

An hon. MEMBER: Hear, hear. You struck it that time all right.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: I wonder whether it was the member for Provencher who made that observation?

Miss MACPHAIL: No, it was the Minister of Immigration and Colonization.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: There are many people to-day who think that Canada should be divided politically into two parts, western and eastern Canada. I am not an advocate of a suicidal policy of that sort. I think that all we need is one government in Ottawa. I have one suggestion, however, that may be interesting if not practical. If we are to have a low tariff versus a high tariff form of government, let us first weed out all the protectionists on the Liberal side and send them over here, and all the low tariff men in the Tory ranks and send them over there. In a word, let us unite all the low tariff men in this house, and whether we be in a majority or in a minority let us then proceed honestly to do the work for which our electors sent us here.

And what of the changes in the budget? After the budget is brought down it is quite usual to hear in the lobbies and elsewhere many preliminary skirmishes as to its merits or demerits. Naturally I was interested in getting the opinion of others. One man in answer to my query had this to say about the budget: "Is there one tariff change in the Robb budget that means a job capable of employing a Canadian boy in Canada or bringing an exiled Canadian back from the United States?" "And what about the income tax?" was my further query. "A very considerable number of Canada's former income tax payers," he said, "are now in the United States working for their living. Had the policy been adhered to of protecting our home markets in the interests of both agricultural and manufacturing producers, Canada would probably have had a million more people than she has to-day and her wealth production would have been enormously increased. United States is the most highly protected country in the world. Why should we not protect Canada also? Why, if I had my business down there I would be able to make three times as much as I make here." Of course I realize that distant pastures always look green and I am not prepared to argue this matter. I have pondered his words, however, and I am still wondering whether his case is not analogous to that of the Irishman who thought if he could take the lakes

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of Killarney with him to purgatory he would be able to sell them down there at a shilling a drop.

An hon. MEMBER: What about the Jew?

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: The Jew? Well, I do not think he believes in purgatory.

I have heard it stated many times in this house and I have heard it stated during this budget debate that the government has been responsible for the exodus of many young Canadian men and women into the United States. I have no reason for agreeing with the government, but on this occasion I would venture to state that the government is not wholly to blame for this wholesale emigration. I believe there are certain subtle and insidious influences entering into this matter which are beyond the control of any government. Some one in this house has said that Canada is a geographical absurdity. Perhaps this is one of the reasons; but there are other reasons which are not of a rational but rather of a mystical nature.

Last spring it chanced that I paid a visit to a doctor friend of mine in Detroit. I admit that I was deeply impressed when, on getting off the train at Windsor, I beheld the countless numbers of tall skyscrapers skirting the Detroit river on the American side and looming up into the skies in majestic grandeur. The sight seemed all the more striking when one compared the luxuriously constructed American side with that of the city of Windsor. I have often wondered ever since how that grand sight has affected the countless young men and women who have had the fortune or perhaps the misfortune of viewing it as I viewed it. I am not a student of psychology, but the place once seen must have stirred up a conflict of emotions in their young breasts. Many of them, doubtless, would feel that they could do better over on the American side; and this feeling is naturally augmented by the fact that many of their friends have done well in the states. If a poor young Canadian girl, unknown and unheralded, leaves Toronto and makes a name for herself as the greatest living American actress, is it not reasonable to assume that others would like to emulate her success? I refer to Mary Pickford. If it is possible for a poor young Toronto boy practically to traverse the continent down to Los Angeles and win a \$25,000 prize, does it not follow that other boys would like to do the same?

The United States is a very populous and rich country, older by many years than Canada. There is no doubt that wonderful progress has been made in the last decade, but just the same I for one prefer to live in Can-