

*The Address—Mr. McLean (Melfort)*

munitions to other countries. If he does so, he will find the answer to the statement I made.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): I cannot find any question to answer there. It has nothing at all to do with the matter; it is not relevant.

Then my hon. friend spoke about the reduction of farmers' incomes in Saskatchewan in 1937. Unquestionably the incomes of the farmers of that province decreased in 1937, but I submit that to anyone reading the record or listening to the hon. member the suggestion was left that in some way or another this government had something to do with those low incomes in that year. In 1937 there was no crop at all over a very wide area of the country. In that year the wheat crop accounted for less than one-third of the farmers' incomes; live stock accounted for about twenty per cent, and dairy and poultry products accounted for the balance. That condition was brought about because the sun shone too brightly and the winds were too warm, so that a great deal of that area was scorched. But the hon. member does not say that. Oh, no; the income of the farmers was low in 1937. Of course it was; but why not be fair about the matter and give in this house, where so many pleas have been made so often for assistance from other parts of Canada, the real reason why the crop was so short. I find in the *Ottawa Journal* of January 30 the following statement taken from the *New York Sun*:

It is now reported that a deposit of nickel in Celebes island, Netherlands East Indies, is to be developed by a Holland corporation, and it may be significant that the metal is to be extracted by a new process worked out by the Krupp establishment in Germany.

Twenty thousand tons of the Celebes ore were treated according to the new technique in the Krupp works in Germany and the results of the test are declared to have been "remarkably successful."

For years my hon. friends have been protesting against Canada selling nickel to European countries. They knew, or they should have known, that in Russia and other countries nickel was to be found, which could have been used but which was a little more expensive to treat than the Canadian nickel, but these countries could get it and use it if they wished to do so.

I should like to make just a brief reference to the time the hon. member for Weyburn spent on the McDaniel incident in Regina. He took unto himself the robes of the holy; he said, "We are a democratic party. We would not do things in that way." I want

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to tell him that the day after the last provincial election in Saskatchewan, which was held on June 8, in some constituencies where members of his party were elected their supporters were around the next day looking for the jobs that had been promised them before the election. The hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan shakes his head; nevertheless it is true.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Let us have the facts.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): I am giving the facts now.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): That is not a fact; it is an insinuation.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): Some of my Liberal friends, remonstrating with some of my hon. friends' friends, said, "Why did you do a thing like that? You knew you could not carry out your promise." The answer was, "Yes; of course we knew that, but what do you suppose we were doing? We were out to get votes."

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Give the facts.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): I believe that human nature among my Conservative and Liberal friends is no different from human nature among my Cooperative Commonwealth Federation friends, but the Conservative and Liberal parties have been in training long enough, in preparation long enough—

An hon. MEMBER: Too long.

Mr. McLEAN (Melfort): Too long in preparation? Well, I shall leave it to any hon. member if it would not have been better if some of my hon. friends opposite had taken a little longer in preparation before stepping in with the promises they made. Perhaps then they would not have made the mess of things that has, as a result, been brought about in the province from which the hon. member comes. The old parties, so-called, are democratic parties; democracy is the only new thing in political economy in the world, not the autocracies to which hon. members opposite aspire. The old parties have had experience in dealing with these matters, and they know better than to make too many rash promises they cannot carry out.

The hon. member for Weyburn listed the things his party stands for to-day. I notice they are quite different from the things his party stood for three years ago, but even with that difference it would cost this country billions of dollars to put those policies into effect, and no one knows what the full result