

Corporations and Labour Unions

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Speaker, if questions were addressed about the business of the house and not for the purpose of obstructing there would be no need for such answers.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS**EFFECT ON TOURIST INDUSTRY OF CANADA'S
TRADE WITH CUBA**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. Garland (Nipissing): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources but perhaps in his absence I might direct it to the Prime Minister. In view of the approaching tourist season what action, if any, is the government taking to offset the unfavourable public reaction developing in the United States against Canada because of the government's policy in respect to trade with Cuba?

Hon. D. S. Harkness (Acting Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): In the absence of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, I would say that the assumption upon which the hon. member has based his question is completely false. There is no adverse effect in the United States so far as Canada is concerned. In fact, just the reverse is the case and we expect tourist traffic in the coming year will be the highest on record.

Mr. Garland: May I ask the minister a supplementary question? Does he ever read any United States newspapers?

Mr. Monteith (Perth): That is all you read.

Mr. Harkness: Perhaps I might comment briefly on that. Unlike some hon. members opposite, I can read.

Mr. Garland: Tory sarcasm.

Mr. Speaker: I did not see the hon. member for Leeds. If he has a question that he feels must be put I shall be glad to entertain it.

Mr. Matheson: I would ask the Minister of National Defence whether or not he has read in the *Sunday Times* of London that Canada is lonely and disillusioned, and that Canada's golden dream is at an end. This latter is from the *Manchester Guardian*.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member perhaps would reserve his comments for the appropriate time.

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OTHER STATISTICS**

Hon. Gordon Churchill (for the Minister of Justice) moved the third reading of Bill No. C-38, to provide for the reporting of financial

and other statistics relating to the affairs of corporations and labour unions carrying on activities in Canada.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I should like to make some short comments on the third reading of this bill. I think we can perhaps liken it to the ride Lady Godiva took in Coventry. We do not know whether the government just wants to peek or whether it knows what it is going to find out after it peeks. I feel that all this peeping and prying into other people's business will show exactly what the government has known for many months, as was illustrated by the discussion in committee about the dominion bureau of statistics publications relating to the control of Canadian industry by foreign corporations. The bill could be referred to as *Fulton's false front* more than as anything worth while.

We in the New Democratic party supported this measure at second reading. We took the Minister of Justice at his word. We knew that there were things which were good and bad in the bill, but we took the minister's word that the bill had a worth-while objective and that was to assist in the development of a Canadian culture, a Canadian understanding and Canadian control of our economy so that we would have Canadianism rather than Americanism running things in the country. We were prepared, after second reading, to try to deal with the less desirable features of the bill at the committee stage. We moved a number of amendments and we raised a number of objections. All but a minor one or two of them were brushed aside.

However, during the committee stage we asked the Minister of Justice, who piloted the bill on behalf of the government, for information. The further we inquired into the matter, the more amendments we proposed, the more we became convinced, just as the Liberal party did, that this bill is just a sham and a farce. It is not designed to do anything else but give talking points to the government during some expected national event that might take place this summer. In this way, the Tories hope to attempt to mislead the Canadian people into thinking that this government is doing something about our economy. Like so many things, this bill rests upon political expediency and is in the same category as the national productivity council, the Columbia treaty and all the royal commissions we have running around the country. We feel, Mr. Speaker, that it became quite evident at the committee stage the government had knowledge, as former governments have had, of the extent of foreign control over Canadian industry since 1926.