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Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend's supporters must be anxious to witness his untimely end.

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And at Sarnia, according to the Mail and Empire of July 17, he said:

Someone is responsible for unemployment; not individuals, but governments. Governments by their majorities in parliament are responsible for enacting all legislation.

Then at Orillia, on July 18, according to the Ottawa Morning Journal of July 19:

"His policy," Mr. Bennett said, "was to give Canadians a fair chance, equal opportunity and fair competition" and at the first session of parliament, if elected to office, laws would be enacted to produce this condition or he would perish in the attempt.

Then at Perth, on July 16, according to the Ottawa Morning Journal of July 17:

At the first session of parliament, if elected to power, Mr. Bennett said he would have laws enacted that would give Canadians fair competition, an equal opportunity for development with the nations of the world.

And finally, on July 22, speaking at Toronto in connection with unemployment:

Toronto Mail and Empire, July 23.

He, (Mr. Bennett), pledged himself anew to the enactment of tariff laws at the first session of the new parliament to "give Canadians in Canada a chance in their own markets." "I say to you business men and clerks, women, housewives, and office girls, after July 28, at the first session of the new government we will pass a tariff law that will give Canadians a fair chance with their neighbours, that, or we perish in the attempt. There is no evasion, that is our promise."

I hope my hon. friend, having made that appeal during the course of the campaign to the clerks, women, the housewives and the office girls, will tell us whether the unemployment relief which he is going to give on such a splendid scale will extend to housewives, to office girls and to clerks. Is he simply going to look after those who are engaged in one particular kind of work, namely, manual labour, or is he going to look after everyone? I should like him, when he comes to speak, to say whether in ending unemployment he is restricting his efforts to one particular class or whether he includes all classes in the country, as the country expected he would.

Now may I quote what my hon. friend said by way of emphasizing all that he said he would do? He laid a great deal of stress, during the course of his many speeches, upon the sacredness of promises. Let me quote what he said in that connection. At North Vancouver on June 18, he said:

Vancouver Province, June 18:

After I am Prime Minister on July 28, I will see that my promises are carried out or the government will go out of power trying to do so.

Speaking at Calgary, according to the Calgary Herald of June 13, my hon. friend said:

I am not a genius...

I am surprised at that.

... I am a man just as you men who are here, one of your fellow-citizens. I have responsibilities as every man in this position has, and I must not lightly make statements that I am not prepared to the last syllable to carry into effect, and I will not.

As I have said, Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend not only made his general statement, but he found it helpful to his political objective to particularize and specialize as he went about from place to place. Hon. members of the house should be given some of the statements which he made in that connection. I cannot begin to go over the complete list. They make special appeals to particular classes throughout the country, and I am sure that those to whom these appeals were made will be glad to have them placed on record in the debates of this parliament so that the pledges may be here recorded for us to see redeemed as time goes along.

In his first pledge, referring to protection, my hon. friend made a pledge for protection for Canadians generally, the development of natural resources, the development of our agricultural life and our industrial life, and the protection of consumers from exploitation. Let us see what he said about protection. At St. Thomas on July 21, he said, as reported in the Ottawa Morning Journal of July 22:

"I have said it in the west and I have said it in the east," the Conservative leader declared. "If I am elected to office I will carry out this undertaking at the first session of parliament of perish in the attempt." Again, the audience burst into applause. "There is no good hand-clapping and cheering," Mr. Bennett said. "There is no use 'playing' with this matter."

Perhaps I might address those words to his supporters in this house. The report continues:

"Does it mean you will deal with the tariff at the special session?" a voice asked. "That is what I said," the opposition leader replied.

Fair competition for Canadian farmers, labour, industry and what was very important,