

in that form of treatment? What has brought this about? I do not know, nor do I know whether it was done consciously or unconsciously, but I do know that on practically every occasion when this government deals with the United States the Prime Minister seems to have a slant favourable to that country and he drags his followers along behind him. To ensure the accuracy of my figures I checked them up with the report of the Department of Statistics for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1929, and it absolutely bears out the facts that I have brought to the attention of the house.

We cannot trust the statements of this government with regard to past preferences to the United Kingdom. Therefore it is very difficult to trust their statements with regard to future British preferences. I would warn my low tariff friends in the west whose opinions have been so flagrantly flouted by this government, in spite of their having kept it in power, that they had better look out or they will be handed another gold brick by this government which for the last nine years has bamboozled not only the west but the whole Dominion. I am sorry that I have not much more time to investigate the budget, because the more it is investigated the more sham, deceit, and humbug you find it contains. This budget is a queer mixture of free trade and protection, of British preference and American preference, of tariff stability and tariff imbecility, and it is offered to the people of this country by the Minister of Finance. He is smiling at it. I do not blame him.

Mr. DUNNING: I am smiling at you.

Mr. MANION: It is offered to the people of this country by the Minister of Finance as a cure-all for the different ills that this government has brought upon the people of Canada. This budget is offered to the country by a group whose whole tariff history is a record of deception, trickery and vote-chasing; by a group whose endeavour at this moment is not to help the people of Canada, but to catch their votes; by a group who next year would just as unhesitatingly throw over the free trade or the protectionist side of this budget, as they have in this session thrown over all the principles and policies which they espoused in the past; offered by a group, sir, whose lack of Canadian policy has put Canada in a position from which she will take years to recover.

Now, I might be asked, what is the object of a budget salad of free trade and protection such as this? The object, of course, is political. It is a political shield with two distinct sides, the protectionist side for the east and the free trade side for the west, with no doubt a

strong recommendation whispered to the government supporters not to show the two sides in any one part of Canada during the election. In other words, the object of this budget is to get the votes of both the protectionist and the free trader by deceiving the one and betraying the other. It is no wonder the Minister of Justice the other day at Woodstock made a speech in which he said:

This is not an eastern budget, nor a western budget, nor a farmer's budget, nor a manufacturer's budget, nor a workingman's budget.

Of course it is not, it is a political budget; that is what it is.

The people of Canada are tired, sir, of a government which has shown no leadership or initiative, no consistent policy or principle, no frankness or courage, and no real Canadianism. They are tired of a government which has shown by this budget that it is nothing more or less than an "organized hypocrisy." They are tired of a government which after nine years of power has placed this country in a worse condition than it has been in at any time previous to this year. The sooner we are rid of a government which by its policies has taken away the work and wages of the fathers, sons, brothers and husbands of this country, and thinks that it can gain the support of the women voters by a pound of tea, the better for Canada. The sooner we see the end of a government which by this feeble gesture has endeavoured to keep out twenty-five or thirty million dollars' worth of imports from the United States, yet allows the other nearly nine hundred million dollars' worth to pour in, the better for the workers and wage earners of Canada. The sooner the low tariff people in the west who have kept this government in power realize that they have been betrayed, victimized and used as cheap pawns on the chessboard of power, the better for western Canada. What Canada needs, sir, is not a crazy-quilt policy, as outlined in the budget, but a consistent, courageous, Canada-first policy which will build up on the northern half of this continent not only a great, prosperous and progressive Canadian nation, but a worthy portion of the British Empire.

Mr. E.-C. ST-PERE (Hochelaga) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Solomon Buckley Harris, a journalist on the staff of the Springfield Republican, remarks in his memoirs that "the art of politics is to obtain results". The history of our own country is proof that, notwithstanding the many changes effected in our political outlook, we have arrived at positive results. In keeping with the times, our governments are aware that they must have re-