

Fuel: American Ice Co., Washington, \$2,024.05; accounts under \$1,000, \$211.35—\$2,235.40.

House furnishings: Associated Purchasers, Ltd., London, England, \$3,616.73; accounts under \$1,000, \$534.37—\$4,151.10.

Various: carpenter work, \$734.34; construction of bookshelves, \$287.97; floor machine, \$132.50; locks, keys, etc., \$158; office furniture, \$426.37; photographic supplies, \$148.50; plumbing, \$401.59; renovating interior of legation, \$780; repairs to elevator, \$385.62; sundry repairs, \$289.58; sundries, \$443.58—\$4,188.05—Total, \$11,748.45.

Printing and stationery: King's Printer, supplies, \$1,893.45; outside purchases, \$1,251.67—\$3,145.12.

Miscellaneous: Appraising house furnishings, \$100; cartage, \$302; cleaning carpets, \$110.40; cleaning offices, \$672.68; customs duty, \$150.16; electric light, \$942.52; expenses in connection with special official ceremonies, \$288.90; freight and express, \$281.07; insurance, \$317.45; newspapers and publications, \$893.22; postage, \$319; rent of offices, \$900; rent of rooms at "The Mayflower" for Hon. V. Massey, Apr. 1 to June 1, \$2,541.69; taxi hire, \$371.35; telegrams, \$1,297.76; telephones, \$1,402.56; sundries, \$512.14—\$11,402.90—Total, \$99,604.90, less interest on bank account, \$346.14.

Total as shown in summary—see index, vol. I, departmental summaries, \$99,258.76.

Our minister at Washington has cost the country about \$100,000 in the past year. For what purpose? Attending pink teas and other functions! What other possible excuse has the government, because, while 10,000,000 Canadians were buying \$916,000,000 worth of goods from the United States, 120,000,000 people in the United States bought only \$488,000,000 worth of goods from Canada. What has the ambassador done to save or protect this country after we have spent \$100,000 on his expenses at Washington?

I believe the time has arrived when Canada should cease to be taking up the slack of the over-production of United States implement manufacturers, and it is up to us as Canadians to take a firm stand in the matter.

We do not need to worry. The United States manufacturers are anxious to retain the best market they have, and they will gladly come over here rather than lose their very best customer. Why not make them come? Let us break this endless chain which the United States manufacturers are always so boastful about, and let us have this magnetism which Ramsay MacDonald claims we lack.

We have heard a great deal in the house and in the press in regard to our wonderful coal deposits. At our present rate of consumption we have in Canada enough coal to last for thousands of years. What is the government doing about the matter? Why send \$100,000,000 per annum to the United States for coal when we have an abundant supply both east and west? Why not use this magnet Providence has provided, give employment to our people and keep this large amount of money in our own country? Someone has figured that if 1,000,000 tons of imported coal were replaced by Canadian coal, employment would be given to 6,666 people, who would earn an average of \$1,500 a year. That money in circulation in Canada would keep up a good thriving town. Workingmen require clothing, doctors, lawyers, teachers and ministers, besides giving our farmers a good market for the products of the farm.

I am heartily in favour of the amendment moved by the hon. member for South Wellington and I regret the government has not made provision for reasonably safeguarding the interests of those engaged in agricultural pursuits or industrial employment in Canada.

On motion of Mr. Cotnam the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Robb the house adjourned at 6 p.m. until Thursday, April 4.