

fits of the intermediate tariff actually we are giving it a tariff which to all intents and purposes is considerably higher than the general tariff was when the Liberal party was in office. In regard to this agreement let me repeat that as far as we are concerned one of its chief benefits is what we hope and believe it will do for the consumers of Canada. In helping the consumers we believe it is going to help all classes, and every family and household.

My hon. friend from Leeds also touched on a point that I do not think was mentioned by anyone else; just how he came to see it I do not know. My hon. friend spoke about the three escape clauses; he pointed out that there were in this agreement three clauses whereby its term could be shortened so that it might not run for the full three years. If someone from this side of the house had presented that argument with a view to having the condition remedied, there might have been something to it, but my hon. friend was arguing all the time that the agreement was a bad one, and I think in the circumstances he should have been happy that there were some clauses in it which would enable its term to be shortened if necessary.

Mr. STEWART: I was emphasizing the instability of it.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I point out to my hon. friend that as far as these escape clauses are concerned, they are there simply for the purpose of seeing that the agreement is carried out in the spirit in which it was entered into; that its main provisions are not defeated by some action, on the part of either the United States government or the Canadian government, which might follow upon failure to make the agreement itself, giving to either party the right, in the event of an injustice being done in that way, of remedying that injustice or, at all events, not suffering because of it. I think on that score my hon. friend should have said that whatever was done for the benefit of the United States on the one hand was done equally for the benefit of Canada on the other. That provision is on all fours with the rest of the terms of the agreement; it is an agreement for the mutual advantage of the two countries, not an agreement whereby one country seeks to get all the advantages on its side and to leave none of the benefits to the other country.

I need not again go over the point alluded to by the last speaker, as to what might follow were no agreement to be effected with the United States at this time. But I would repeat that there are grave results

which might follow upon a failure to make an agreement with the United States at this time. Particularly is this the case when that country is making agreements with other nations in all parts of the world, which agreements, if continued and expanded, as they will be, will give to other countries the place in the markets of the United States which Canada as an immediate neighbour should have above all other countries.

I see, Mr. Speaker, that the hour is getting late. What the country is waiting for is to see to what extent this agreement is approved by the parliament of Canada. I doubt if the remaining twenty minutes can be spent to greater advantage than in securing that result.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Mackenzie King) which was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Ahearn	Emmerson
Barry	Evans
Beaubien	Factor
Bertrand (Prescott)	Fafard
Bertrand (Laurier)	Fair
Black (Châteauguay- Huntingdon)	Farquhar
Blackmore	Ferguson
Blair	Ferland
Blais	Ferron
Blanchette	Finn
Bothwell	Fiset, Sir Eugène
Bouchard	Fleming
Boulanger	Fontaine
Bradette	Fournier (Hull)
Brunelle	Fournier
Cameron	(Maisonneuve- Rosemount)
(Hastings South)	Fraser
Cameron (Cape Breton North-Victoria)	Furniss
Campbell	Gardiner
Cardin	Gariépy
Chevrier	Gauthier
(Ottawa East)	Gladstone
Chevrier (Stormont)	Glen
Clark	Golding
(Essex South)	Goulet
Clark (York-Sunbury)	Gray
Cleaver	Hamilton
Cochrane	Hanson
Coldwell	Hartigan
Crerar	Hayhurst
Crête	Heaps
Damude	Hill
Davidson	Howard
Deachman	Howe
Denis	Hurtubise
Deslauriers	Hushion
Donnelly	Ilsley
Douglas	Isnor
Dubois	Jacobs
Duffus	Jean
Dunning	Johnston
Dupuis	(Bow River)
Dussault	Johnston
Elliott	(Lake Centre)
(Middlesex West)	King, Mackenzie
Elliott (Kindersley)	Kinley
	Kuhl