

example, wished to adopt the same method followed in Germany or Italy of ending unemployment, she could declare war on Canada, and that would end unemployment in both countries until the war was over. Most of the dictator countries have their surplus population either training for war or actually under arms. But Canada and the United States, being peace-loving countries, desire to find honest work for all their people.

I believe, sir, that every member of the Tory party, every member of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, even those who have taken post graduate courses in Russia, and every member of the Social Credit party, the party which makes money out of nothing but their words only, as the Lord made the earth, knows that in the last three years this government has done more to relieve unemployment than could possibly be done by adopting their fantastic policies—and the electors of Canada know this too.

I am sure that every member of the Liberal party in this house and throughout Canada, every elector who supported the Liberal cause at the last federal election, and a great many who did not, are proud of the manner in which the right hon. the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mackenzie King) answered the charges made against this government by the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Manion), and that all thoughtful Canadians are indeed thankful that Canada has had at the head of her affairs in these troublous times a man with the long experience and vision of the Prime Minister. Fathers and mothers who wish their families to grow up as peace-loving Canadian citizens have indeed much for which to be grateful. The electors of this dominion feel that they are in safe hands once more; the fishermen know that this government is doing everything humanly possible to solve their difficulties; the farmers who were well to do in 1930 but were either bankrupt or facing insolvency in 1935 have again taken courage, and with the fair prices they have been receiving for their products are not considering a change of government; the fox producers, whose uncertain industry has been placed on a secure foundation by the joint regulations inaugurated by the departments of agriculture, provincial and federal, are not considering a change of government.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, speaking of agriculture reminds me that the genial minister of agriculture for the province of Prince Edward Island, the Hon. William Dennis, has been seriously ill in the civic hospital here in Ottawa, and I would ask every member of this house who loves a good sport to say a prayer for his complete recovery.

[Mr. Grant.]

Mr. DAVID SPENCE (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member who has just preceded me has gone far beyond the bounds of parliamentary discussion in saying that our honoured leader in the last election resorted to deception. I object to that because it is not, in my opinion, proper for any hon. member to use that expression, and anybody who knows the Right Hon. R. B. Bennett knows that he never used any deception. Let me tell the hon. member that it will take more than the support of the rural mail carriers of Canada to save him and his party at the coming election. The hon. member spoke of being proud of the name Liberal. He also claims that in the United States the Democrats are resorting to that word to describe their party, but may I remind him that the Liberal party in Canada has nowadays very little beyond its name of which to be proud. With some of the things he has said about the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) I agree; with others I cannot; but of course he has the right to say what he likes, when he likes, and in whatever way he likes.

For some weeks I have sat here attentively listening to a good many speeches. Until yesterday I did not know that I was going to speak in this debate. Since I came back from Toronto I have had little time to prepare anything, but I have in my head a rambling lot of stuff which comes from my knowledge of the business world and has been instilled into me for a good many years.

The speeches made in this debate have been splendid; each one has expressed the views of the speaker and frequently the views of his party. Regardless of what may be said outside this house in criticism of them, they are a credit to Canada, and I am sorry that my own lack of training will not allow me to maintain the standard which some others have reached. My life in the business world has been a busy one, and I have had no opportunity of training along the line of making speeches in parliament; in fact I never expected to be in parliament. I am here, however, and I am glad to be here. I intend not to make a speech but to offer some observations in my own way about matters of which I know something.

I am sorry that my good friend the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dunning) is not in the chamber. I am delighted that he is back in the house and is feeling in good condition, smiling as he usually does, and sometimes adding a little sarcasm to his wit and humour. He would not be genuine if the sarcasm could not come out as well as the humour; in that respect he may be like myself.