

that will produce the highest percentage of output after being slaughtered. For instance, a man buying for the Swift Canadian Company has certain animals marked to his name, and he gets credit for them. They are kept out in the yards away from feed, and pounded around and kept away from the scales as long as possible. Finally they are weighed. I have here nineteen weight slips for fourteen white-faced calves, all alike. Four or five weight slips should have taken care of the whole load, but there were nineteen. And I ask honourable senators to notice that there is not an odd pound shown on any of them; they are all for even figures. The weight is recorded at the lowest even figure. There is no object in weighing in so many drafts, except to take as many pounds as possible from the shipper. I am doubtful of what a committee of the Senate would accomplish in this matter. The Government have been implored to take some action; they know the situation very well. They also know they could secure all the bacon required if they would just raise the price.

Now I wish to criticize the Government rather severely with respect to their handling of strikes in this country. The honourable senator who just spoke concerning the labour question (Hon. Mr. Kinley) has been fortunate in having no trouble in his particular operations. It seems to me the policy of the Government has been to always wait too long. Delays should not occur. Surely the labour situation should have been settled beforehand. It is deplorable that now, when there is such a demand for cars and other commodities, so many men should be idle. And in the West, perhaps throughout Canada as a whole, people will freeze this winter because 9,000 coal miners are on strike. I do not blame the miners at all. These men are heavy meat eaters and the present ration means almost starvation for them. Why, I have had working with me men who would eat the entire weekly ration of meat at one meal. The Government should see that these miners are given an increased ration so that they can go back to work. The rest of the people would not begrudge it to them. I am speaking from experience when I say that men doing heavy work must get adequate food. I have worked on the drive on the river, and in the bush, and I know that men who do not get enough to eat cannot stand that kind of work very long. How could a company expect a hungry man to go out at four o'clock in the morning and stand in running water up to his waist? The officials in the department know very well what the conditions are, and I am surprised that they

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have not granted the miners' request for a larger ration. If people freeze to death this winter, the responsibility will rest on the Government. This matter should be settled without further delay.

The honourable senator from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen) is greatly concerned that we should have a new flag. Well, the flag we have is quite all right for me, but if he wants an emblem that recognizes the various races in this country, I have no objection. I should like to see him include in his flag something representative of the first Canadians, the Indians. This reference to Indians reminds me of a book that interested me very much, the *Memoirs of Vincent Nolte*, which is to be found in the Parliamentary Library. It was written more than ninety years ago, and is, I believe, a true story of conditions in the preceding half century. The author had dealings in cotton and in financial transactions, having been himself at one time connected with a financial house in Lombardy, Italy. He too met robbers "on the Rhine" and at various other places. He speaks of President Andrew Jackson and says his greatest claim to fame lies in his elimination of Indians. So far as I can find out, our North American Indians were perhaps about the best of all the so-called savage races.

I want to commend the Government for its plan to spend some \$2,000,000 on the rehabilitation of Indian homes—a measure that is long past due. Certainly our Indians in western Canada have a very high record of enlistments in this war. A man in the Mistawasis reserve, near where I live, had ten sons in uniform. Almost every physically fit man in the reserve joined up. I think Indians should be allowed to vote without any restrictions whatever. They are a fine type of people, as they have proved whenever given a chance. If my honourable friend also wishes to have the Eskimos represented in some way on his flag I shall not object, though I repeat that the present flag is all right for me.

I realize that, as many men have said before, Canada is a difficult country to govern because of its extreme length from east to west and its relatively short depth. The honourable senator who just preceded me (Hon. Mr. Kinley) apparently thinks that free trade would be a good thing for Nova Scotia. I can assure him that western Canada would give three cheers for free trade too; but I do not know that the rest of Canada would be so well pleased with it. Much of the western trade would be with the United States, where a better market for our products can often be found. Last fall a farmer friend of mine had to sell 150 lambs because his feed was