

it tends to encourage another would-be poet to put a few more lines in one of our daily papers under the caption of "Business Sense." I quote:

The dollar bill you send down south  
Or over to the States,  
To get some finery you could buy  
Within your own town's gates,  
Is not as likely to come back  
And meet your sweet caresses,  
As if you kept it in your burg  
By buying local dresses.

I dedicate this last line to the ladies.

I've heard of men who, wanting shoes,  
Just "beat it" to Seattle,  
And spend a lot of B. C. dough  
Changed into discs that rattle;  
Then mighty gay in new shod feet  
They hike back here with laughter  
And shout, "Seattle's got you beat,  
You're only trailing after."

My friends, so long as you support  
The States and southern cities,  
Yet earn your grub in this old town  
While singing hard luck ditties;  
How do you think our tradesmen can  
Pay taxes, rent and labor,  
And help the many unemployed?  
"They need your business, neighbour!"

In conclusion let me say that the best thing we can have forthwith is a Dominion election; and, when that Dominion election is over, the party that attains power, whichever it may be, should at once take steps to stabilize the tariff! Somebody says it will be the Progressives. Well, I think if they were on the treasury benches they, too, would find it necessary in the interests of Canada to stabilize the tariff; at least we will hope their attitude would be such as to inspire a little more confidence in governmental institutions than is the case to-day.

I have heard hon. members talk about changing our constitution, and so on. Well, one change in the constitution that I would welcome would be a reduction of the membership of this House by one half as soon as possible.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. HARRIS: I am glad some hon. members approve of that. A reduction in the indemnity has also been suggested. On this point let me say just a word, to clear my own skirts, as it were. You can take my indemnity right away if you like. I happen to have a position that keeps me going and I would be glad to serve the people of Canada free of indemnity. But on behalf of some of the hon. members who have no other particular vocation I would say, leave the indemnity where it is and give them twice as much to do. Give them a hundred thousand people to look after, which is the number I am

looking after right now in my riding, and reduce the membership of this House by one half and the cost by one-half.

I would suggest also that in revising the rules of the House it should be provided that each hon. member be allowed about twenty pages in Hansard and that every page he uses after the twenty he be obliged to pay for out of his indemnity.

I have started at headquarters to reduce the public expenditure. Let us start next with what some people refer to as a white elephant, the Canadian National Railways—I will not call it that—let us there reduce a few expenditures. In the first place, curtail the expenditure on radio, and eliminate such expenditures as we had within the last year and a half of a quarter of a million dollars on golf courses. As I said before, withdraw our soliciting trade agents from Europe, and if work has to be done on behalf of the Canadian National Railways let it be done by our trade commissioners who are already there; let us not have two organizations throughout Europe. Do everything possible to increase our traffic east and west. Do everything possible to increase the traffic in merchandise and in products that will bear heavy freight charges, and eliminate as much as possible the shipping out of this country of our raw material.

Preserve the Canadian market for Canadian farm products.

Develop Canadian resources and manufacture them into finished products if at all possible; and conserve our hydro-electric power resources for the use of our industries.

Establish preference wherever possible, provided it does not interfere with Canadian workmen.

When it comes to appointing the tariff commission, let me humbly suggest that it be composed of three men, one who has the interests of agriculture at heart, one who has the interests of labour at heart, and one who has the interests of the manufacturing and commercial institutions at heart. Let this body of three get together and work out something for the good of the Canadian people. In other words, take the plank out of the Conservative platform, holus-bolus; do not put little frills here and there, as the government are doing to-day, and attempt to make the people believe that what they are giving them is a little different from what the Conservative party advocates.

With the adoption of a policy of this kind, Mr. Speaker, I feel satisfied that the Canadian people will realize even more than ever that Canada is really worth while.