

rope. This is the class of labour our farmers are being compelled to compete with while we are living beside a nation that has the highest standard of living in the world. We are obliged to conform somewhat to that standard, but if our country is allowed to be flooded with the products of cheap foreign labour, then our standard of living will suffer and there will be only one result. Our people will go to a country where their standard of living is protected.

I am reminded of a statement made by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Motherwell) the other day, to the effect that a man on a farm is a greater asset to the country than the factory worker, because the farmer is producing new money. But apparently the Minister of Finance regards the West India farmer as a greater asset to Canada than our own Canadian farmer. This same Finance Minister in discussing the Australian treaty said that if there was anything in the treaty affecting any of his constituents he would not vote for it. So, under the circumstances, it is quite apparent to me that there are no sugar beets grown in his constituency. The Finance Minister in supporting this treaty has stressed the fact that the sugar companies are exporting great quantities of sugar and I would like to ask the Finance Minister to explain just how exports are affected by the duty on raw sugar.

In conclusion I wish once more to impress upon the Minister of Finance the great injustice which is being done the sugar beet producers as a result of the actions of this government. The minister holds to the opinion that sugar made from beets is a small industry compared to the making of sugar

by other processes, but he has failed to grasp the possibility of making all our sugar from sugar beets. We read in the press and we hear from every platform, Conservative and Liberal, about our wonderful resources in raw materials and how they should be manufactured into the finished article in our own country, and in connection with the beet growing industry we have the greatest opportunity to put that principle into actual operation. I have shown you that the sugar beet industry is on the decline; thousands of farmers in western Ontario have discontinued this crop, which means a great loss to the country, and this loss is not entirely covered by the lack of production to the country and the actual loss of revenue to the farmer. Anyone acquainted with sugar beet raising knows that special implements are required in their cultivation, implements that cannot be used in connection with any other crop. It is quite within the mark to estimate that every farmer engaged in growing sugar beets is called on to invest probably \$400 or \$500 in special machinery, and when he is compelled to cease growing beets this machinery represents a total loss. Farmers at present are not making money out of beet raising; thousands have already ceased production and to my mind the West Indies treaty is all that is necessary to enable this government to finish the work of destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question being put, pursuant to rule.