

Bell). There are also in the city of Hamilton the Canadian Westinghouse, possibly the largest blast furnaces in Canada, and the Steel Company of Canada who also operate a large coke and gas plant. A most up-to-date coke plant is operated by the Hamilton By-products Coke Ovens. These new coke ovens are assuredly up to date because they have been the special study of experts who have been sent by this government to study their methods of making coke and gas. Not only do they supply good coke at a reasonable price but they also supply gas for fuel.

I had the pleasure, at the first session of this parliament, of introducing to the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Elliott) a deputation from the city of Hamilton, including the mayor of the city, members of the board of control and others, and those interested in the gas and coke plant. They wished to inform the minister that if the government would do some dredging in Hamilton harbour, they would build a dock for the use of the company to get their coal in by water and that the company would allow any boats to use the dock. This dock is almost completed, and consequently the company have kept faith with the government that did the dredging. The Minister of Public Works recognized that Hamilton harbour is one that must receive attention in order that the great industries located in the city may get their supplies in by water. Consequently, after he received the delegation that I had the honour to introduce, he deemed it advisable, and properly so, to bring down in the estimates last year an appropriation to provide proper facilities for Hamilton harbour so that boats can get to the docks which have been built by large plants on the harbour front. The minister, after meeting the delegation from Hamilton representing the city and the By-products Coke Ovens, had the government lend to the Hamilton harbour commission a considerable amount of money to build a warehouse and dock. Consequently the Minister of Public Works, and the government who acted upon his advice, must recognize that the manufacturing interests in Hamilton must not be neglected.

If the 512 industries in the city of Hamilton are to pay their employees a proper wage, so that they may have not only a full dinner pail but a wage that will enable them to live properly and decently, we must have a proper tariff which will afford protection for our skilled labour and prevent it from going to the United States.

Our raw materials are going to the United States to be manufactured and on their return

[Mr. Rennie.]

a duty is paid on them. This is not right. If the raw material were kept in this country, the money paid for labour would all go into the pockets of our Canadian people. But the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Malcolm) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb) will tell us that in many cases there is a drawback. That is true, but the chief drawback is that the government allows our Canadian resources to go to the United States when they should remain in Canada and the wages go into the pockets of the Canadian people.

In the absence of the Prime Minister, I would ask the hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Elliott) if either he or the Prime Minister has ever studied what it costs to rear a family. If he has not, then even though he is a bachelor, I would urge him to make a study of the cost of bringing up a family in this country.

Mr. POULIOT: Why not ask the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett)?

Mr. RENNIE: The cost to the father and mother is enormous, and then there is the further expense for education. What happens after the boys and girls are educated and have to seek employment, whether at manual labour, school teaching, nursing, or in some profession? They find that under existing circumstances in Canada they cannot make a living here; consequently they drift to the United States. That is not right. If we had a proper tariff and proper protection for the industries of this country, our young people would be able to earn a living here and would stay at home, but as it is, they have to leave just at the time when their fathers and mothers are getting up in years and most require financial help, as well as the companionship of their own children; in their old age they are left alone. Moreover, I do not see that the government has done anything definite in the matter of granting them an old age pension.

Now I turn to the great agricultural industry, which also requires protection. The city of Hamilton lies in a great fruit-growing belt, the greatest in the province of Ontario, extending from Hamilton to Niagara Falls, a distance of fifty miles, and towards Brantford, Toronto, Guelph, Simcoe and other places. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, are the farmers in this great agricultural district making good profits from their hard work? I say no; it is all they can do to exist, and many of them are in debt. Why? Because fruits and vegetables are allowed by this government to be dumped into all the provinces of this Dominion. This is