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Mr. King said in the house of commons, last week: "With respect to giving money out of the federal treasury to any Tory government in this country, for unemployment purposes, with these governments situated as they are today, with policies diametrically opposed to those of this government, I would not give them a five cent piece." There is no reason to believe that the prime minister spoke in anger or without control or that he did not say what he intended to say. Obviously, he sought to rouse to his support the Liberal elements of the electorate against the Tory policy of limiting imports by raising the tariff. We should say that he bid deliberately for the leadership of the farmers, who in the midst of acute distress are threatened by a serious rise in the cost of production. Mr. Bennett had, by the gross exaggerations of his debate of the tariff and foreign trade, exposed himself to a manoeuvre which puts him up as the leader of the united dole seekers, that is, the manufacturers and the revolutionary and socialistic elements of the cities. It is not clear that Mr. Bennett in power would do much to effect his election professions. The fact that the tariff has not been materially altered in twenty-four years is proof of that. Nor, is it clear that the country would be benefited by opening the federal treasury to the unemployed. Effective relief may only be had by making industry generally profitable, that is, by reducing its burdens and removing the restraints of trade. Despite all doles and public aid, men, who are unemployed, must sooner or later get back to work at such wages as industry can afford to pay.

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