

the budget last year everyone got the impression that the government was being attacked because it had singled out this particular industry for its tariff reductions. Now the leader of the opposition says, no, he never even thought we were doing an injury to the agricultural implement industry. I hope his words will go broadcast throughout the country. I hope that from one end of Canada to the other the agricultural implement workers and the heads of implement factories will understand that my right hon. friend and I are at least agreed on one fact, namely, that no injury has been done to any agricultural implement industry as a consequence of the budget introduced last year. But may I draw my right hon. friend's attention to this fact, that while we have not, as I think he has rightly said, done any injury to the agricultural implement industry, we have as a matter of fact reason to believe that we have helped that industry in some particulars. The statistics for the nine months ending December give the total importations of farm implements into Canada and the total exportations of a like class, and these statistics show that while we imported into Canada during the nine months ended December 1924, farm implements and machinery to the value of \$5,208,041, the agricultural implement industry exported during the same period implements of a total value of \$8,203,711. That is, \$3,000,000 worth of farm implements more were exported from Canada than were imported into this country during the last nine months of last year, practically the period covered by the time which elapsed after the budget announcements were made public.

My right hon. friend said in a speech from which I quoted a moment ago that the government, while it had made changes in the budget, had not reduced the price of agricultural implements in any particular. The price of agricultural implements has been very substantially reduced. I have in my hand a statement issued by the Massey-Harris Company and given to the public on December 11. It appeared in most of our papers:

It is customary at this season for the Massey-Harris Company to determine the price of its farm implements for the coming year, and, in the general consideration of the subject at this particular juncture, the approach has been made with the aim, if at all possible, to establish even lower prices than those which prevailed during the past season, believing that it is in the best interests of both farmer and manufacturer to bring about a closer adjustment between the prices of the things which the farmer has to purchase and the prices which he receives for his product.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Having these views uppermost in mind, we have decided to reduce the price of practically all of our implements, although we cannot feel that actual costs justify such a reduction in view of present manufacturing prospects. Many examples of price reductions could be enumerated, but the following will approximately indicate what has been done in the way of reduced prices: Binder reduced by \$10, mower by \$4.50, rake by \$2, hay loader by \$5, gasoline engine by \$15.50, wagon by \$5, and gang plough by \$5.

The report winds up by stating:

On the whole, it looks as though a decided change for the better has come to agriculture, and that our farmers, east and west, can, with reasonable hope, look forward with greater confidence for prosperity in the outcome of their labours than they have been able to do for several years past.

Another important company manufacturing agricultural implements in Canada is the International Harvester Company. I have been able to obtain from that company a statement of the reductions they have made in their price lists. With the permission of the House, I will insert this table in Hansard, it is based on the price list schedules of the company itself. The statement is as follows:

Agricultural Implements—International Harvester Company—Price Reductions	Jan. 1	Dec. 1	Reduction.
	1924.	1924.	
Binders, 6 ft. with sheaf carrier and tongue truck..	\$289.00	\$265.50	\$23.50
Mower, heavy, 6 ft.	112.00	103.00	9.00
Rake, self-dump, 10 ft. . . .	64.00	59.00	5.00
Drill, 14 disc, 3-horse attachment.. . . .	210.00	184.00	26.00
Disc Harrow, out-throw, 12-disc.. . . .	75.00	69.50	5.50
Spring Tooth Harrow, 16-Tooth.. . . .	21.50	20.00	1.50
Field Cultivators, 6 ft., 12-tooth, 3-horse.. . . .	103.00	93.50	9.50
Manure Spreaders			
Large 3-horse hitch	253.00		
Medium & No. 5, 3-horse		204.00	49.00
Ploughs			
Walking, 14-in.	36.00	32.50	3.50
Sulky, 14-in.	91.00	88.00	3.00
Farm Wagon (McCormick-Deering) 3" x 3" tire.. . .	204.00	185.50	18.50

I have also a copy of an article which appeared in the newspaper of which the hon. member for North Waterloo (Mr. Euler) is editor, the Kitchener News-Record, and which gives the impressions of President C. W. Snider of the Waterloo Manufacturing Company with respect to the effect of the tariff changes on the important agricultural industry which he directs. In the issue of November 26, 1924, of that paper, the president of the Waterloo Manufacturing company in an interview says:

The tariff changes haven't hurt us at all, said Cranson W. Snider, President of the Waterloo Manufacturing Company, in discussing the effect which the changes in the tariff rates made by the Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, in the last federal budget brought down last spring, had on the local business. The duty on harvesting machinery was reduced from 15 per cent to 10 per cent in the last budget, but