

That is a pretty fair answer to the statement made by the hon. member.

I hold in my hand the Cockshutt Plow Company's list for 1915, which is red-inked, showing the reductions that have been made. Some of the items that affect the farmers of the West are as follows:

Grain binders: No. 3 binder, 5 foot with sheaf carrier, \$5 decrease; No. 3 binder, 6 foot, with sheaf carrier, \$5 decrease; No. 3 binder, 7 foot, with sheaf carrier, \$5 decrease; No. 3 binder, 7 foot, with sheaf carrier and pole truck, \$5 decrease; No. 3 binder, 8 foot, with sheaf carrier, \$5 decrease.

That reduction runs through the whole list. I am authorized to say that the list as it stands to-day is lower than it was in 1914, and that it will not be increased.

Mr. MACNUTT: Is that decrease made to the farmers or to the dealers?

Mr. BRADBURY: It is made to any man who wants to purchase those implements. You can buy them or a dealer can buy them. That is a complete answer to the statements made in the Winnipeg Free Press interview which was used by my hon. friend the member for Lethbridge (Mr. Buchanan). I am satisfied that that hon. member would not have read that interview in this House if he had understood the situation.

There is another article affected by this tariff, namely, cement. Hon. gentlemen opposite have a record on this. My hon. friends, the member for Assiniboia (Mr. Turriff) and the hon. member for Edmonton (Mr. Oliver), who I am sorry is not in his seat, have devoted a good deal of time to endeavour to make the people believe that they are being injured by this tariff to the extent of the increased duty.

Mr. TURRIFF: So they are.

Mr. BRADBURY: The hon. member says, "So they are." The hon. member waxed eloquent against the great merger that was permitted to be formed. There is an old saying, "What the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." If the hon. member had reflected on the attitude of his party towards that merger when it had an opportunity of preventing it, he would have hesitated before making such a statement. I had the honour of having a seat in this House when the merger was formed. I was sitting on the opposite side, and I called the attention of the late Minister of Finance to this merger and warned him of what might happen. I received a very unsympathetic reply, and no action whatever was taken to control the operations of the merger

of which the hon. member is complaining to-day.

Mr. J. D. REID: I think the hon. member for Assiniboia supported that legislation.

Mr. BRADBURY: I am quoting from Hansard of 1912-13, volume 1, page 400. I asked the question:

1. Has the attention of the Government been called to the cement merger that has taken place, by means of which the Canada Cement Company, Limited, has taken over ten of the largest cement companies of Canada with a capital of \$30,000,000 and that on account of this merger the prices of cement to the consumer has been very much increased?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to take action to protect the public against this merger, which threatens to be a huge combine, thereby increasing the cost of cement which is almost a necessity to-day in great works?

Hon. W. S. Fielding (Minister of Finance): The Government are aware from information in the public press, that a number of cement manufactories of the Dominion have been consolidated under one large company. Whether this consolidation has unduly enhanced the price of cement is a disputed point.

The law provides two methods of dealing with combinations which unduly enhance prices.

Then, the former Minister of Finance goes on to point out that the citizens can take action, but that he, or the Government responsible, refuse to take any action. Why? You have not far to go to find the reason—the promoters of the cement merger were leading Liberals. The late Senator Cox, the present president of the company, Senator Edwards, Senator McKay—all leading Liberals—are the men who created this merger. If this is a combine, the Liberal party are entirely responsible for it.

Mr. SCHAFFNER: What year is that Hansard?

Mr. BRADBURY: It is 1912-13.

Mr. SCHAFFNER: The hon. gentleman has made a mistake in the date.

Mr. BRADBURY: Yes, I have given correctly the date of the book from which I am now quoting, but I had a mistake in the date in this way: I am quoting from quotations made in a speech of my own of that year. But it was on the 16th of November, 1909, that I called the attention of the House to this matter. And what was the attitude of my hon. friend from Assiniboia at that time? Though he sat in this House then, he never raised his voice against this merger. And the hon. member for Edmonton, who was a trusted member of the Government of that day, had nothing to say. These hon. gentlemen, like others on that