

ter. If honourable gentlemen read this article to which I have referred they will come to the conclusion that there is only one solution for our troubles. I have advocated it in the House over and over again, and some honourable gentlemen have called me an Imperialist. Well, let them. I may not live long enough to see it, but I dream of the day when there will be a truly Imperial Parliament, sitting somewhere in the British Empire, for the purpose of dealing with international affairs. It will not be like the Imperial Conference, which has no authority. When the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice came back from the Conference of 1926 we were told that we had a Magna Charta, that everything was changed, that we were an independent state on a parity with England, and could declare war if we wished. About that time it was my good fortune to meet at luncheon in Montreal Mr. Bruce, then Prime Minister of Australia. I asked him if there was any change in the constitution. He said: "None whatever. We are just as we were before. Anybody who attends those conferences carries away just what suits him." So the meetings of the Imperial Conference are just about as useful as the meetings of the League of Nations.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: They are on a par. What would you think of a court without a sheriff, or of a sheriff without police? If we were to adopt the principles of the League of Nations, we should withdraw the police from the streets of the city of Montreal and trust to everybody's good faith. I do not believe that the world is good enough for that yet. If you want to read about the League of Nations you can go to the Library and get the work of l'Abbé Saint-Pierre. There are sixteen volumes of it. I think the honourable gentleman from Montarville has it now. The Right Hon. Charles J. Doherty told me that in the seventeenth century a man in France—

Hon. Mr. GORDON: I would suggest to my honourable friend that he could learn a great deal about the League of Nations from the honourable gentleman from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand).

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: The honourable gentleman has put me off the track. He was talking about vegetables in winter. I should like to know whether, when he was a boy, anybody brought in vegetables from the United States in the winter.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: No.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Well, there you are.

Hon. Mr. WEBSTER: What about the Right Hon. C. J. Doherty?

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: He said that this man had composed a treatise on the League of Nations. It was not l'Abbé Saint-Pierre, but another man. So the League of Nations has not even the virtue of being new. The Chinese had a League of Nations 2,800 years before Christ. There is nothing new about the League; it is very stale. But when people have nothing to do they must invent something to do.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Right Hon. C. J. Doherty told me that this man from France had projected a nice league, and he went to some cardinal of the time—in those days the cardinal was somewhat like a Prime Minister—and he said: "Your Eminence, will you kindly look at this? It is going to bring about perpetual peace." So the book was left with His Eminence, and five or six weeks afterwards this man came back, and His Eminence said: "I have gone through your book. It is perfect. I would not add a word to it nor take a word from it. But this is not for men, it is for angels." That is the League of Nations.

Now, \$20,000,000 is going to be voted to provide employment. Supposing that there are 200,000 unemployed, that amount would give them the large sum of \$100 apiece. They will not go far on that. And, mind you, that is on the supposition that the money all goes into wages. But there has to be some material to work with, and the cost of it will be probably 50 per cent of the total. So the Government, in its generosity, is giving the grand sum of \$50 a head to the unemployed. With coal and food at present prices, what will that amount to?

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: The honourable gentleman had better increase it.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: I should like to do so.

I apologize to the House for these rather disconnected remarks, and thank honourable members for their patience in listening to me.

Hon. Mr. BELAND: My honourable friend was going to suggest a remedy for the present situation. I think he has omitted that.