

very many inequalities that we find embodied not only in our own tariff, but in those of other countries. It is to be hoped that at an early date a bill will be introduced sufficiently illuminative as to what will be done in this particular direction. It may suffice for me to say at the present moment that such a bill may in all probability be based to some extent upon the experience which the United States government has had with reference to its own tariff commission. The tariff commission in the United States, up to the present time has been created under the executive order of the president, and I understand is not yet under the jurisdiction of Congress. I understand that a bill was introduced at the last session of Congress for the purpose of establishing that commission as part of Congress, and that during the approaching session of Congress that will be done.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN.—Will you go to Washington to get that?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.—That is not necessary at all; but if we did go to Washington the suggestion would probably have met with approval from my hon. friends opposite us. I understand that was one of their political weaknesses in the days gone by. For the purpose of promoting the friendly relations which my right hon. friend referred to a few moments ago between the United States and Canada, it might be diplomatic to go to Washington to secure any good legislation which they may have passed there.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN.—We wanted them to pass it but you would not let them.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.—From a perusal of an official document issued by the United States touching the creation of a tariff board, I find it most comprehensive. The tariff board in the United States has a staff of over seventy people. I understand its functions are simply administrative and judicial. It does not seek to take from Congress any legislative functions. The staff is composed of technical experts, of investigators, of examiners, by which the most comprehensive knowledge can be readily obtained respecting the tariff. I think some five or six of them reside in

Europe. I find from the document before me that of the technical experts in the field they have one in Europe. They have three chief examiners in Europe. They have one representative in the field in Europe. Thus a staff of some four or five who practically reside in Europe, making the closest investigations into the products and the various imports that come in to the United States so as to give the most comprehensive information to the board in shaping the tariff.

Hon. Mr. DAVID.—Does that mean that the government must be responsible for the decisions of the board?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.—No. As I understand, the board has not the power to make changes in the tariff. They are simply advisers. They exercise administrative and judicial functions without having any legislative power.

My right hon. friend with some degree of feeling referred to the late campaign which was fought out through the Dominion, and resulted on the 21st September last in a judgment being given by the people of Canada adverse to the late government. It was not my intention to make any reference to that fact, but as my hon. friend has made a charge as to unfriendly, in fact hostile, feelings being manifested by a large section of the people of Canada towards the United States it seems to me desirable that if there is ground for the contradiction of such a statement it should be given. I think my right hon. friend entirely misapprehended the spirit of the electors of Canada in their expression of judgment on the 21st of September. It seems to me that in view of what has taken place in the United States touching the discussion of this very important question in Canada, the people of Canada would have been untrue to their traditions and to the dignity which should characterize them as a people if they did not resent the position taken by public men of the United States on that occasion.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN.—Only one man.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.—I have no desire to say anything that would in any way be unfriendly to the good relations which