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suggest that the way to bring about an expansion and control of international trade is through export and import boards, through long term mutual agreements and not by the archaic method of increasing tariffs which will have the result of increasing production costs in Canada and instead of contributing to greater employment will bring about a larger measure of unemployment.

We need planning in our nation. We think enough jobs should be made available so that all our people will have an opportunity to work. In the days ahead as automation increases and production methods improve the Canadian work week should be materially reduced. Premier Khrushchev has made the boast that in his country the 30-hour work week will be a reality within a short time. As a nation we cannot achieve such a shorter work week unless in our judgment we have the necessary amount of planning to deal with all aspects of our economy, full production, full employment and a control of international trade.

This budget is an indication of the abject failure of this government to deal with the present national emergency. It suggests a failure by the government to bring forward an adequate national plan to provide full employment, full production and a reasonable distribution of our goods. I suggest to the minister, and I warn him, that he has taken the wrong course in embarking upon an outmoded high tariff policy that will spell ruin to the Canadian nation, to Canadian industries and to the Conservative party.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Utter rot.

**Mr. McDonald (Hamilton South):** I should like to ask the hon. member a question. As leader of the C.C.F. party in this house, is he for free trade?

**Mr. Argue:** I should like to see the day when outmoded tariffs are abolished in their entirety and we have planned trade instead of tariffs. That should be our objective. I think we need planning in our trade and the planning should be along the lines I have suggested, which will result in a gradual reduction of tariffs instead of this blind reliance on tariffs that will lead to greater not less unemployment.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Good-bye to the labour votes for the new party.

**Mr. Argue:** I would suggest to the hon. member that we are waiting for the official reply of this government to the offer of Britain for a free trade area, and I tell my hon. friend also that we are going to be required as a nation to associate ourselves with a larger trading area, which will mean a reduction of tariffs and an increased market

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for Canadian factories. The Tory party is following the assumption that 18 million people provide an adequate market for major Canadian industries. This is a fallacy. This government has failed the nation by failing to bring about a very major change in its trading policy.

**Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, the budget introduced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming) has provided a stimulus for the Canadian economy, one which I hope every advantage will be taken of in the Atlantic provinces. During the last few weeks I had been hopeful that another stimulus would be provided by the recent convention held by the Liberal party in Ottawa. Having noticed the importance they placed on the Atlantic provinces and the situation as it is there today I was hopeful that they would at least pass a few resolutions in this regard. However, Mr. Speaker, that did not take place. Once again the apparent disregard of the Atlantic area came to the forefront, as it has many times in the past. They apparently ran out of time. But they did not run out of time before one delegation from the Atlantic provinces packed it up in disgust.

I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that possibly they could have made some time available for themselves at least in one category, on which they spent much time. I refer to the resolutions on education. In this particular field they saw fit to have a resolution concerning loans, and another one on scholarships and bursaries. Lo and behold, they came through with one for free education at all levels. I would suggest that possibly they could have avoided the first two, since they were going to provide free education at all levels, and spend a little time on problems of the Atlantic provinces on which they placed so much importance.

I am very sorry to see that champion of labour from Essex East is not in his seat, nor is his colleague from Bonavista-Twillin-gate because some of the remarks I have to make at this time will be made for their benefit.

The hon. member for Essex East (Mr. Martin) rose in his place the other day and asked a question with regard to the coal situation in Cape Breton. Does he think for a moment that because he rises in his place and asks a question on the situation in Cape Breton he is going to be able to come into that province and set himself up as a champion of the coal miner? Hardly, when one considers the view of the Liberal party during the time of their administration and what happened to the coal industry then.