

the hon. gentleman mean to say that we should not, or could not, have them in this country? That is my point. There is this significant difference between the two countries and it is a question that is confronting people in this country at the present time. Why should we not have these officials? Why should we not widen the powers of the Exchequer Court of Canada and impose upon it the duty of enforcing this high cost of living legislation? The Attorney General and the Solicitor General of Canada should have their attorneys all over the country and they should have money at their disposal, because that is the only way in which they can get results such as they are getting in the United States.

I hope we will get results in Canada, but how are we to get them when there is no real enforcement of our laws? Even if the Board of Commerce which we have in Canada has evidence of some one violating the law it cannot inflict punishment. You get a summary enforcement of the law in the United States that you cannot get here because we look to the Attorneys General of the provinces for the enforcement of the laws of this Parliament. I am not criticising the Government so much for what they have done so far as I am criticising them for not seeing that if you are living under a federal constitution here similar to that which they have in the United States, to obtain results you must have a federal organization, you must have federal courts, you must have federal prosecuting attorneys, the Attorney General of the country must be at the head of the organization, and in this respect you must follow the example of the United States.

The hon. member for Antigonish and Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair), who spoke the other day pointed out these things. He did not say, when he gave his testimony, that although he had sat in this House for years and heard me make the same argument I am making here to-day he had done anything to assist me. He had never come to my assistance but public opinion is changing in these matters. I would like hon. gentlemen to recall the speech made by the hon. member for Antigonish and Guysborough the other day when he dealt with this question. He pointed out all these facts and he said if they were pulling down the high cost of living it was not because the state courts were doing anything, it was not because the private individual was doing anything, but it was because the United States, headed by the President and represented by the Attorney General and

assisted by the attorneys in the federal courts, were getting these results. They are getting them in the United States. The packers and all the profiteers of all kinds in the United States are rushing to their hiding places. For the first time great results in dealing with the high cost of living are being obtained in the United States. Prices are coming down. Have you seen how prices are coming down in the United States? Have you noticed the reduction in the prices of meat? That has all been obtained by the Attorney General of the United States going after the great packing firms. The trial of these great packing firms has begun in New York, the Attorney General of the United States has gone there to take charge of it, he has picked out the ablest prosecuting lawyer in the United States to assist him in it and has turned the case over to him. You can see wherever you go now that prices are tumbling in the United States. The prices of flour, beef, cold storage products and a great many things are all coming down. The law there is largely enforced in a summary way. These courts can get quick results; fines are imposed and men are being fined all over the United States for the enormous profits they are trying to take out of the people.

Take the packers. Notice has been served upon them that in all probability if they do not reduce their prices they will be wound up. They are being threatened with being wound up, and the result is that all these prices that are coming down there are coming down as a result of federal action. Now we have not got any such law in this country. As I said before we have made a beginning and we have a Board of Commerce, but there are only two or three members on it. To deal with the high cost of living in Canada to-day the Board of Commerce ought to consist of twelve or fifteen members. They ought to have, as I believe they do have, the power to appoint additional commissioners. But we are not doing that, and we are not getting a reduction in the high cost of living like they are in the United States. If we see a fall in prices in Canada, and there is a sympathetic fall coming in Canada now as a result of action in the United States—if that sympathetic fall is coming to the people of our country it is because of the action of the United States in making these issues federal issues and employing the resources, the officials, and the courts of the United States for that purpose.