

Sir Christopher Furness, M. P., speaking at Hartlepool deplored the ill-considered remarks, threats and innuendoes of the more indiscreet and unthinking section of Labour leaders as likely to increase unemployment. Workers had been taught to regard the men who were at the head of great industrial enterprises as their natural enemies, and as a result of the mischief done trade had left the north-eastern coast. Considerations for shipbuilding in other countries, he feared, were no prospect of more than a proportion of the existing shipbuilding capacity of Great Britain being occupied in the future. A nation, he said, could only prosper in the degree in which its people were healthy, comfortable, capable, honest and free. Whatever tended to physical deterioration and degeneracy, whatever impoverished the people, whatever clouded or impaired the intellect, sapped the morals or dulled the fine sense of honour, that was the enemy of all true civic and national prosperity.