

- (1) During the first two years of the depression I employed an average of 275 men, who were supporting over 200 families.
- (2) In 1931, I invested a further \$100,000.00 (with all the employment created for the trades concerned) in my present Montreal enterprise, which has since steadily employed 75 persons, supporting 50 families.
- (3) During this period the Government was spending hundreds of millions on unemployment relief, which I was personally helping and continue to help relieve to the above extent, not only at no gain to myself but actually with the bitter experience of passing through personal bankruptcy.
- (4) I have tried to serve my country in war or peace. Had I run to cover in 1930 or 1931 instead of carrying on, I would now be quite independent but would have transferred to Government the problem of employment relief for this large number of people, at a cost to the Government in cash of several times the total amount of my present project.
- (5) If I am to be allowed to continue my fight to win back my considerable equity and to continue the steady employment I am now giving to my 75 operatives, I need this as personal relief, (for which I am admittedly offering fair value) NOW.