federal authority.

Mr. MARCIL: Once they are on the highway, however, they are under provincial control.

Mr. RALSTON: My hon. friend the minister has made a very serious reflection on a number of members of parliament this afternoon in connection with these second hand motor cars. I am driving a seven year old car myself; I imagine there are some other members sitting around my hon. friend who are doing the same thing, and we do not think we are endangering the lives of citizens. However, we will forgive the minister for that statement. I rose to ask the minister to what the regulations will apply which are referred to in this item. My hon. friend will note that the provisions of this item apply under regulations to be made by the minister.

Mr. RHODES: May I say to my hon. friend that I am in precisely his class in regard to motor cars; this will be the seventh year for my car also, but it is still in a fair state of preservation. I had reference to cars much more dilapidated than one I happen to drive now, and I am sure much more dilapi-