

lost their hands in sawmill accidents. Even sometimes in sliding they have broken legs or arms. Sometimes sports are responsible for these human deficiencies.

When people are poor and live in large families they cannot attend so well to those who have suffered. Those people should be given at least the same as is paid to the aged, because they suffer deficiencies that are sometimes worse than those suffered by the old people. That is easy to understand. But when I heard a minister of the crown daring to say in the House of Commons that the country had not enough money to look after those people I was most indignant.

I appeal to the good heart of the present Minister of National Health and Welfare. I hope he will not wait for the millennium to correct that absurd situation. This is the time to do something. It is most urgent because, when an injustice exists somewhere, whether we call it a social injustice or just an injustice, we should attend to it. I cannot see the difference between social justice and justice. When justice exists it is social justice. It is not necessary to use the word "social," because it is just justice. And when injustice exists it is not only injustice but social injustice.

When we think of any country with natural resources in the abundance in which we have them, a country in which there are people who suffer and who are ignored completely by the state, one is reminded of the parable of the good Samaritan. So many passed by and paid no attention to the man who was lying sick along the roadside. They were passing by, giving him the cold shoulder.

Those people may not be well enough to vote; they may not be able to leave their homes. Sometimes they cannot, because they have not the means to buy proper clothing to protect them against the rigours of our winter climate. Sometimes they cannot go out, because they are too sick and are unable to walk. Sometimes they are ashamed of their disabilities and do not leave their homes, because they would feel uncomfortable in meeting other people.

I must praise highly the health units of the province of Quebec which have accomplished marvels in our part of the country.

Mr. GAUTHIER (Portneuf): Hear, hear.

Mr. POULIOT: I am delighted to hear the hon. member for Portneuf, who is a distinguished member of the medical profession of this country, give his approval to what has been said about those people who belong to the health units of the province of Quebec, and who are afraid of no weather when they go out to look after those who need medical attention. Many times contagious epidemics have been stopped because of the devotion and sense of duty of the nurses, those fine young girls who go out in the blizzards of winter to look after the children at school, to vaccinate them and help them. Sir, let me remind you—

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order. It is eleven o'clock.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): Tomorrow we shall consider Bill No. 345, to amend the Tariff Board Act; Bill No. 346, to authorize the provision of moneys to the Canadian National Railways system; the resolution in the name of the Secretary of State for External Affairs to amend the Diplomatic Service Superannuation Act; Bill No. 347, to amend the Railway Act, the Exchequer Court Act and the Judges Act, 1946; Bill No. 348, an act respecting the Revised Statutes of Canada. Then we shall move to go into supply to take up the estimates of the departments of National Health and Welfare, Trade and Commerce, Reconstruction and Supply, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

[The following item was passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

245. Departmental administration, \$623,428.