

Ontario and Quebec and to the maritimes. Without a tariff of that kind we cannot improve conditions in this country. We certainly must recognize the fact that the world is the ultimate trading and economic unit. We have to face that problem and do our best to solve it. If we do that, other nations will be glad to meet us and gradually our trading and financial conditions will improve.

The hon. member for Stanstead (Mr. Hackett) said this afternoon that we have lumps of unemployed humanity in all our large industrial centres. That is an important admission by an hon. member to the right of the Speaker, and an hon. member supporting the government, that we have millions of unemployed, industrially and agriculturally, in Canada.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. McINTOSH: Yes it is. I will admit that the hon. member was dealing largely with Montreal and other large centres, but the fact remains that we have a great number of unemployed in our villages, in our towns, in our cities, and for that matter, on our land. The hon. member stated that in order to give these people gainful employment all we would have to do would be to transport them back to the land, that a settlement policy would permanently solve this problem. That may be a very nice way of looking at the question, but it will not solve the problem. The problem of the men and women on the land is a continuous problem; the problem of the men and women in the cities is a continuous problem, and these problems cannot be solved by any cheap act of transportation. The hon. member stated that for many of those in the towns and cities no opportunities, professional and otherwise, were open and that something had to be done. Later on he said that the yeomanry, the farmers of Canada, were slowly deteriorating. If that is the case and the agricultural population of Canada are going down hill and are slowly deteriorating, if they are not measuring up to the problems of our agricultural and national life, if they are not making progress, then surely there is an argument for the government to act, to do its best to modify its high tariff policy and thereby give to these people the opportunity which they seek.

I was rather surprised to hear the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) admit this afternoon that because we are living in a machine age, we shall always have unemployment. I do not believe that statement. We are living in a machine age and if we do not keep up to date with the development of the machine

and the production of machinery, if we do not keep up to date with our tariff policies, our financial policies, and our trade policies, if we do not keep those policies sane and progressive, then of course we will have unemployment. But if we measure our national policies in terms of the machine and act accordingly, instead of unemployment we will have employment and instead of starvation, prosperity.

At six o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair and the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVILEGE—MR. NEILL

Mr. A. W. NEILL (Comox-Alberni): I wish to correct an error in the press.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the hon. member wishes to address the house on any subject it would be well for him to wait until private bills are disposed of. That is the order of business now before the house.

Mr. NEILL: Is not a question of privilege always in order?

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the hon. member speaking to a question of privilege?

Mr. NEILL: Yes, and it will not take me more than one minute. The Montreal Daily Star of April 12 quotes me as saying:

The Prime Minister has made statements which, when he reads them to-morrow in Hansard, he will very much regret.

I did not make that remark at all. I have regrets of my own to worry about without bothering about anybody else's.

PRIVATE BILLS

GERTRUDE ETHEL MOSGROVE ROAST

The house in committee on Bill No. 44, for the relief of Gertrude Ethel Mosgrove Roast.

On section 1—Marriage dissolved.

Mr. NEILL: Don't you think, Mr. Chairman, we ought at least to see the bill? It is not on the file.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hackett): If the hon. gentleman will look at his file he will see that it is letter G of the Senate.

Some hon. MEMBERS: These bills are not on the file.