

I think he does—that the men on the farms are getting just as far ahead, so far as money is concerned, as the men working in factories, when board and lodging and other factors are considered. There is no use in my honourable friend bringing up that argument. It does not affect the question for one moment.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Why should a skilled mechanic be obliged to go and work on a farm at something he knows nothing about?

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: I am not referring to a skilled mechanic working in a legitimate trade. If shipbuilders can afford to hire such a man and pay his wages and build ships, well and good; but if they cannot do that what are we going to do? Are we going to tax the people of Canada for all time to help up these infant industries.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: There is no taxation necessary.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: Who are going to benefit by this? It is not the labour man particularly.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Will the honourable gentleman excuse me again?

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: Well, I would rather that my honourable friend—

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I am not to be excused?

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: Oh, yes, go ahead.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Would my honourable friend point out under what section of this Bill the people of Canada are going to be taxed?

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: My honourable friend was not in the House yesterday when I explained where we are very likely to be taxed. I would refer him to Hansard of yesterday: he will find his answer quite correctly and plainly stated there.

The point I am making is this. For whom is this legislation passed? I say it is not for the labour people, and it is not for the people of Canada generally. Then for whom is it? For a few pet shipbuilders.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: The merger and others.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: A few pet shipbuilders. Why are they entitled to any more consideration than men who have invested their money by the millions of dollars in other industries?

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: I must call the honourable gentleman's attention to the fact that the principle of this Bill has already been decided. What we are discussing now is clause 1 and I think the debate should be confined entirely to that.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: Mr. Chairman, I hardly think your suggestion to me has much point in it. My honourable friend the Minister of Labour went over exactly the same ground that I am touching on. However, I bow to the ruling of the Chair, and, having said partly what I wanted to say, I will try not to digress further, but will just finish the sentence I was at, and say that this legislation is exactly in line with a great deal of legislation that we are having at the present time—that it is being enacted for a few big interests at the expense of the rest of the country.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The Minister of Labour, speaking a few minutes ago, stated that applications in regard to this matter had been made to the Government—by certain firms? Well, from certain countries.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: That certain countries wanted shipping.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Yes. In that case, I presume the application came through certain firms. It would not be made by the Government of the country.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: It came from the Allied powers.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The application must have been made by some firm that was anxious to get ships built. I think the honourable the Minister should give us some information on that matter, because we ought to know where those applications have come from. It has been suggested to me that applications have been made from the United States as well as from other countries. Probably the Minister can tell us.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: All the information that I feel free to give off-hand to my honourable friend is that, so far as I know, shipbuilders in this country, desirous of continuing the industry and continuing to employ the men who have been engaged in it during the past few years, have been seeking to obtain orders in foreign countries, from Governments or from purchasers of ships, and it is only to assist the building of ships in this country that this method, without cost to the country, is proposed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, this legislation was introduced