

about a revenue tariff when you mean a tariff on goods made in Canada. Do not camouflage your colours by talking of a Laurier tariff or a Fielding tariff, or a tariff for the home or any of that meaningless humbug. Protection is protection, no matter what you call it; it is a tariff on Canadian-made goods; it does not matter what you call it. Do not flinch the issue; do not confuse the issue. Let its friends give battle to its foes. Let us have a clean, clear fight and a definite verdict and let this Dominion get on its way once more.

This country needs, yes this country must, if she is going to carry on, take to herself for her own good all the advantages she possesses. She must assert fearlessly in her law and her administration, not in any spirit of retaliation but in a spirit of self-reliance, her faith in her own resources, her unalterable determination to get for her people the full finished harvest of those resources. In tariff, in internal organization, in diplomacy, this great purpose has become more and more the guiding star of policy in other countries of the world; especially has it become more and more the fixed policy of the United States, and will be for years to come, as every one of us knows with only temporary variations. And even if every other country abandoned this course—an impossible presumption—even if they did and the United States alone persisted, this Dominion would still have to pursue it and pursue it unswervingly if we are going to sustain the contest. We must keep work in Canada if we want to keep workers in Canada.

To this great end we need every day of every year to encourage our people, east, west and centre, by our own speeches, through the press, by our conduct in parliament, to think in terms of the whole Dominion and to understand that only when they are doing so are they in reality thinking out what is best for themselves. The tariff above everything else is a matter for the nation, it is a question of national policy. The habit of thinking in sections on this subject and carelessly assuming that the loss of one is the gain of another—that habit is pernicious and disintegrating. The loss of one is the loss of all.

Mr. MORRISON: Has the right hon. member spoken that way in Montreal?

Mr. MEIGHEN: In Montreal, in Toronto and wherever else I have spoken.

Mr. MORRISON: We have not heard the hon. member speak that way in the West.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The hon. gentleman does not attend my speeches there very much. This question broadly understood is not a question of adjusting a balance as between Saskatchewan and Ontario, or between Manitoba and Quebec. It is not a question of Montreal as against Saltcoats, of Toronto as against Pipestone, of Halifax as against Miramichi. It is a question of Montreal as against New York, of Sydney as against Pittsburg, of Hamilton and Toronto and Kitchener as against Buffalo, and Chicago and Detroit, of British Columbia as against the Pacific States, it is a question above all of Canada as against her rivals.

The call of this hour, an imperative, appealing call is for Canadians to think together and never to forget that Canada is one.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I desire to join with all who have spoken on this side of the House, as with most of those who have spoken on the other side, in expressing the regret which I think we all feel at the circumstances which have prevented our venerable Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) from being present at this session to discharge a duty to which he had looked forward with keen expectancy. Had Mr. Fielding been able to present the budget to the House it would have been his seventeenth budget. Although the right hon. the Minister of Finance has not been able to attend parliament this session, he has been following with the keenest and closest interest, the discussions which have been taking place. On each occasion on which I have had the opportunity and the privilege of seeing him—and that has been frequently—since his return from the South, the Minister of Finance has expressed to me the wish, should any of his colleagues desire it, that he should be permitted to come here on the evening of the division, notwithstanding the advice of his physicians, in order to show to the House and the country that he stands four-square by the side of the Acting Minister of Finance in the budget which has been brought down. In his absence, I wish to make it clear to the House that such is the desire and the wish of the Minister of Finance.

May I congratulate the Acting Minister of Finance (Mr. Robb) not only on the budget he has brought down but also on his having brought it down at the early stage of the session at which it was introduced.

Despite the remarks of my right hon. friend (Mr. Meighen) and some of his supporters. I think the acting minister should feel deeply gratified at having brought down a