

I do not intend to discuss details of the budget, as the subject has been discussed for something over four weeks. The people of my province very strongly support the proposals brought down by the government in regard to the business and financial situation of Canada. I was indeed surprised, almost astounded, when my hon. friend from Kent (Mr. Doucet) the other day moved an amendment to increase the protection in this country. Why, Sir, if there is a constituency in the whole of Canada which would suffer by high protection, it is his constituency. According to the statement he made, and according to the amendment he proposed in this House, every article used in the fishing industry in this country is now on the free list. If there are any industries in which he is interested it is fishing and lumbering, and if the hon. gentleman were to say to the thinking people of Kent that he desired protection put on these articles, what would the fishermen of his county say? I am not here to speak for the county of Kent, but I wish to speak of the counties I know something about. I think I have some knowledge of Kent, and I say that the fishermen, the lumbermen and practically all the people of the province of New Brunswick are behind the government in their proposals.

We realize that difficulties exist. How are we going to meet them? There is only one reasonable and proper way to meet the difficulties, and that is for the manufacturers of this country to realize that there are others living in Canada to whom consideration must be shown. It is only right that those of us who are not so deeply interested in manufacturing industries should give consideration to the troubles of others who are interested, and by giving consideration to each other's troubles, we will forget a good many of our own.

If we sit down at a common table, consider the position and realize the difficulties under which one section of the country labours in connection with a neighbouring section, I believe we can arrive at some reasonable solution. The budget is a step in the right direction, and will enable us to meet more on common ground and consider each other's difficulties and troubles. If that is done, instead of Canada going backward and downward, as an hon. gentleman stated the other day in Montreal, as Germany and other foreign countries where the currency is being depreciated have done, we will be able to go forward, and I believe in a short time Canada will be placed on a solid foundation and will

be in an equal or better condition than she was a few years ago or even prior to the war.

A great deal of propaganda has been carried on by my opposition friends during the past year. We have heard the "Whisper of death." The Montreal Star is nothing if not sensational, and it is well to draw the attention of the House for a moment to the statements of that journal and to its inconsistency during the time it was publishing the "Whisper of death." I have before me a statement culled from the Montreal Star during that time. Let us see what it thought of business conditions. I will only read the headlines and will not impose upon the House by reading the long articles which follow. The headlines are as follows:

- Retailers Benefit by Tourist Trade.
- Prospect of Improvement in Steel Industry.
- Prodigals Return from United States.
- Unemployment is Fast Decreasing.
- Liners Crowded with Harvesters.
- Busy Week-end.
- Great Influx into Quebec and Montreal.
- Alberta Grain Crop Best Since 1915.
- Bank Finds Factories Mostly on Full Time.
- Retail Trade Good Says Bradstreets.
- More Business and Higher Net Profits for Ontario Steel.
- Artisans Coming in Large Numbers.
- Labour Badly Needed in All North Ontario.
- C.P.R. Ships Busy.
- Lake Shore's Record; More Dividends Soon.
- Plants to Sell French Market Canadian Paper.
- Liner Doric Carried Biggest List to Port.
- Quebec will Ship All Ocean Cattle.
- Doctors, Ministers, Professional Men and Skilled Artisans Arrive.
- McIntyre Porcupine Excellent Showing.
- Lake Steamers Busy.
- Montreal Clearings up over 9 Per Cent.
- West Preparing for Fall Rush of Record Crop.
- Improvement Shown in Wholesale Trade.
- Over 4,000 Prospective Settlers Arrive Within Week.
- Estimate Value of Quebec Crop \$200,000,000.
- Stations Seethe With Harvesters.
- Trade Better. Shoe Man Finds Outlook Greatly Improved.
- \$140,000,000. Rise in Total Trading Within four Months.
- Gold Mining Record Broken in July.
- United States Dairy Products from Canada Increase.
- Increase in Canadian Silver Ore Exports.
- Nickel Mines at Sudbury Better War-Time Output.
- Canadian Wheat Exports Show Big Increase.
- More Farm Help is Ontario's Need.
- Record Year for Lumber Expected.
- Montreal's Remarkable Progress.
- Lumber, Mines and Railways Using Thousands of Workers.
- Newsprint Gain is \$12,500,000 Over Year Ago.
- C.N.R. Net Revenue \$1,177,445 for June.

These are headlines taken from the Montreal Star; and as an evidence of the healthy conditions in the trade and commerce of the Dominion they are, I think, a sufficient refutation of the allegations and the suggested