

Mr. YOUNG (Saskatoon): I will address them in a moment. I take it the right hon. leader of the opposition does believe in a 35 per cent tariff on automobiles. I heard only three hon. members in this House to-day suggest—and some of them made the suggestion very mildly—that the 35 per cent duty was all right.

I will now speak to this government, and I will say to them that the time has arrived for a reduction in the duty on automobiles; it would be the most popular and just thing the government could do. We do not want to refer the matter to a tariff board that is not yet in existence, because we have had sufficient evidence in this House to-day to show that the time has arrived that the duty on automobiles should be reduced.

If I may venture to make a statement which may seem a bit bold, I will say, in reference to one gentleman whose name has been mentioned in connection with this tariff board, that I think he would have been a little better advised, as the right hon. leader of the opposition said to-day, if he had not made so many remarks. This tariff board is one of the most important things we have to consider, and if I may again use the words of the right hon. leader of the opposition, I would say I am not too enthusiastic about a tariff board, but I certainly have no use for his tariff commission.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is the difference.

Mr. YOUNG (Saskatoon): There is quite a difference. This House must retain within itself the power to fix the tariff.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Did the hon. member read the resolution I moved regarding the tariff commission? If he did, he will find the same reservation there as to the power of this House. There is no difference in the world except a difference in name and that is simply to fool Saskatchewan.

Mr. YOUNG (Saskatoon): This is not the time when we should delay by referring this matter to any tariff board which may be created. We have sufficient information at the present time, and the people throughout Canada, whether they are Liberal, Progressive or Conservative, are clamouring for a reduction in the tariff. Unless this comes a great injustice will be done to the Canadian people.

The thanks of the people of this country are due to the hon. member for Macleod (Mr. Coote) for bringing the facts to the attention of the House to-day and giving hon. members

an opportunity of expressing their opinions upon a matter of public concern. I desire to place myself on record as being unreservedly in favour of a reduction in the duties on automobiles in Canada at the present time.

An hon. MEMBER: By how much?

Mr. YOUNG (Saskatoon): I would not be very drastic in the matter. I would be quite agreeable to leaving on say 10 per cent.

Mr. J. E. LETELLIER (Compton): Mr. Speaker, during the last election I had the pleasure of presenting before the electorate of the constituency which I have the honour to represent, a constituency which is not the least in the province of Quebec, a programme of moderate tariff. I, therefore, feel it my duty, not only for my satisfaction, but for the satisfaction of the people of my constituency, to address a few words to the House on this important question of the tariff. I know, as you do, Sir, that a great deal, if not everything, has been said on this question; but as I, in common with, I presume, all other hon. members, have received from the Ford company a pamphlet which deals with a great number of questions, I believe it is worth while to take advantage of this opportunity of discussing the matter seriously.

I am pleased to say that I concur in a great deal that has been said by my colleague the hon. member for Berthier-Maskinongé (Mr. Gervais). I am in favour of a moderate tariff because I really believe that is the only way of protecting our industries. In Canada we have advantages and opportunities that the people of other countries may not have. For instance we have the benefit of our hydro-electric power development, and by maintaining a moderate tariff we will help our factories to develop and afford opportunities for the establishment of additional industries. As it is getting rather late I should like to move the adjournment of the debate.

An hon. MEMBER: Go ahead.

Mr. LETELLIER: I have in my constituency a class of farmers, a class of insurance agents and a class of commercial travellers, and as they all need automobiles, I believe it is my duty to help them out in connection with this question of the tariff. As I have a really bad cold, I move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

On the motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.