

advantage of some other occasion to give expression to some of the thoughts and ideas that I have in my notes.

I propose to vote for the amendment proposed by my leader, because I am convinced that it exactly expresses the sentiments of the great majority of the people of Canada to-day.

Mr. MALCOLM McLEAN (Melfort): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the hon. member for Leeds (Mr. Stewart) will not expect me to follow his remarks during the past forty minutes. I should like, however, to congratulate him on having at last got away from the mental attitude of his party in 1911 when they raised the cry of "No truck or trade with the Yankees."

Mr. STEWART: I never raised that cry. We never raised it.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): The hon. gentleman's party did so; to deny it is to fly into the face of history. The record is clear.

Mr. STEWART: Give it to us.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): I absolve my hon. friend, because I do not see how he, living so close to the boundary, and with the intelligence and kindness of disposition that he possesses, could have endorsed that cry.

Mr. STEWART: I never did.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): I accept the hon. gentleman's word, and I am glad that his party as well as himself appear to be getting away from that mental attitude, and to approve trade with the United States, under some conditions at least. But it is remarkable that the trade agreement which has done so much to help trade in this country during the past three years was so nearly ready for signing long before November, 1935, but yet had to wait until a new government, motivated by a new spirit, came into power, before being concluded, and was then signed within a few days. A good part of the trade which we are enjoying to-day arises out of that treaty signed three years ago.

The only other point in my hon. friend's speech that I propose to touch upon is the relief camps. I would say that the people of Canada were abundantly pleased that the relief camps were abolished. Contrast the situation where thousands of young men were cooped up in unwholesome and unhealthy surroundings at a cost to the government of \$40 a month, with the plan of this government under which men go out to farms or other employment in wholesome and healthy surroundings and are doing some work at least to give them an appetite for their food.

[Mr. Stewart.]

Mr. PERLEY: On the highways.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): There is no need to go on the highways for lack of work under the scheme proposed by this government. On these farms men have an opportunity to earn their own living and get, in addition, \$7.50 a month from the government of the province concerned and the government of Canada, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing something useful, and of living in wholesome surroundings. Who wants to go back to the twenty cents a day scheme, leading to conditions that brought about the riots, about which no one wants to think or speak, and which resulted in bloodshed in the capital city of Saskatchewan.

Mr. STEWART: That was not a camp.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): But the men were stirred to desperation by conditions in the camps. We cannot tie up large numbers of men in camps—

Mr. STEWART: They were not tied; they were free to come and go.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): They came, but apparently they were not free to go.

Mr. STEWART: Yes, they were free to go.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): When you keep men in camps like that without any useful work, they are bound to be discontented, and the same situation will always result. They lost their liberty and sense of opportunity and responsibility.

Mr. SPENCE: They were fed and cared for; that is more than the present government have done.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): That is all I intend to say about the address of my hon. friend.

An hon. MEMBER: It is more than enough.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): Why should I waste time in threshing old straw? Before passing on, I should like to offer my sincere congratulations to the hon. member for London (Mr. Manion) the leader of the opposition. I wish him sincerely all the success that is good for him.

Mr. MANION: How much will the hon. member give me?

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): I do not know how much that will be; I cannot measure my hon. friend so as to put limits on it, but I know he will take it from me as sincerely as I offer it. On behalf of my con-