

Re. Unemployment

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Mr. Bennett:

I would not ask this power from any parliament except reluctantly, and I so stated when I introduced the resolution the other day. We do not believe that this power will be called into play; nay, more, we sincerely and fervently hope that it will not be. But, sir, what is a man without a weapon in the midst of armed force? What is a man who has no instrument for his protection in the midst of the strife of brigands? Without this power we should be without a weapon that could be used except through a bill in parliament; and with the strange views that obtain in these days there is no assurance that the mind of the government would be sufficiently strong to secure consent for any measure it might introduce. And from what we know and have seen, we should certainly be opposed with respect to consent. Then the matter would go on its weary way, for there is another chamber to be considered before legislation is enacted; and in the meantime the injury may be done.

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