

on the other side?—They have not interfered with that. They can come back; they are running as much in Canada as in the United States. That is international traffic.

MR. GRAHAM then continued his evidence as follows:—

The question was asked about the feeling of the community. I think an editorial in the St. Croix paper—the St. Croix *Courier*—would give you some information, and I would like to read it to the Committee, omitting the criticism on Mr. Gillmor. That editorial will show the feeling. It is as follows:—

“THE ALIEN LABOR BILL.—We devote a large amount of space this week to the debate in Parliament on the Alien Labor Bill, for this is a matter in which the people of Charlotte are more vitally interested than in any other legislation that may be proposed this present session. The attitude of the leading members of both parties appears to be against the Bill, and the reasons they urge may be valid ones from their standpoint. But if the matter could be brought as clearly home to them as it is to the people of this county, if they could be made by experience to understand that the maintainance of the United States law, without a similar law in Canada, means the loss of thousands of dollars to men doing business on the borders of Canada, the forced expatriation of many loyal citizens, the withdrawal of means of support of Canadians to enrich the people of another land; if they could be convinced that good and not evil must be the outcome of the Bill, they would hesitate before refusing to make it law. It is clearly the intention of the people of the United States to enforce the provisions of their law more rigidly the approaching season than ever before, and, without the off-set that a Canadian Act of the kind would give, much annoyance, discomfort and loss will be the part of Canadians who are placed where they can be affected by its unfriendly provisions.

“While the prospect for the passage of the Bill appears somewhat unfavorable just at present, the Government cannot be willing to overlook the claims of the border counties in this matter. It is true no member of the Government represents a border constituency, and they may not realize the importance of the interests involved. It is their duty, however, to familiarize themselves with the grievance which exists, and to apply a remedy. The arguments against the Bill, though reasonable on the face, are largely speculative. It can be safely asserted that, should the Bill become law it would not affect immigration. In Canada it would be used only as a weapon of defence at points where the protection of its provisions are required to prevent financial loss and perhaps ruin. All the talk in the debate concerning this, then, was based on what might become an evil; the Bill is intended to lessen an evil which exists. Could this view, with other strong arguments that might be advanced, be brought to the attention of Parliament, the opinion at present prevailing might be changed, and a majority for the Bill secured. If a general law covering the matter is not possible, an Act, with local application, to protect citizens of the country living on the border might be placed on the Statute-book. This would satisfy all parties, and would afford the protection desired. We commend the whole question, from a border standpoint, to the earnest consideration of Parliament while still in session, and trust that the case may be covered by some legislation which will abate the existing difficulties.”

*By Mr. Gillmor:*

306. Mr. Graham has not magnified but has been very moderate in his statements?—I might say, as I came along at Vanceboro, there was a similar state of affairs there. I was conversing with the foreman of Shaw's tannery there and asked him how they got along. He said they used Canadian men for what labor they had on this side; but on the American side many of them had been obliged to move from Canada over there.

*By the Chairman:*

307. The same state of affairs exists along the border?—Yes; my attention was drawn to Eastport where the sardine factories are. I was informed that many of