

Nova Scotia, wherever I heard a colleague from Nova Scotia speak, and wherever I heard any of our leaders in Nova Scotia speak, no pronouncement whatever was made upon the tariff. What we said was this, that we had it on good authority that if the right hon. gentleman who now leads the government were returned to power, Mr. Fielding would be Minister of Finance, and that was all that the people of Nova Scotia wanted. That was our tariff policy—Mr. Fielding as Minister of Finance. I might go on and elaborate on this. It is true that there is a tariff wall in the Dominion of Canada to-day; but what have we to offer in its place? It is all that the people demand. It is said that Solon, the Athenian law-giver, said that the laws which he gave to the Athenians were not the best laws, but they were the best laws the Athenians at that time could stand. So it is in connection with the present tariff. It is not the best tariff; but it is the best tariff that Canada, under present conditions, can stand.

I am not going to intrude further, to any great extent, upon your valuable time, but I wish to say simply this. As I have already stated, the time has come in this country when public men should get a fair measure of justice meted out to them. My hon. friends opposite stand in their places and say that the two old political parties of this country have gone into desuetude. I want to tell my hon. friends who sit opposite that the grand old Liberal party of this country and the historic Conservative party will exist in the Dominion of Canada when there will be no Progressives occupying seats in this House.

Mr. HOEY: Will the hon. member tell me if they are going to exist together or separately?

Mr. MARTELL: Whether they exist separately or together, they will exist for the making of good government, government in the interest of all the people all the time, and not in the interest of any particular class or group.

I want to be local for one or two minutes and to call the attention of this House to conditions which exist in my constituency. The other day my hon. friend from Colchester (Mr. Putnam), in speaking had only one fault that I can remember, and that is that he arrogated to his constituency the historic place from which the expulsion of the Acadians took place. I would claim that my constituency is the most historic. There is in my constituency of Hants the town of Windsor and in that constituency also are great lumbering and gypsum industries and

farming interests. We are the fourth port in the province of Nova Scotia as regards shipping and to-day we are absolutely devoid of any method of getting our commodities to market. I am, therefore, going to ask the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) and the Minister of Public Works (Mr. King) to look well to the demands of Windsor for improved trade facilities.

Before I conclude, I want to refer for a moment or so to the subamendment which has been moved by the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Shaw). I do not know whether that is the fruit of the brains of that hon. member or not. But it seems to me if I read the times aright, that there has been a sort of morganatic alliance between him and some other members in the House, not of the Progressive faith. I believe he has taken sweet counsel of some of the friends of my right hon. friend (Mr. Meighen) who leads the opposition. The amendment reminds one of the deception practised in the case of Jacob and Esau in the days of old: the hand was the hand of Esau, but the voice was the voice of Jacob. There is no reason to-day why there should be any pessimism in this country. True, there is a cry of unemployment all through the country. But, Sir, this notwithstanding, I do not think we have any reason whatsoever to be pessimistic. Canada is rich in her natural resources; she has diversified industries; and all we have to do is to be cheerful and have faith in our common country, looking forward to the day of prosperity, for already we can see

The roseate hues of early dawn,
The brightness of the day—

and Canada rightly taking her place as one of the foremost parts of the British Empire.

I was going to refer to some remarks made concerning Canada and the Near East situation, but I shall not say much on this point. I have only this to observe, that the people of my province are, I believe, absolutely in accord with the attitude taken by the government in the matter. I believe that the issues of war and peace in the Dominion of Canada should be determined entirely by this parliament. We do not want to drift away from the Old Land, but Canada does want to be mistress in her own house. It is for us to say what shall become of the moneys of the Canadian people, and what stand Canada shall take in all matters, national or international. I can do no better, before I close, than to quote the words of Sir Allen Aylesworth, who was appointed a short time ago to the Senate: