

over the head of the province and with business over the head of parliament. Is parliament no longer to be a sovereign power? I contend that this bill is an interference with the liberty of the subject.

This bill permits extensive regulations to be made. Before it passes I should like to ask the government if this measure represents its long term policy for the solution of this problem? Neither doles, nor insurance nor hand-outs will ever take the place of the desire of the free citizens of Canada to work. The whole proposal is only a palliative and it will be a most bitter bill for the unemployed to swallow on May 1 when many of them hope to get off the dole and into remunerative employment. This bill from cover to cover is nothing but a blank cheque. Section 11 states that obligations are to be met, on and after March 31, 1937, but are any plans or surveys not even to be laid before the house as preparation for meeting these obligations?

On April 1 of next year—no, I am wrong; it is on March 31, 1937, Mr. Purvis' birthday, that this bill will expire. Parliament no doubt will then be in session and will get the bills. We can sit here in an \$18,000,000 building as members who have certain rights and privileges; then we can look across the Ottawa river and see the slums of Hull which are as bad as anything I have ever seen in New York city. We will get the bills on March 31, not on April 1. The money will be spent and all that will be left for parliament to do will be to conduct a post mortem. It will be a post mortem conducted on a seven-fold coroner system, to be known as an employment commission.

The government may enter into agreements with corporations, partnerships or individuals, but no mention is made of the municipalities. Not one cent is being provided for the municipalities. The only way they can get any money is from the provinces, and then a string is attached to it. Deductions will probably be made from this trust fund. Last night the government admitted that they were not aware that deductions had been made from the trust funds handed out to the provinces. This bill is supposed to assist in the relief of unemployment, but I think the Prime Minister said either too much or too little. A survey should be made as to what has become of these federal funds. Have they been audited by the auditor general? Has he seen that the money reached its proper destination?

I should like to say a word about the chairman of this commission. I have known this gentleman for some years, and I know he is a gentleman. He is the president of the largest industry in my riding, The Dunlop

[Mr. Church.]

Tire Company, but that is not going to prevent me from speaking my mind as a member of this house. I took part in a by-election in 1934 and at that time the head of this industry was very much interested in the results. Last year he took a great deal of interest in the general elections and efforts were made to defeat the hon. member for Greenwood, a gentleman who has made a great study of this problem and who knows much about the conditions of the people in his district. This Mr. A. B. Purvis of St. James street is to be the chairman of this new hallelujah chorus of government achievements. This is the man who is interested in the Bell Telephone Company and the Sun Life Insurance Company, the insurance company that took millions and millions of dollars out of this country. As I said he is the president of the largest industry in my riding, the Dunlop Tire Company.

The employees of this company have done a great deal to build up the Riverdale section and the over-the-Don district of Toronto. For many years the skilled workmen in this industry had made a most notable contribution to industry. They realized the benefits of protection and they appreciated its relation to employment, but they have been laid off or else are working only part time. During the by-election of 1934, the representative of the party in this section of the house was refused the right to address the workers in this industry because Mr. A. B. Purvis of St. James street was then opposing this party. The other candidates in that by-election were able to get into the plant although I probably had done more for this industry as a municipal worker and officer. It obtained many large contracts in the open market. This company was previously headed by a very able man, a former minister of the crown. He was a popular and lamented citizen who did a great deal for Riverdale district, my predecessor, the late Hon. E. B. Ryckman. However, new officers and heads of departments were brought in recently and the result has been that many of the employees are now working only part time, and some heads, who are Americans, to take the old officials' place. This industry was a credit to Canada under the protectionist system and the men who built it up were some of our best citizens. The present government candidate in the by-election and in the general elections last October had the active support of the Liberal president of this company. Bill boards in the neighbourhood of this plant were covered with the slogans: Vote Liberal and end unemployment; Beat Bennett and bad times; For action, Snelgrove; Curb the trusts; Secure lower bank, mort-