

their daily toil. Motor bus bodies are manufactured in Canada, and if the Toronto Transportation Commission do not know where, I can assure hon. members from Toronto that in Brantford we manufacture the very finest motor buses made in the world. The Toronto Transportation Commission were in the market for twenty-seven motor buses. They no doubt looked all over Canada, but, forgetting the principle so highly extolled by members from Toronto, of work for Canadian workmen, they purchased, to carry Canadian workmen, buses made in the United States by United States workingmen.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Shame.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford): I am quite sure that hon. members from Toronto, whom I hold in high regard and am proud to count among my personal friends, were not parties to this transaction, but I do feel that it should come to the attention of the committee.

I hold in my hand a picture of these twenty-seven motor buses lined up in front of presumably Canadian factories. They are splendid buses. This picture appears in a Canadian trade journal printed in Toronto. The advertisement itself is in the form of an insert, in the centre of the magazine, and on the back of the insert showing these United States buses made by American workers to carry Canadian workmen, is none other than a picture of the union jack. But, Mr. Chairman, looking further, I find that the Toronto Transportation Commission not only bought the buses in the United States, not only had the union jack placed around the picture of the buses, just as many hon. members, especially those from Toronto, are at times apt to wrap the union jack around them when they make an address, but had this insert, which could have been printed in Canada, printed where? In the United States of America.

When hon. members of this house, especially from the city of Toronto, inquire into employment in other cities I feel that they should first see that their own house is in order. When Toronto practises what it preaches we may all say, yes, we will follow Toronto; but in the meantime we shall do what is in the best interests of Canada.

Mr. MacNICOL: I must first congratulate the hon. member on his zeal for the employment of workers in Canada. I must

[Mr. W. R. Macdonald.]

commend him for the speeches he has hitherto made in this house on behalf of Canadian workmen. If he keeps on along that line he will be changing his seat from that side of the house to this side, where the defenders of Canadian workmen are in the majority.

In reference to the item he has brought up I may say that personally I would much rather those buses had been made in Brantford by Canadian workmen than by workers in the United States. In that I support his zeal to have buses for Canadians made by Canadian workmen. I may tell him however that I am afraid the workmen themselves do not ride in the buses. The buses in Toronto are used to carry high class office assistants from Forest Hill village and the upper part of the city to their offices downtown. Most of the workers ride in the street cars.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford): Surely Canadian workmen are good enough to make buses for the people of Toronto.

Mr. MacNICOL: No bus is too good for Canadian workmen. I would like to see them ride in the finest kind of buses. As for the magazine mentioned by the hon. member, I did not get the name. What was the name?

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford): The name of the magazine is Bus and Truck Transport. I understand it is printed in Toronto, except for the insert.

Mr. MacNICOL: I imagined the whole magazine was printed in the United States, owing to the fact that the present government has largely crucified the magazine business of this country.

Mr. MACDONALD (Brantford): That is not correct. The magazine, with the exception of the Toronto Transportation Commission advertisement, is printed in Canada.

Mr. MacNICOL: The hon. gentleman will pardon me for recalling that the present government has crucified, I am told, the printing of fifty-two magazines in this country. They are now printed in the United States, so naturally I thought this magazine was printed in the United States. Otherwise I must again commend the hon. member for his support of Canadian workmen. I will recall to his mind the fact that yesterday Canadian workmen in Hamilton voted for a Tory candidate, and elected him. And while I do not want to see a by-election in the hon. member's riding I can promise him that if there should be one, the workman there would also vote for a Tory candidate.