

The Budget—Mr. Pouliot

does not represent the whole empire trade because it does not also include the trade of all other British countries between themselves.

It has already been put upon Hansard that the total British empire trade amounts to 9·1 per cent of world trade. Therefore the total empire trade, including the United Kingdom's trade with empire countries, is about 9·1 per cent of the total world's trade. That means that in accepting the Ottawa agreements this government has sacrificed the chances of Canada in 91 per cent of the total world's trade for 9·1 per cent of that trade. It shows that Canada now has opportunities in only a very small fraction of the world's trade.

In sessional paper No. 127 B, of February 4, 1935, the hon. Secretary of State (Mr. Cahan) answered as follows for the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Hanson):

Imports from the United Kingdom and other British countries were less for the twelve months ended August 31, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934 than for the same period in 1930; while exports to the United Kingdom were less for the twelve months ended August 31, 1931, 1932, 1933 than for the twelve months ended August 31, 1930, but greater for the same period in 1934 than in 1930; while exports to empire countries were less for the twelve months ended August 31, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934 than for the same period in 1930.

That means that Canada's empire trade has been much less since this government has been in power than under the previous Liberal administration. The answer of the hon. Secretary of State was to a question about exports to the United Kingdom, and his answer refers only to domestic exports and does not include Canada's exports of foreign merchandise. If the latter were included, as it should have been, it would have shown that in fact our total exports to the United Kingdom were not greater but less for the twelve months ended August 31, 1934, than for the same period in 1930.

Now I am going to give Canada's imports from and its domestic exports to the United Kingdom and other British countries for the years 1930 to 1934 inclusive, from the official return, sessional paper 127B, and others tabled the same day:

I.—Canadian Trade with United Kingdom		
United Kingdom—		
Twelve months ended	Imports from	Less than in 1930
August 31		
1930.. . . .	\$172,473,524
1931.. . . .	132,094,882	\$40,378,642
1932.. . . .	94,374,040	78,099,484
1933.. . . .	90,915,897	81,557,627
1934.. . . .	112,760,992	59,712,532
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		\$259,748,285

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That shows that the total loss in Canada's imports from the United Kingdom from August 31, 1930, to September 1, 1934, was \$259,000,000 in round figures. That is the loss sustained in our imports from the United Kingdom. Here are our domestic exports to the United Kingdom:

Domestic Exports to United Kingdom		Less than in 1930
1930.. . . .	\$258,980,455
1931.. . . .	195,414,843	\$63,565,612
1932.. . . .	168,674,283	90,306,172
1933.. . . .	197,634,504	61,345,951
1934.. . . .	259,015,456	35,001*
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	Less..	\$215,182,734

* Increase.

There was an increase of \$35,001 in 1934 as compared with 1930, but the above table does not include the export of foreign produce from Canada, or the figures would have been considerably different. The total loss in Canadian domestic exports to the United Kingdom from 1930 to 1934 was \$215,000,000 in round figures.

Let us see for the same period Canada's trade with other British countries:

II.—Canadian Trade with other British Countries excluding United Kingdom		
Other British countries	Imports from	Less than in 1930
1930.. . . .	\$66,465,042	
1931.. . . .	45,413,713	\$21,051,329
1932.. . . .	36,448,736	30,016,306
1933.. . . .	33,214,572	33,250,470
1934.. . . .	41,050,621	25,414,421
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		\$109,732,526

That shows a total loss in Canadian imports from other British countries than the United Kingdom of \$109,000,000 in round figures.

Now our domestic exports to British countries other than the United Kingdom are as follows:

Other British Countries	Domestic exports to	Less than in 1930
1930.. . . .	\$90,391,007	
1931.. . . .	60,243,107	\$30,147,900
1932.. . . .	41,471,154	48,919,853
1933.. . . .	39,950,609	50,440,398
1934.. . . .	61,107,113	29,283,894
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		\$158,792,045

That shows a total loss in domestic exports to British countries other than the United Kingdom for those four years of \$158,000,000 in round figures.