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traded with the whole world as well. We have had an example of the blessings of preferential trade. Now, they have hanged it on the sour apple tree alongside John Brown's body. The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Claxton) said that was a good place for it, but I believe it would be a good place for some of his policies. It would be a good thing if that were to happen to some of these Geneva pacts and the unilateral agreements that have been made with some countries.

Today, the Liberal party has gone back over one hundred years and is adopting unilateral trade. This was Mr. Fielding's policy and it was the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who in 1897 proposed a six cent per bushel preference on wheat. The United Kingdom was our traditional market and, because of inability to solve the sterling difficulties, we are losing that market. I can tell you that the time is not far distant when the government will have to face the country. I believe Britain will be starved under the present Attlee policy. Why should they be starved out when Britain is our best customer? Would any of the departmental stores, such as Eaton's or Simpson's, treat their best customers that way?

This house should adopt the amendment to have an economic conference with the rest of the British commonwealth in order to draft a policy to help the mother country. Such a policy would cover grain and all food products. The commonwealth countries have been our best customers, our steady customers, along with allied France and Italy. This conference could adopt a policy for the future which would avoid the United Kingdom being dependent on the United States for everything. After all, we are partners. I admire the people of the United States. It is a great nation, but it is well able to look after itself. We are just friendly competitors, and should be friendly competitors to that extent. We should stand by those who stood by us.

Was there anything more striking than the appearance of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe) at the British industries trade fair in which there were those magnificent exhibits from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Rhodesia and other crown colonies? I believe the minister did a lot of good work in that connection, as did his predecessor who is now a senator in the other place. I hope that something will be done about that matter.

May I refer now to other matters that have come up here. I should like to say that the granting to women of the right to vote was started at the city hall in Toronto. A married woman only had a dower right in the property; she could not vote. We went

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to the legislature and had a bill passed which gave two votes per house, and that spread all over Canada. The provinces then prepared the federal lists. In view of what women did in the war we went to the premier of Ontario in 1917, Mr. Hearst, and he gave them the ballot in provincial matters. Automatically, women secured a federal franchise; that is the way it started.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS**SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS**

Bill No. 67, for the relief of Margaret Helen Milne Ward.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 68, for the relief of Lizzie Brogden Hibberd.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 69, for the relief of Eric Jeffery Burn.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 70, for the relief of Agnes McIntosh McKillop McBride.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 71, for the relief of Elizabeth Audrey Beaulclerk Quinlan.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 72, for the relief of Thelma Blanche Collins Geick.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 73, for the relief of Thora Beckingham Lock.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 74, for the relief of Hugh William Lloyd.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 75, for the relief of Linda Emilia Wilen Robitaille.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 76, for the relief of Brina Paskin Warshaw.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 77, for the relief of Thomas Hanusiak.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 78, for the relief of Loretta Waugh O'Dell.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 79, for the relief of Marie Rita Plante Boyer.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 80, for the relief of Dorothy Waxman Sherman.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 81, for the relief of Laura Cohen Kaminsky.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 82, for the relief of Annie Marion Lesnichuk Krushelniski, otherwise known as Annie Marion Lesnichuk Krush. — Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 83, for the relief of Marjorie May Smart Birmingham.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 84, for the relief of Anna Sandberg Goldbloom, otherwise known as Anna Sandberg Gold.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 85, for the relief of Olive Frances Harper Morrison.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 86, for the relief of Delphis Brousseau.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 87, for the relief of Gladys McCarrick Bonnemer.—Mr. Winkler.