

if a man has made these tremendous profits he should be taxed whether he was a farmer or not. But I will tell the honourable gentleman that because of things to which I have already referred the farmers, as a class, have not made large sums of money. Because last year we expected to have a splendid crop. The outlook led us to believe that there would be a yield of 35 bushels to the acre. But what was the average in Canada? According to the statistics of the Dominion Government it was ten bushels to the acre. In some places no doubt the yield was greater; but in many places it was not more than 3 bushels to the acre.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Ten bushels?

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: Ten bushels, according to the statistics.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: That was bad farming.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: It may have been, I am simply giving the facts.

Then there is the labour problem. Because the cities have adopted the eight-hour system, daylight saving, and a few other fads, it is almost impossible for the farmers to get help. The farmer, or his wife, or daughter has to milk the cows. If he does get help, when the afternoon comes along, the hired man, because he knows that men in the cities are working only eight hours a day, wants to stop work, and it is difficult to retain him. I do not know what is going to happen. I believe that the farmers in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec have a better opportunity of making money than the farmers of the Prairie Provinces.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: That is right.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: But in spite of their opportunities, no one can deny that the rural population in Ontario is decreasing. Even the small town population is decreasing; the people are going to the large centres. Nothing counts like experience. If the farmers of this country are making the amount of money that some people think they are making, then, why do they leave the farms, even in the province of Ontario, and move into the cities?

An Hon. SENATOR: A good many retire.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: And can you blame them after they have spent forty years on the farm? When a man is sixty years old can you blame him for wanting to retire to the beautiful city of Winnipeg

from which the honourable gentleman comes?

To a certain extent I agree with the leader of the House when he says that we require manufacturing; but I say that the manufacturers of this country have not treated the three western provinces fairly. I may be wrong, but that is my opinion. If there is a market of 2,000,000 in those provinces, it is worthy of the consideration of the manufacturers. I have said many a time, from my place in the other House, during my political campaigns, and privately, that I was in favour of union. I have stood for the slogan, "Get together." If Canada is to become a great country it will be through union and compromise, and I cannot state that too strongly.

In opening I said that I would have the presumption to say a few words about the machinery of the Senate. Last year the honourable gentleman from Sydney (Hon. Mr. McLennan) moved for a committee to consider the machinery of Government. I am glad that the honourable gentleman got his committee, because, if for no other reason, it gave this honourable body something to do. Another Committee of the Senate considered the question of the navigability of the Hudson Bay. The committee secured a great deal of very interesting and valuable information, and during the recess I had much pleasure in reading and re-reading the evidence. The chairman of the committee was the honourable member for Sussex (Hon. Mr. Fowler), and although he comes from the East, I must say that his judgment and fairness were all that could be expected, even from a man hailing from the West. I compliment the honourable gentleman upon the way in which the inquiry was conducted. The honourable gentleman from Sydney (Hon. Mr. McLennan) talked about the machinery of Government. He might have stopped nearer home, and talked about the machinery of the Senate. He talked about the Cabinet, and the difference in the problems of running a Government and running a private institution. He was well answered by the leader of the Government, and the honourable gentleman from Montreal made a good speech upon the question; but, in my opinion, the honourable gentleman from Antigonish (Hon. Mr. Girroir) did more than any one else to refute the argument advanced by the honourable gentleman from Sydney. They say that he is a poor workman who quarrels with his tools. I do not think that the machinery of Government is too bad if it is properly