

Canadian trade with the United States during the twelve months ended August 31, 1930, was:

Imports	\$737,192,834
Total exports	478,876,385

The unfavourable balance of visible trade was \$258,316,449, but the invisible trade was \$275,000,000, therefore the favourable trade balance of Canadian trade with the United States, visible and invisible, was \$17,000,000, during the last twelve months of the Mackenzie King government. Those figures are most important, although they were overlooked by our hon. friends on the other side when they were speaking all the time of the unfavourable balance of trade with the United States. They could not see it because it was invisible, but it was there just the same, and it was in the pockets of the Canadian people.

I shall not take up the time of the house further, as its time is very precious. I have put these figures on record in order that they may be available to those who want to study the true picture of our trade, as given by the government themselves and by their departments. It is astounding to note the great, the terrific decrease in Canadian trade since our friends opposite have been in office. I would not have spoken of it if they had not put the blame on the Liberal party, but as they did so an answer was called for. Now they have the figures and they should look at them because they originate with them. Perhaps they did not glance at them, but it is most important for them to know the real facts. It is absurd to make any comparison between this year or last year or the year 1932, because at that time the blasting had been done, our trade had been already destroyed; it is most unfair of the government to compare themselves with themselves. They should compare their record with that of the administration of this party. They blame us for the loss of our trade but they dare not go back and compare themselves with us. It is most unfair, it is unbelievable. President Roosevelt in the United States compares his administration with that of the last year of President Hoover's regime. That is fair. Why not make a similar comparison here? It is because the propaganda which was used during the last campaign, that things were bad then, cannot be used any more. Then the present Prime Minister and his satellites said everywhere, "Things are going bad, the country is going to the dogs." I heard myself some young men of McGill university, following the radio broadcasts, discussing whether our country was going to the dogs. We have lost since then and in four years, \$3,000,000 a day

in trade, the enormous and incredible sum of \$4,000,000,000; each year since this government came into power we have lost \$1,000,000,000 and now they try to blame us for that. The people will not take the supporters of this government seriously.

Before closing may I tell my friend the hon. member for Shelburne-Yarmouth (Mr. Ralston) how much I was interested in hearing his speech. It was very complete. If I have taken the liberty of giving some figures to the house it was not in the least to add anything to his observations, which were to the point and gave a true picture of conditions in this country, but I just wanted to put some official figures on record, in view of the distortion of facts which has come from the other side of the house.

Mr. SAMUEL GOBEIL (Compton): At the outset of my remarks may I extend to the hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) my congratulations upon the very able manner in which he presented the budget for this fiscal year. It is not a political budget, not a budget to mislead the people of this country but the budget of a business man setting forth the facts as they are, and one which the future will justify.

Until I heard the speeches of hon. gentlemen opposite, especially that of the hon. member for Shelburne-Yarmouth (Mr. Ralston) and the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Gershaw) I was undecided whether or not I should participate in this debate. But as they have repeated the assertion that this government and the Conservative party have strangled the external trade of our country and, as they are constantly doing, have claimed that this party is a party of high tariffs, and as I come from a constituency bordering on the United States I felt that I could not let this occasion pass without stating once more the actual facts in regard to the tariff. Before going into that, however, I should like to say a few words concerning the speech made by the hon. member for Medicine Hat. At the beginning of his speech he said:

I am of the opinion that the people of this country want a general election at the earliest possible moment.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. GOBEIL: I hear some hon. gentlemen saying "Hear, hear."

Mr. GERSHAW: That is right.

Mr. GOBEIL: Are hon. gentlemen opposite as anxious as they seem to be for a general election? Have they confidence in the judgment of the electors? I hear nobody saying, "Hear, hear." I can only conclude that they