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You might say that Canada has a great many unemployed, and has had during the past two and a half years. True, but I think everyone of fair mind, will agree that there has been no greater proportion of unemployment in Canada than in any other country suffering post-war conditions. Unemployment conditions here are somewhat the aftermath of the war."

UNEMPLOYMENT.

"The question might be asked: Why are there so many unemployed in Canada?" said the minister. "The truth is that many of the unemployed want to know first what they are going to get for their services rather than go to work, and get, as in the old days, what it was possible to get. The national resources of farm, forest, mine, and sea exist for those who want to work under what those natural resources can afford to pay. I have no sympathy with many unemployed, but the department is at the service of the unemployed, and I may say, the employed, too. My advice to the unemployed is "Get to work at a price the industry or undertaking can afford to pay you." The question asked, "What will I get?" only results in the employer not being able to pay the price set by the workman's conditions."

"Let the unemployed realize that we expect them to get out and hustle as the rest of the citizens have had to do," said the Hon. Mr. Murdock, to the accompaniment of loud hand-clapping.

PRIDE IN LEADERSHIP.

In his closing remarks the minister of labor expressed the feeling of pride with which he followed the leadership of the prime minister in a government which is on the high road to do what the citizens of Canada want done. "But we are not going to revolutionize any industry at the beck and call of certain classes of labor," said Mr. Murdock.

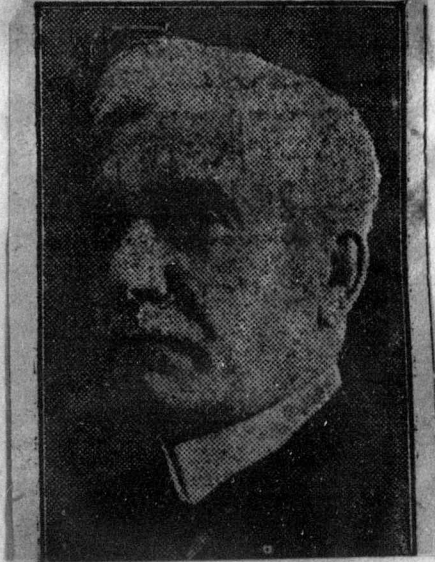
"I am holding today, the proudest position of my life," said the minister, "and I want to come back to give you an address on 'Why I Am a Liberal.' Senator Robertson, minister of labor under Sir Robert Borden, spoke recently on "Why I Am a Conservative," but I could tell you in half a dozen words the reasons that I am a Liberal:—Because Liberalism proposes to advance and safeguard the interests of all classes of Canadian labor."

DR. RANKIN, M.P.

Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, was introduced to the gathering by Dr. Rankin, M.P. for North Perth, who in a brief address congratulated the member for North Oxford and his supporters for the splendid gathering which they had organized, and paid a tribute to the untiring energy and devotion to duty of Mr. Graham. The minister of railways, he said, had a long record of public service in many departments of the government, and was appreciated and respected by his opponents and loved by his friends. "No man," said Dr. Rankin, "deserves the confidence of the people more than does the Hon. Mr. Graham."

HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM.

"My introduction has weight, anyway," were the first words of the Hon. Mr. Graham, who made a jesting reference to the physical stature of Dr. Rankin. He paid a tribute to Mr. Murdock for his work on behalf of labor in Canada, and said he was a man who worked with his hands long before he worked with his voice. "Your good man Dr. Sinclair looks peaceable when he is here," said Mr. Graham, "but when he wants anything he does not look the same at all. He has a way of getting around you until you say yes before you know it, and he is out before you can take it back. We all appreciate the member for North Oxford and when the time comes don't fail to send him back. You



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