

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I will.

Mr. FRASER (Northumberland, Ont.): Would the hon. gentleman permit a question? I should like to preface it by making a statement—

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Well, no; I don't think so. It is five minutes to six now.

Mr. FRASER (Northumberland, Ont.): It will only take one minute.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Do not make the statement; just ask the question.

Mr. FRASER (Northumberland, Ont.): The aircraft industry feel that the whole industry was included in the statement of the hon. gentleman the other day in regard to bogging down, and I do not think he intended that. I believe he intended to refer only to Federal.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): What is that? I was referring only to Federal.

Mr. FRASER (Northumberland, Ont.): Did my hon. friend mean last Thursday that the whole aircraft industry of Canada had bogged down, or was he just referring to Federal? I think in fairness to himself and to the industry that might be cleared up.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Of course if the hon. gentleman had read my statement it would be quite clear to him I was only referring to Federal. I am glad to answer that question. I had no reference at all to the aircraft industry as a whole.

Mr. FRASER (Northumberland, Ont.): Thank you very much.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): As a matter of fact I happen to know that for years before there was any action by this government the aircraft industry was trying to get the government interested in aircraft production in Canada, and in Avro-Ansons, without success. They were clamouring to get into the business.

Mr. HOWE: Never Avro-Ansons.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The minister took a view to which I am not unsympathetic. I am trying to express what I think was in his mind, and what to a cautious man like myself would be quite reasonable: Should we foster the building up of an aircraft industry in Canada in peace time? That is one of the first questions the minister would have to ask himself. I have often wondered whether, if Canada were starting over again, it would foster the manufacturing of motor cars in Canada. I have often asked myself that question, though I know that in certain quarters it is not popular even to ask it. I will say this, that we fostered this industry at great cost to the consuming public of Canada.

Mr. MARTIN: And with great advantage.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): We did not start General Motors in Canada. Both parties are responsible for the fostering of the motor car industry in this country.

Mr. MARTIN: Thank God we have it to-day.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Yes, I think that is the justification; but if we were starting over again in peace time would we commit ourselves to the expenditure we have had to make to build up the motor car industry in Canada? While I am on this point let me say that I agree with the hon. member's statement; thank God we have it to-day, because this is the one industry in Canada that has functioned.

Mr. HOWE: What does my hon. friend mean by "the one industry"?

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I am singling it out as the one big industry that has produced great results.

Mr. HOWE: There are many others.

Mr. MACDONALD (Kingston City): Shipbuilding.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I do not think the shipbuilding programme is at all comparable to the motor car production. The government itself is operating \$14,000,000 worth of motor cars of all kinds in Canada to-day. It has been the biggest buyer of motor cars in the history of the country; and to-day it has so many cars on hand that it does not know what to do with them. If you go up to London I am told you can see a whole field full of new motor car units.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford City): They are in and out every day.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): They are lying in a field, never used.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford City): They are being moved in and out all the time.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Will the hon. gentleman just keep his peace? He can make his statement later on.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford City): I live a little closer to London than my hon. friend does.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): This is just an aside, in any event. I am going on with this statement, signed by these companies, to which I have referred. Then I understand that the matter came to the attention of the chairman of the war-time requirements board, and that he brought in a man from Detroit. There may be some difference