

gage and interest rates and, Protection for the home owner. That is what appeared on the bill boards as appeals to the workers of this industry.

The announcement of the proposed appointee to this position is irregular. I think it is unwise to make an announcement of an appointment to a public body, whether it is provincial, municipal or federal, before the appointment is actually made. This is a funny state of affairs. I am sure we could fill these desks three or four times with men who would be willing to act as commissioners. There are many who would be willing to go round advising and readvising the minister. The minister is so fond of getting advice himself he got a copy of Carlyle for the benefit of the unemployed in Canada and fed them on quotations from Carlyle. Now it is to be president Purvis who will advise and report to him.

Not only is this gentleman president of the company I mentioned; he is also connected with the Bank of Montreal, the Bell Telephone Company, the Canadian Investment Fund Limited, the Canadian Lastex Company Limited, the Consolidated Paper Corporation, the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, the Sun Life Insurance Company and the General Motors Corporation of New York. He is an estimable citizen and one who has done a great deal for his country, but in this instance I think he is attempting to do the impossible. I am surprised that a man of Mr. Purvis' ability would lend his name to something like this. He was born in England and he knows as much as any citizen just what are the conditions over there and in this dominion. All he will be able to do will be to advise and report, report and advise, then take something out of the report and then add something to the report. I am surprised that he would have anything to do with a bill such as this.

I have the figures showing the extent of relief assistance given in the United States. There are 24,000,000 Americans who are living on relief money, about 14,000,000 of them receiving a livelihood from the work relief program, while the other 10,000,000 are getting local relief. The Cleveland News carries an illuminating illustration; it shows a number of smoke stacks of varying sizes indicating the decrease in unemployment since March, 1933. I quote the following statement:

Figures about the decrease in unemployment since March, 1933, show that we are lagging behind Canada, Sweden, Belgium and Great Britain and that we are just a trifle ahead of Japan. These statistics come from official sources in Washington and Geneva. The United States News illustrates with smoke-

stacks of varying sizes the percentage of decrease in the number of jobless in each of the six countries. Through the courtesy of this Washington newspaper, we are permitted to reprint the pictogram, which speaks more eloquently than words or statistics.

This illustration shows that the percentage of decrease in unemployment in the United States since March, 1933, has been 19 per cent; Japan, 18 per cent; Great Britain, 24 per cent; Belgium, 27 per cent; Sweden, 36 per cent; Canada, 42 per cent. Yet, in the face of these figures, an hon. member yesterday blamed the party to which I belong for the unemployment that we have in Canada. Unemployment in this country is attributable in the first place to the government preceding the late administration, for that government took no steps to prevent dumping, nor did it make any effort whatever to preserve the home market for Canadian industry and Canadian producers or take any steps to study unemployment as I have said.

I believe in protection for the industrial worker. We have heard a good deal of criticism of the United States, but I would point out that in that country, under the United States government, under the Home Owners Corporation Act, 1,000,000 homes were saved from foreclosure. Look at what the senate of the United States accomplished in 1927 in connection with unemployment. Look at what was done over there in the investigation of Wall street and of racketeering in financial businesses in their relation to the unemployed, sweat-shops and child labour. The Senate of Canada goes on holidays and does nothing in connection with this matter. Why should it not have done something comparable with what was accomplished in the United States ten years ago? Our senate could have brought down a report the size of a bound volume of Hansard, but instead of that it quibbles about dotting an "i" here or crossing a "t" there.

Bill No. 19 refers to conservation but there is not one word about conservation in it. In my opinion the municipalities are being made the goat in this bill, and home owners are unable to retain their homes. England leads the world in unemployment insurance pensions, and we find Italy helping the municipal institutions in that country with a program which will extend over the next forty-five years. In particular I would urge action designed to eliminate the suffering resultant from bringing into Canada immigrants who are inadequately informed concerning the conditions they are called upon to face here, and who are the victims of self-seeking immigration agents. No one should be left to go cold or hungry in this country; those who