

not fair, and so I say that the farmers require protection as well as the labouring class, and that protection should be afforded them through a reasonable tariff.

I do not see that the hon. Minister of Pensions and National Health (Mr. King, Kootenay), is doing anything directly to further the interests of the maimed returned soldiers. We all know who won the war; we have been told it often enough. I quite realize that it is a very difficult matter for a pension board to determine that any particular disability a returned soldier is suffering from was caused by the war, but take it from me, if a man has been gassed, and later on develops asthma, bronchitis or tuberculosis, it is my opinion as a doctor that if he was previously normal the war was the cause of his disability. Even if it is not mentioned on his medical history sheet, that is no reason, to my mind, why he should not be granted a pension and receive hospital care. It is my opinion that the pension board draw the line a little too fine. They should be a little more liberal. It would not cost the taxpayers of this country five cents per year to make these poor maimed soldiers happy by giving them the hospital treatment and care they require for the rest of the days they have to live. After the war was over, our returned soldiers wanted to get to their own homes as soon as possible, and when taken before the medical boards and asked if they had any disability, invariably they said, "No", as they were afraid of being detained in hospital. The consequence is that a number of disabled soldiers have never had their disabilities entered on a medical history sheet. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I think the pension board should be more liberal in their findings.

The government is destroying a great many very expensive buildings in the heart of the city of Ottawa. For what purpose? To beautify the city of Ottawa in front of the parliament buildings. This supposed beautification that is taking place is costing millions of dollars. Before indulging in all this extravagance I think the returned soldiers should, first be looked after, for had it not been for the soldiers who held the gap at Ypres, the right hon. the Prime Minister, the hon. Minister of Public Works, and other hon. ministers in the government who are encouraging these expenditures would have had to study the German language a long time ago. I mean this: I am not saying it as a joke.

I understand that a commission has been appointed for the purpose of reporting as to the tariff this country requires. Most likely

they will hold up their report, like other highly paid so-called servants of the government, until after there is a general election, and unless some proper provision is made for adjusting the tariff in this country before another general election takes place, this report will fall into the hands of the present opposition, which after the next election will be the government of Canada.

I agree with my hon. friend from York-Sunbury (Mr. Hanson) that the discussion of the budget should be held over and other business of the house gone on with until the President of the United States, Mr. Hoover, has considered the tariff situation in that country, and one of my chief reasons for agreeing with my hon. friend was furnished by a despatch from Washington in that great family journal, the *Hamilton Spectator*, headed "Increase in Tariff Warmly Criticised. Organ of Wall Street Fears Loss of Trade. Canada's Goodwill would be Wholly Lost to United States." I shall not take the time of the house to read the whole despatch, but anyone who is interested can read it in the *Hamilton Spectator* of Saturday, March 9th last. According to this article it appears that the United States are very earnestly considering what kind of tariff they shall impose against Canada, and they are doing this advisedly, because they do not want to lose the raw materials which they are now getting from this country. They have always treated us as friends, and they are trying to treat us as friends now. For what reason? In their own interests.

Mr. L. P. BANCROFT (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I was particularly interested in the very able speech delivered during this debate by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Luchkovich). He is the first Canadian of Ukrainian descent to sit in this parliament and he and his people are to be congratulated upon that fact. There are many Canadians of Ukrainian birth or extraction in my constituency, and I had hoped that this speech would contain some message to them of what Canada, through its government, is doing to make them proud of their new home. My hon. friend has a great opportunity, because probably his speeches are translated and printed in the Ukrainian papers. It is regrettable that my hon. friend did not present a true picture of what is being done by the present government. He intimated that the tariff reductions made by the Liberal party were confined to soft soap, false teeth and cocoanuts, whereas he could have told them of the list of tariff reductions, which are matters of record, to be found in Hansard of March 13, 1928, beginning at page