

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes.

Mr. MANION: My right hon. friend cannot name very many. Perhaps he is going to name one. He rose as if he were going to do so, but he has not done so, and I venture to say that if he can name one, that is the limit. I do not think he ever did appoint anybody not of his own political faith.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Justice Newcombe was one of the first judicial appointments we made. He was appointed to the supreme court, and he was a Conservative.

Mr. MANION: I have not the least idea what his politics are, but he had been Deputy Minister of Justice for a long time.

Mr. DUFF: I think he is a Tory.

Mr. MANION: He had been Deputy Minister of Justice for many years, for thirty years, I am told. I say that my right hon. friend has appointed to the bench, practically always, men of his own political faith, and I offer no criticism of that. We do the same, generally speaking, on our side of the house, but neither he nor anyone else would say that the men appointed as judges, generally speaking, are anything but non-partisan, and there is no reason in the world why the members of this tariff board, appointed as they will be for ten years, should not be just as non-partisan as the judiciary.

Mr. SANDERSON: May I ask a question? My hon. friend was appointed a member of the Ontario Liquor Control Board. Was he appointed for ten years?

Mr. MANION: No, but I could have stayed for ten years had I chose. I chose to resign. I was appointed for as long as I chose to remain, and I could have been there yet. My hon. friend will not deny that.

Mr. SANDERSON: I do not know.

Mr. MANION: I do. That is the difference.

Mr. DUFF: What about the Clerk of the House? Was he a Grit? We appointed him. He is a Tory, and he is a good man.

Mr. MANION: I do not think he is a Tory. I think he is independent. I see my time is about up.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would ask hon. gentlemen to desist from loud remarks and interruptions while the minister is speaking. He has only ten minutes left, and a member cannot present his case when he is continually interrupted.

Mr. DUFF: Especially when they are speaking from the other side.

Mr. SPEAKER: I resent that. The hon. member has no right to make any such statement.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. DUFF: I am not going to take it back either.

Mr. BENNETT: I think the hon. gentleman would be well advised to withdraw the observation he has just made. It reflects upon the institutions of this country, and I think after a moment's reflection he will realize that it is unwise to charge the Speaker with partiality in the terms that he has used. I trust that he will withdraw.

Mr. DUFF: I have heard the Prime Minister do the same thing that I have done, reflect on the Speaker.

Mr. BENNETT: It is a matter for the Speaker himself. He is the servant of the house, and he can only discharge his duties as the servant of the house if the house gives him its support. When an hon. member of this house makes an aspersion of the kind my hon. friend used, without any justification in fact, and then says he is not going to withdraw the expression, I think, Mr. Speaker, that the house will have to take cognizance of it and deal with it in another way.

Mr. DUFF: Go ahead and deal with it.

Mr. BENNETT: I will make the motion to-morrow.

Mr. MANION: I was going to conclude by saying that, due to the fact that the board will be appointed for a period of ten years, the tendency will be for the board to be a more scientific body in regard to gathering and presenting data to the government under which it will serve.

The objects of the board are clearly set forth in the explanatory notes, and I will conclude my remarks by quoting two or three sentences from them, which will lay before the house in a proper manner the purpose of the board:

The intention is to secure, as a result of the work of the board, a constantly increasing body of information which will be of service to the government and to parliament.

The duties of the board are set out in section 4 of the bill. As directed by the minister, they are to inquire into the price and cost of raw materials, the cost of transportation, the cost of production, the cost, efficiency and conditions of labour, the prices received by producers, etc., in Canada or elsewhere, and all conditions and factors affecting cost of production and price to the consumers in Canada, and