

word "adequate" or something of that kind, but if the English language means anything at all it meant that I was to pledge myself—why I do not know—to vote for high protection for the benefit of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. That was bad enough and I swallowed that more or less with a choke, but when I came to the next pledge it was more exacting still. I was asked to pledge myself absolutely and entirely, then, now and forever, to have no part or lot, in thought, word, deed, or action, with a man whom they designated, and whom I have since ascertained is the hon. member for Marquette (Mr. Crerar). Had I signed that pledge of so absolutely comprehensive a character, I do not think it would have become me as an honourable man to be buried in the same cemetery with the hon. member, and certainly not in proximity to him. Being of a trusting disposition I naturally believed what the writer said about the hon. member for Marquette. You may have remarked the other day that he himself said—and he should know better than anyone else—that after his experience of his opponents during the campaign he came to the conclusion that he was a very bad man. Is it then any subject for remark that I, not knowing him as well as he knows himself, should have been under the conviction that he was not a man at all, but more or less what our Methodist friends would call "of the devil"—that his human form was merely camouflage and that when I came down here I would find horns growing out of his forehead! When I came down here and my desk-mate told me who the hon. member for Marquette was, I was disappointed to see no horns. I say disappointed advisedly, because when you have made up your mind to the worst it is a disappointment to find your predictions do not come true. But later I noticed two things—that he kept his hat on except on certain occasions, and that he wore his hair very long. I know that he comes from a farming community, and having been a farmer myself I know the custom of farmers to anoint the budding horns of their calves with caustic soda, the result being that a small callous is formed where the horns would otherwise grow. Consequently, the next time the hon. member for Marquette goes to the barber shop I shall keep a keen eye on him to see that there is no development on his head along that line.

Now, Sir, it is not the protection I have alluded to that we want in British

Columbia; it is protection for fruit. I agree with a great deal of what the last speaker (Mr. MacKelvie) said with regard to protection of the fruit industry, and I could go further than he went in some of his remarks. We want protection for our coal industry, we want protection for our lumber industry, we want protection for our farm products, and, Sir, the greatest protection of all we want is protection against Asiatic encroachments. I can endorse every word that the hon. member for Yale said in that regard; in fact, I could go a great deal further. I will be conservative in words, if not in party, and say that half our white population have their backs against the wall to-day industrially. The Asiatics in British Columbia have got a throttle hold upon our fishing industry, they are encroaching on the lumber industry, and large sections of the country devoted to fruits and market garden produce are entirely in their grip. The situation is getting so intense that something will have to be done or there will be a development that will astonish the people in the east. Those Asiatics are also going into the store business as well as encroaching on the hotel business. I know the spirit of the East is all right on any subject upon which the people are properly informed, and I am sure they do not understand the seriousness of the Asiatic proposition in the west. Perhaps that is the fault of representatives from British Columbia in the past, and we thirteen members from that province will be sadly lacking in our duty to our constituents, if we do not keep the East, in season and out of season, fully informed on this subject.

It is not my custom to boost,—without being paid for it at any rate,—the wares of somebody else, but I have a book here that I would commend to the attention of this House. I have asked the Librarian to stock half a dozen copies for the use of hon. members. This is my own copy that I have in my hand and I intend to send it over to the leader of the Government with a request that he read it, or at least that he begin to read it, because when he once begins I know he will not stop until he finishes its perusal. I will not send it over to him until I have finished speaking because I know he would be so engrossed in it that I would not continue to have his attention. It is in fictional form, but it is a book of truth dealing with the Asiatic question, particularly with the Japanese phase of it, on our coast to-day. So true is it that the authoress thought fit, on the