

I think we are on absolutely safe ground in thanking them for their remarks, as it will be remembered by all that this very subject was debated at considerable length quite recently in the House of Commons, and that body, with practical unanimity—if not unanimity—adopted a resolution which brought under notice this very question of the danger of the country in connection with the food supply, and the Government, if I remember aright, admitted the gravity of the case, and the House of Commons had a promise from them of their earnest consideration. Therefore in stating the case as a case of urgency and one requiring immediate attention, we shall not be travelling outside anything that has been done by the House of Commons, and which is before the country for that reason. There is one other matter which I should like to refer to, but in a sentence. I cannot help feeling—and other speakers will excuse me if I say so—that the particular matter brought under our notice by Dr. Parkin, the relationship of this country to the United States, and the condition of internal feeling in the United States with respect to this country and with respect to Canada—that that question is one of supreme importance to us, and I am delighted that we have had an opportunity of having stated to us so shortly, so concisely, and so admirably, the position in connection with that matter. I had an opportunity when travelling in the United States of having brought under my notice the problem which Dr. Parkin has discussed, and I remember, after returning to this country, that I ventured in a speech to point to this very question as an element of danger, and I was taken to task for doing so. There is no doubt that Dr. Parkin has not exaggerated the condition of things politically in the United States, nor the danger that exists to England and to Canada arising from that state of things. We ought therefore to weigh carefully what he has said. I do not think he has said anything that need not be reported. I have very great pleasure in seconding this