

youth who have never earned anything. May I add that to-day ninety per cent of the unemployed are willing to work.

There is another way of checking unemployment figures. I have before me figures of the unemployed in trade unions of Canada between 1935 and 1938. I am not sure as to the author, but the figures are official. They say that unemployment among members of trade unions in the month of November, 1938, was greater than in any previous November as far back as 1935, when this government took office.

There are other ways of estimating the numbers of unemployed, but I shall not labour the point, or go into further detail. I submit, however, that in future the figures should be corrected, and I shall look forward to such correction. Because of these hundreds of thousands of unemployed there is fear, discontent and demoralization throughout the country, particularly among our youth. Is that a healthy condition in which to exist? The present leader of the government knew those conditions in 1935, and I shall prove that statement from his own mouth. I have in my hand a little book entitled *Mackenzie King To The Canadian People, 1935*.

An hon. MEMBER: That will be good.

Mr. MANION: It will be good; the hon. member is right. It is one of the best books I have read. In fact, I would place it among the productions of the humorists of our country. Had I had a weak heart I believe I should have laughed myself to death as I read it; fortunately my heart is quite strong. The book is so full of good things I hate to begin it at a time so near recess. If my right hon. friend would permit me to discuss it in one piece after dinner, I should be pleased.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I would do anything to oblige the hon. member.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

### After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. MANION: Mr. Speaker, when the house adjourned at six o'clock I was referring to the pleasure I had gained from reading this latest published book of the right hon. leader of the government. He, like myself, has revealed the weakness that induces a man to write. Somebody has said oh that mine enemy should write a book. The right hon. gentleman has been weaker than I because he has written a number, but I am quite sure that when he had these statements

put into book form he was not counting on its being read the way it will be to-night. This book was put out for the election of the people before the last election. I suppose that all of us get a little exuberant at times when elections are coming on.

I do not intend by any means to read all this book this evening. Do not be afraid that I am going to quote all the fifty-six pages, but I do intend to give occasional extracts from it in the hope that there will be brought back to the mind of my right hon. friend some of the pledges he made to the people of this country. Perhaps he will be given an opportunity between now and the time he goes out of power next year to put some of these pledges into effect. I am not going to quote this book in any particular order; I shall refer to just those parts that come up from page to page.

On page eight the right hon. gentleman refers to the years of depression during the Conservative regime. For example, he says:

It will be found that, for the most part, third parties owe their origin to one or other of two causes. They are bred of hard times, or of quarrels.

That is interesting. Then he goes on:

Third parties, in Canada, have invariably had their rise during years of Conservative administration. These have been years of depression, due, in large part, to reactionary policies.

He forgets that during his own regime there have been years of depression. Certainly the past year has not been quite as prosperous as the previous one. He goes on:

As Conservative administrations have given place to Liberal administrations, the country, through the substitution of Liberal for Conservative policies, has been brought out of depression into prosperity. With returning prosperity, discontent has vanished, and with it the third parties, which discontent had helped to bring into being.

Discontent may have vanished, but at the present time there are a good many signs of discontent in the country. Not only is there discontent in the country, but there is discontent in the party opposite. On page ten he said:

With the return of a Liberal administration to office, and the adoption of Liberal policies, carried out on broad and generous lines, and with more concern for human relations, than for the methods of big business, and of high finance, and of high pressure salesmanship, there is no reason why this period of depression should not be followed by a new era of prosperity; and why the unrest and discontent, which have brought these third parties into being, and to which they owe their existence, should not also disappear.

Just listen to that.