

Hon. Mr. HAYDON: A few years ago the United States established a Commission to inquire into the immigration situation. That Commission produced a report stating that 40 per cent of those who came to the shores of the United States did not stay in that country, but went elsewhere. If that was true there, how does my honourable friend say that the theory he supports is applicable to a comparable situation in Canada?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: What that means, I suppose, is that owing to a peculiar situation in the United States 40 per cent of the immigrants to that country do not remain. The honourable gentleman asks, "Why should not a similar condition prevail in Canada?" My answer is that all our emigrants take the same road. Does the honourable gentleman understand?

Hon. Mr. HAYDON: No.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: Just a moment. If immigrants that come into the United States go out again, they leave by many different roads; certainly they do not all go to Mexico, and I am sure they do not all come to Canada. A poor man who comes from Europe—an Italian, for instance—lives in the United States for a time and when he has made some money he goes back home to spend the rest of his life there without having to work. The situation in Canada is not comparable. Every man who leaves this country takes the same road; he is attracted in the same direction, and is urged by the same reason. What is the use of denying it?

Hon. Mr. HAYDON: Why do they not stay in the country that has made them rich with its protective tariff?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: The point I am trying to make is this. While we have always suffered by reason of the tremendous attraction exerted by the United States, never has that attraction been such a scourge to this country as it has been under the present administration. The people are going out of this country in the same ratio as the tariff protecting industry is reduced. And will any man of business, any man who knows the industrial or financial life of the States and Canada, deny that it is true that our Canadians go to look for work in the United States? Does any sensible man think that a Canadian would leave this country and seek work elsewhere if he could find it at home? Why should he abandon his own home, his own family, his own friends, and finally his own country, and set out for a country in

which he is a stranger, without family and friends, and must perforce strike out anew in life?

I shall come in a moment to the honourable gentleman from Lanark (Hon. Mr. Haydon). I intend to discuss a little a subject which I think is his specialty.

There is no doubt a great wave of prosperity in this country, but we are still bleeding to the extent of losing 75,000 Canadians annually—75,000 who were born in this country, not Englishmen, or Scotchmen, or people from any other country who have migrated here. When people who have come to our country leave for other parts later, they are listed as emigrants from their country of origin. But 75,000 native-born Canadians went to the United States last year.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: How many have returned during the year?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: I was coming to that. Whenever we say that our country is losing much of its best blood to the United States my honourable friends across the House invariably point to the number of Canadians who are returning from the United States. In 1924 we in this House had to compare statistics from the United States Bureau of Statistics with those of our own country, and we found, unfortunately, that very many Canadians who passed through the turnstile into the United States left no mark as they went by. They had gone south, but there was no trace of them in the statistics prepared at Washington. To-day Canadians have a reason for refraining from announcing their departure for the United States, in the fact that they may thus be able to avoid the head tax that is required of them when they cross the frontier. Why should statistics from the United States be truer to-day than they were in 1924? They are not. At the bottom of the page of the Washington statistics with regard to immigration from Canada there is a note which says that the figures therein stated must be increased by at least 25 per cent, to take care of the number who crossed the border without being detected.

Is it not possible for the Government to recognize that if we are to deal like business men and patriotic citizens with the entire question of population, not only with emigration and immigration, there is one thing we must do: we must make this a land in which our own children will stay. How can you reasonably expect that strangers, who are not attached to the land, will stay here when our own children are obliged to go? Is it reasonable?