

to bonus anybody. If you go into any particular kind of business and you cannot carry that business on, for heaven's sake get out of it and let somebody into it that will. That is my point.

Mr. DUNNING: Before this discussion gets general, may I suggest that it is soya beans we are now dealing with?

Mr. BENNETT: I am greatly indebted to the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Wood) for his appreciation of my knowledge of law and my ignorance of other matters, but no man who practises law successfully—I do not say I have done so—can remain ignorant of many, many things. He would be a very poor lawyer if, living in western Canada, he did not know anything about feeding, and he would be a poorer one if he did not know of the protein content of cottonseed meal and of cotton cake and various other protein products that are used in feeding cattle.

An hon. MEMBER: Not many lawyers know that.

Mr. BENNETT: Oh, yes, all the lawyers in this house from western Canada know that, as does the odd one from this part of the country. Knowing that, I want to put this single question to the hon. gentleman. The city of Brantford is near the constituency he represents, or it is a part of his constituency.

Mr. MacNICOL: And let the workingmen there have a chance to live.

Mr. BENNETT: The market it has afforded to the farmers of Brant county is known to every man who has studied anything of the economic history of this country. The same holds good of other counties. The hon. gentleman has now told the committee that all that is wanted is just a chance to sell products on merit and merit only. One of the occasions on which my hon. friend the Minister of Finance had to take a position that was to some extent at variance with that point of view was in connection with the New Zealand treaty, in respect of butter. I judge from what the hon. gentleman has said that no duty on eggs is necessary and that the duty on butter is something which the farmers of this country deeply resent. I trust the Minister of Finance will remember that the hon. member for Brant, speaking as a typical Ontario farmer, regards it as highly improvident and improper to maintain a duty on butter or eggs or potatoes or garden truck or farm products of any kind; all that is wanted is a chance to grow and sell them to the workingmen of Brantford and other communities adjacent thereto, communities

[Mr. Wood.]

that would not exist if what he regards as this wrong principle of giving some little assistance to industry, because of conditions in Canada to which reference has so frequently been made, were not followed. Those who say that the farmer does not derive any benefit from the tariffs of this country fly in the face of the known evidence that has been produced times without number. This is not the case, of course, when you deal with the vast wheat fields of the western plains, but when you deal with the situation in eastern Canada, whether it be with regard to the softer wheats produced in Ontario, or the products of the farm and the garden which find a ready market in the nearby great cities and among the workingmen who congregate there, it is evident that the tariff has had such a stabilizing effect upon the east that the farmers of the west have been crying aloud to have a market at home like that; if they only had such a market how much better off they would be, how well-to-do they would be.

Mr. DUNNING: Soya beans. May I respectfully suggest soya beans?

Mr. BENNETT: As far as the soya bean item is concerned, to the extent to which it is used it will displace some commodity which otherwise might be used in the same manner. But the soya bean protein content could not be called upon to take the place of ensilage corn, because on the analyses the products proved to be entirely different. We were not asking that at the moment a duty be placed on the soya bean. What we were pointing out was that the hon. gentleman himself made light of this matter until he heard the minister take a serious attitude, and now the minister is a broadminded statesman. The hon. member for Brant is the same hon. gentleman who, a few weeks ago, when the budget was on, said that soya beans were something about which the less said the better.

Mr. DUNNING: Not on the budget, the Canada-United States agreement.

Mr. BENNETT: Pardon me, my hon. friend is right; on the Canada-United States agreement. If the hon. member for Brant reads his remarks on that occasion and compares them with his observations this afternoon after the minister had spoken, he will realize how, in the words of Burke, "leaders of light and leading have been able to induce their followers to follow their lead." That, of course, is something very much to be desired; it is favourable to solidarity and helpful to discipline, which is always desirable.