

An hon. MEMBER: Where has the hon. member been?

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): Perhaps I was one of those who were asleep the other day according to what the financial critic of the opposition said, but upon my word anything that I have ever listened to from the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation group in the extreme left corner in the way of proposals to improve conditions in this country will not have effect in that regard.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Did the hon. gentleman ever hear the quotation: "There are none so blind as those who will not see"?

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): Well, I am getting pretty well on in years, but I have a little eyesight left yet. I have spent a little longer than a minute and I do not want to take any more time with this, because after all they do not and they never will amount to anything, for there is not a practical suggestion they have ever made in this house or outside and I do not think they have a practical idea in their heads from one end of the group to the other.

I said that the budget was a story of definite and unmistakable progress. That is confirmed by our own bureau of statistics which indicates that the physical volume of business is up by 48.5 per cent as compared with what it was at the low point. That is some advance. We are getting along fairly well. In addition to that an outside authority, the League of Nations, says that Canada leads all the nations of the world, with its index figure of 46.2 per cent. If we are to be blamed for going down surely we must get some credit when we commence to go up. I think there is a great deal of credit coming to the government for the policies they have pursued. The improvement has been the result of the intelligent action of this government. Let me point out some of the signs of improvement in this country. Take the export of lumber. Our lumber exports last year were at the all time peak.

Mr. MUNN: Would the hon. member permit a question? He speaks of the all time record, does he refer to world shipments or United Kingdom shipments?

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): All exports.

Mr. MUNN: World shipments?

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): Export shipments, yes, I did not confine it to the United Kingdom.

Mr. MUNN: Well, that is different.

[Mr. J. A. Fraser.]

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): It is not different from what I intended to say. As a result of the shipment of that lumber there came into this country a sum of \$278,000,000 of new money. The export of a great deal of that lumber is a direct result of the policies of the present government, and I think the people of British Columbia particularly, and my good friend who is an operator out there appreciate that fact. I would not be surprised to find my hon. friend voting for this government next session; he cannot help himself.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): For the government, but not for this government.

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo): He will be voting for us, and it would be a good thing if other hon. members would use a little common sense and do the same.

Then the next thing is wheat; the value of the wheat crop is up 33 per cent. The value of the field crops of Canada is up 16.7 per cent. Live stock prices are up, and so it is all along the line. For the information of the house I should like to read a record which I have just got of live stock prices during last year:

Cattle and Calves

Stockyard sales of cattle were 700,817 head, against 604,077 in 1933. Calf sales were 371,110, against 317,110 in 1933.

The weighted average price of all cattle combined, for all stockyards combined, was \$3.10 per hundredweight, against \$3 in 1933. Calves—\$4.10, against \$3.75 in 1933.

Good to choice butcher steers averaged \$4.85 per hundredweight at Toronto and \$4.40 at Winnipeg.

The total value of stockyard sales of cattle in 1934 (estimated) was \$21,015,336, against \$17,575,996. Calves—\$2,815,638, against \$2,914,876 in 1933.

Exports of cattle to the United Kingdom were 53,852 head, against 50,317 in 1933.

Exports of beef to all points were 15,092,200 pounds, against 10,007,700 pounds in 1933.

Hogs

Sales at yards and plant were 3,038,155 head, against 3,172,980 in 1933.

Average price of select bacon hogs—\$9.10 at Toronto and \$8.12 at Winnipeg, against \$6.17 and \$5.36 respectively in 1933.

Average weighted price of all hogs at all yards combined—\$7.70, against \$5 in 1933 (includes all grades and weights).

Stockyard value—\$14,950,000, against \$10,352,544 in 1933.

Exports of bacon—119,707,600 pounds, against 71,524,700 pounds in 1933. Value—\$18,754,113, against \$8,071,803 in 1933.

But still we hear hon. members talking about lack of results, nothing definite received by this country as a result of the Ottawa agreements. Then we have sheep and lambs. Here is a remarkable showing: