

eight ball than I thought I was when I began. This is the situation, and I want the house to get it. So far as I can learn, they are the only outfit in the Dominion of Canada engaged in the manufacture of bowling balls for alleys. I do not know how many hon. members have engaged in the game of bowling, but it is very general throughout the country. The greater part of that equipment is supplied by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company. I do not know what the "collender" means in connection with bowling. I had thought it was something my wife used for straining things when making salads. As I say, I do not know what it means in this connection, but they supply practically the whole of that equipment in the dominion.

This little outfit had a capital of \$35,000, all paid up. It was composed of a returned veteran and his brother-in-law. This returned veteran had a splendid record overseas. I mean a combat record; I do not mean one of the chaps sitting at a desk with a pencil, blue-pencilling other people's ideas. I mean a man who was fighting. He used his gratuity, a government loan, a loan on his insurance and a loan from the bank and raised \$17,500. His brother-in-law put up the remaining \$17,500.

I thought he was entitled as a returned veteran to special consideration, but I was informed by the department that he was not so entitled because he owned only 50 per cent, with his brother-in-law, who is not a returned man. Where are you going to draw the line? Must the veteran own 100 per cent, or 90 or 80 or 75 or 50 per cent? Where do you draw the line? The simple fact is that there was an outfit doing something for business in this country and in a very short time succeeding quite well. They were original people, the sort of people we want here, people who were doing something for this country, providing employment for thirty-five persons. Today they are practically out of business, certainly so far as a large proportion of their business is concerned, because they are unable to import certain things required in that business; for example, the wood from which these bowling balls are made.

I would not mention the matter in the house had I not placed all the facts before the department. I have the correspondence, and these people have been turned down on that basis.

I hate strong language or exaggerated language, but I do say this. They are facing ruin at the present time and the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company are taking over the business. They had opened up branches in Regina, Prince Albert and Edmonton, and

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today they have to close them because, through this stupid and unfair regulation, the business is being handed to this great company which practically controls that industry throughout the whole continent of North America.

I would not have mentioned these things, but they are not really of local interest merely. That is the attitude that has been taken, that a man owning 50 per cent, and having borrowed in every place he could, is not entitled to some form of import quota. If that is the case, then heaven help us and let us throw the rest of the business to people comparable with the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company of the United States of America.

Mr. ABBOTT: With regard to the matter raised by my hon. friend, point number one is that this firm never imported anything before June 30 of this year.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): They were not in business.

Mr. ABBOTT: That is right. My hon. friend has stated the facts correctly. The business is owned 50 per cent by a veteran and 50 per cent by a non-veteran. I did not know it was this veteran's brother-in-law. This is no doubt a perfectly genuine case, but it is very easy for anyone to use a veteran as a stalking horse in order to get special quotas under an arrangement of this kind or any other special provisions such as we had during the war.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): I told you what this veteran did to get his money, did I not?

Mr. ABBOTT: I did not interrupt my hon. friend and I should like to state the other side of the case, because there are always two sides to a case. It is true that it was a new business and it is true that it was owned 50 per cent by a veteran. I do not know whether bowling balls are all made in the United States, but this firm can import all the bowling balls that can be made in the United Kingdom. Their quota is practically unlimited. They are restricted, it is true, as regards importations from the United States, but they are not restricted in bringing in equipment from the United Kingdom.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): Is the minister not confusing these bowling balls with bowling balls which are used on the green? I doubt very much whether bowling balls used in alleys are even made in the United Kingdom.

Mr. ABBOTT: That may be; I do not know.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): That is quite a different matter.