

country in the furnishing of supplies and products for the rebuilding of their devastated territories. My honourable friend from De Lorimier has criticised the Government for not appointing an effective commission. My honourable friend, having very great confidence in his neighbours in the province in which he lives, rather suggested that that province should be the source to which the Government should look in constituting its trade missions to Great Britain and to central Europe. My honourable friend was good enough to mention the name of the gentleman who heads that trade commission, Mr. Lloyd Harris. If the honourable gentleman knows any one in the province of Quebec who is more familiar with the trade of France than is Mr. Lloyd Harris, I should be very glad to have his name. For a great number of years, Mr. Lloyd Harris resided in Paris, and he has built up a great trade with that country, for the Massey-Harris Company. That company has supplied millions of dollars worth of manufactured products to France. That trade was built up by Mr. Harris himself, and this Government, in selecting that gentleman for the responsibilities of the office which he now occupies, felt assured that no better selection could be made, and I feel safe in saying to this Chamber to-day that the best interests of Canada will be safeguarded in the hands of Mr. Lloyd Harris.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY: May I ask the honourable gentleman if the Government have a report from Mr. Lloyd Harris as to what he has done so far?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes; we are receiving reports all the time.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY: Favourable?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: And we are not overlooking them in the least.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand that the last one was very discouraging.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: But my honourable friend took particular care in pointing out to this Chamber that the Government of France, notwithstanding the importunities which we were bringing to bear upon it for trade orders for Canada, insisted upon retaining the trade themselves. My honourable friend repeated two or three times that the Government of France indicated that those orders would not be placed in other countries from France herself. Does my honourable friend think that it is the duty of the Government

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of Canada to take France by the throat, and say, "Notwithstanding your absolute refusal to place orders outside of France, we insist upon your giving orders to us?"

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I said there were other sources than the Government of France for obtaining orders.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I think I may say, with all due deference to my honourable friend and to the very wide range of knowledge which he possesses in regard to this particular subject, that the Government of Canada has more reliable information than he has.

Now, as I have said, we have established not only trade missions for the purpose of securing this trade, and thus contributing to the development of our industries in Canada, but we have established very substantial credits, furnishing the money ourselves, by which our allies in Europe may be induced to place their orders in Canada and have them financed by this Government pending a completion of financial negotiations.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY: What countries?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We are working through the Government of Great Britain with a view to establishing relations with France, Belgium, Rumania, Serbia, and the other allied countries; and I would point out to my honourable friend that the Prime Minister is in France at the present time, and that the Minister of Trade and Commerce and two other members of the Government are also there, all bent upon transacting the very business which my honourable friend denounces the Government for inability or incapacity to bring about.

We are, then, moving along the lines which I have indicated, and are hopeful that ere long the result of the policy which has been pursued by the Government will be evidenced in Canada in a very substantial way. Up to the present time very large orders have been placed with Canada for the supply, not only of raw materials, but of manufactured products for the countries of Europe. The reflex of those orders will at an early day be seen, and will give an incentive to Canadian industries at which I am satisfied my honourable friend from De Lorimier will be surprised. I am unaware of any channel in which the Government has not exercised its efforts and its enterprise for the pur-