

My question is, Who compelled Canada to give those concessions? Have we been in the hands of a dictatorship? Canada demands that the Minister of Agriculture rise in his place and defend his position, tell us who compelled us. Empire democracy is not built on force or dictatorship.

Nor do I see the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Michaud) in his seat. In the days of my youth someone asked me to make a noise like a fish. I asked him what he meant, and he said, in order to make a noise like a fish you do not make a noise at all. The Minister of Fisheries does not make any noise at all. Let him rise in his place and defend this agreement from the viewpoint of the maritime provinces. Perhaps he and the Minister of National Revenue should go into a huddle and decide how they are going to vote on the apple concession. The Minister of National Revenue, if he holds to the convictions of his youth, will vote against this agreement, as he was brave enough to vote on another occasion a few years ago. Do the coal miners of the maritime provinces give thanks for the removal of the three per cent excise tax on coal? Will the port authorities of Saint John and Halifax give support when they find millions of bushels of wheat which should be flowing through Canadian ports going through ports of the United States and making work for citizens of that country instead of Canadians? Will those engaged in secondary industry thank the Minister of National Revenue when they find themselves compelled to become importers rather than manufacturers employing men and women in this country? Will they thank the Minister of National Revenue and this government for turning them from one class of trade to another? No one can turn around as quickly as the manufacturer; if they will not let us manufacture we can import; but on behalf of those men and women who work in secondary industry, I ask this government to let us manufacture and produce in Canada; do not make us traders, do not make us importers. We shall become importers if we are forced to do so in order to save ourselves; but in saving ourselves we do not save the job for the work-people of Canada, and they are the people who need saving at this time.

Mr. DANIEL McIVOR (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, I am not going to make an oration, but I have something to say, which I shall say in a few well chosen words. First, permit me to congratulate the hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Manion) on the honour that has been done him by the party which has called him to its leadership. I have known him for some time. The first reports

[Mr. Harris.]

I got on Doctor Manion in Fort William related to him as an athlete, and I should like to say that any man who has proved himself a clean athlete will make a worthy opponent for anyone to stack up against. I notice that he played the game of hockey and did considerable sprinting on the track, and swimming, but chiefly did he shine in the game of lacrosse. I would suggest to the government, in connection with the arrangements for the entertainment of the king and queen on their visit to Canada, that the leader of the opposition get a place on the lacrosse team. I also should like to have some consideration there, to get into training for a couple of months and back him up.

Because of the love of the leader of the opposition for athletics, I should like to refer to something reported in the *Times-Journal* of Fort William. I do this to show the hopefulness of the youth of Fort William. There was a dog called Prince that got into trouble, and the boy who owned that dog went to the pound-keeper, who was a kind man to both dog and boy. This dog was let out; the boy trained him and entered him in the dog derby in Westport for a three mile race, and he came off with a 'cup. This dog derby was run off as all sports should be run; there was no bet or any sweepstake in connection with the race. This shows what a boy can do, and if that lad's father can help him to become a winner he may some day sit in this house and give leadership to others.

I should like to thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) personally for advising that the leader of the opposition should not be opposed in the recent by-election. This is a courtesy which should be extended regularly, and if I dared make a suggestion I would say this: When a member of parliament has been called to the great beyond, it always hurts my feelings that there should be a by-election. I would far rather see some member of his household, if any were available, take his place. I do not think the government, the opposition or any other party would lose anything under that arrangement.

I am not forgetting the mover (Mr. Matthews) and the seconder (Mr. Chevrier) of the address; I congratulate them on their efforts. When a man is capable of doing what I am not able to do, I can congratulate and thank him. It happens that I was guilty of making a short speech in the town of Souris in the constituency of Brandon. I always like to return to a place where I am known to make a speech, because the people know whether or not I am practising what I preach.