

state upon his honour to the House, that the comments he is about to make are outside of the tariff resolutions. His remarks clearly have reference to the resolutions.

Mr. McNEILL. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Laurier) wishes to imply by the word "outside," that my remarks have no relation to the resolutions, of course I cannot say so. It is in reference to the resolutions that I am about to make the remark, and it is in reference to the conduct of the Government in relation thereto, which I understand you have ruled I have a right to refer to, that I wish to make the remark. Now, I say, that if the Government have not—as the hon. the Controller of Customs has told us they have not—if the Government have not yet decided whether the tariff of Belgium is as favourable to Canada "on the whole" as schedule "D" of our tariff is to Belgium; and if they have not decided yet whether the tariff of Germany is as favourable "on the whole" to Canada as the offer contained in schedule "D" is to Germany, then, I say, their conduct in placing this resolution upon the paper—

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Order.

Mr. McNEILL. I am speaking of the conduct of the Government, and the hon. Minister (Mr. Davies) should be controlled by the ruling of the Chair. The Chair has ruled, that I have the right to refer to the conduct of the Government, and it is most unfair of my hon. friend (Mr. Davies)—and I am very sorry to have to say that to him—it is most unfair that he should continually interrupt me in this way. He desires to intervene between the observation I am about to make, and the country, and he is afraid of the observation.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Mr. Speaker, I accept your ruling if you have so ruled. If the hon. gentleman is allowed to make a speech now instead of when the tariff debate is resumed, I accept that ruling. The hon. gentleman has no more right in the House than anybody else—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order; Chair.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Surely I have the right to say this—and if he is allowed to discuss the tariff resolutions now, other hon. gentlemen can do so.

Mr. FOSTER. As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, you have made your ruling, and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries will have to obey.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order; sit down.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order; Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER. Neither the hon. member for North Bruce (Mr. McNeill) nor the

Mr. LAURIER.

hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Davies) seem to quite apprehend my ruling, and, therefore, I shall be glad to state it again. If the hon. member (Mr. McNeill) is discussing a subject which arises from these resolutions and relates to these resolutions, he would not be in order to do so, now, on a motion to adjourn. If the hon. gentleman confines himself to a subject which has arisen since these resolutions were placed on the Table of this House, and which can be discussed apart from these resolutions, I do not see how I can prevent him doing it.

Mr. McNEILL. Mr. Speaker, I am about to call attention to what I believe is the improper conduct of the Government. It has reference to these resolutions, but it arises from a question which has been answered in this House since the resolutions were placed on the paper. I wish to say again—and I hope I shall be allowed to finish one sentence, just one, without interruption—that the conduct of the Government has been culpable, and very culpable, in so far that they have made a proposal which may have the result of bringing in here, in competition with the products of Canadian industries, the goods of those great productive countries, Belgium and Germany, and that they made that proposal by the admission of the Controller of Customs in crass ignorance.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. member refers, I am afraid, to the tariff proposals.

Mr. McNEILL. Certainly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER. That puts the hon. gentleman out of order.

Mr. McNEILL. I have finished, Mr. Speaker.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. The hon. gentleman has not concluded with a motion.

Mr. FOSTER. The motion to adjourn is to come.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). Then he has spoken under false pretenses.

Mr. FOSTER. Not under false pretenses, because the hon. gentleman said that he would conclude with a motion, but he was called to order before he could do so.

Mr. McNEILL. I was prepared to move the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. member for East York (Mr. Maclean) has the floor.

#### THE BELGIAN CONSULATE, MONTREAL.

Mr. MACLEAN (York). Before the Orders of the Day are called, I beg to call the attention of the Government to the following advertisement in the Montreal "Gazette" of yesterday: