

The question of the quality of some article which is manufactured in Canada arises, and we often hear it said, "Oh it is not of any use; it is not as good as it should be. If we could get something from some other country it would be very much better." We have heard that complaint time and again during the present session and in previous sessions. I do not like to hear that said of things which are grown or manufactured in Canada. I know that we are under a handicap in this country living alongside a very great and powerful neighbour which has seen fit to establish a very high customs tariff. When they have a surplus of anything in that country, rather than have their market break, or fluctuate they get rid of that surplus somewhere else, and that is the very thing that is happening in this country at the present time. The minister in connection with the dumping clause touched the crux of the whole situation. When forty carloads of butter are dumped into this Dominion, which should be able to produce enough butter to supply the small population we have, you can see here the very thing the people of this country are up against, and that is the very thing the manufacturer of these engines will be up against if you lower the tariff to the degree proposed under this resolution. I think it is a most dangerous course to pursue, but it is evident the government are determined to proceed step by step until they gradually reach their objective. We heard minister after minister last session get up in the House and express the hope that the step then taken indicated the ringing of the death knell of protection. To-day we have had the chief whip of the government party get up in this House and say he would gladly have welcomed the abolition of the whole tariff in connection with the articles coming in under this item, namely gasoline engines, but that it was at all events another step in the right direction, and consequently it was welcomed. Now if the government believes this is a good thing for the fishermen and others why not go the length and abolish the whole tariff? Rather than proceed step by step, why not go the whole way at once? Is it another case of the Indian who was going to cut the tail off his dog, and decided to do so by cutting off an inch at a time so that it would not hurt so much? Is the government attempting to strangle industry in this country by degrees, and then come back here later on and say: Some of these industries have survived, so it cannot be as disastrous a step as the members of the opposition were predicting. Why not come out in the open and

indicate what you intend to do? Do not be everlastingly harping upon this "step in the right direction". If you believe it is a good thing, have the courage of your convictions, and introduce a measure which means what you intend to do, rather than adopt this slow process of strangulation.

I regret to hear so much about the inability of Canadians to manufacture goods that are the equal of those manufactured in the United States or elsewhere. So far as gasoline engines are concerned, I want to say that the manufacturers in this Dominion are competent to manufacture, and do manufacture gasoline engines, equal to anything that has been manufactured in any other country. We demonstrated during the war in the way of manufacturing munitions what we were capable of doing, something that the people did not believe it was possible for us to do. Rather than discourage our people, I think this is the time when it is necessary to come out and encourage them to carry on and to put forth their maximum effort. Surely that is better than trying to frighten them and make them believe that even worse things are coming, and that if they have any capital they had better keep it out of business which ought to be employing people in this country. It is just another example of what has been going on for the last year or two, resulting in our workmen having to cross the line to find employment, and manufacturing over there the things that are required in this country, and many of these things manufactured by our own people in a foreign country come into competition with the goods produced in this country, under great difficulties which are continually increasing as a result of legislation similar to this resolution.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: My hon. friend from South Oxford (Mr. Sutherland) has made a brave attempt to compare the dairy industry in this country to the marine motor industry. While I do not profess to be an expert in marine motor engines, yet I was very much interested in the questions asked by some of the hon. members opposite of my hon. friend from Northumberland county (Mr. Snowball). It has been demonstrated that the life of the American-made motor is of longer duration than the Canadian made motor, and I believe that is true. I have often asked myself the question why our Canadian manufacturers cannot manufacture as good an engine in Canada as they make in the United States, and in my humble opinion it is on account of our protective tariff. I truly believe that if the field were wide open, if our American competitors were allowed to sell their engines in