

Bare your backs for the burden, O ye Progressives. Be prepared for the great recantation. We will watch for it. It has been promised and we are prepared for it. Watch them as they go up to the block, one after the other. It was all wrong a year ago; it is all right now. What is the change? Not in conditions, except that they are a little worse than they were. Have you changed your mind? Then you were a false prophet and misled the people of this country when you asked them to adopt the principles which you now say they should disapprove, or vice versa.

That is the reason that there is evident throughout this country the keenest interest in what this parliament will do. There is the keenest feeling that the Canadian parliament should do something for Canadians, that we should not waste our time in empty resolutions but that we should do something which will be of value. We have been told that this ministry is to go to London to attend an economic conference, this ministry which had only forty-three per cent of the votes of the people of this country at the last election, this ministry which never has had a majority of the Canadian electors vote for it. We say that it is not right or fair that a government such as that should represent this country at such a conference until the people have been consulted.

One step more. Time after time when I have endeavoured to speak a word on behalf of Canada I have been told by the right hon. the Prime Minister that I should not say anything that is provocative to the United States of America, and he denounced the speeches which were made last year as being provocative. He went to western Canada and spoke in the city of Calgary and he told them there that the question of a general election would be dependent to some extent upon the action of the American congress. I put to this house this question, a question which I think every serious minded Canadian must consider. Shall the determination of the date of the next general election depend upon matters of Canadian concern or upon the course which the United States government may see fit to adopt in respect to tariff and other matters? We are not advocating legislation against anyone; what we are asking for is legislation for Canada. At the time the right hon. gentleman was making those speeches in western Canada, another gentleman, with whose writings he is very familiar, Professor Taussig of Harvard university, one of the most eminent authorities on economics, had this to say in the *Foreign Affairs Journal*, a powerful magazine published in the United States:

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The article reviews the new tariff bill of the United States and the above sentence appears at page 3. I commend it to the attention of the house and this country. Remember that those words are not mine. When I ventured to raise my voice last year in defence of what I considered to be Canadian rights, I was denounced as a jingo. Because I ventured to speak a word for this country and criticized other countries I was denounced as saying things which were provocative. But justification comes, not from my own friends, not from this parliament or from this country, but it comes in the words of one of the most eminent economists in the United States, a man who was the chairman of the tariff commission from 1917 to 1919. Mark you, he was not speaking about days gone by; he said, "For many years we have treated Canada much as a big bully treats the smaller boy."

Mr. Speaker, so far as I am concerned and so far as those with whom I am associated are concerned, we propose to protest against being bullied by any power on earth.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, like my hon. friend who has just taken his seat, I find it indeed a pleasure to be able to congratulate very warmly and sincerely the hon. gentlemen who in such an admirable way have moved and seconded the address to His Excellency. Both the hon. member for West Lambton (Mr. Gray) and the hon. member for La-prairie-Napierville (Mr. Dupuis) are members of the legal profession. They are new members of this house; they are young in years and they are young in experience in this parliament. They each succeeded hon. members who were greatly respected and who played a very important part in the proceedings of this house. I think I cannot better express what I believe is in the minds of all here present with respect to their presentation today, in what was, I believe, in the case of each his maiden speech, than to say that in the manner in which they have addressed the house, in the substance of their remarks, in the arguments which they have brought to bear upon the matters with which they have dealt, they have reflected credit upon themselves, upon their profession, upon the constituencies which have sent them to parliament, upon the memory of those whom they have succeeded in this house as representatives, and upon the House of Commons itself.

With respect to my hon. friend (Mr. Bennett), may I say at once that we on this side, and I am sure the house generally, enjoyed his remarks this afternoon. They were for