

anything, more the aim of Liberalism in this twentieth century than it was even in ancient days.

One hon. member, more familiar with the bible than I am, reminds me that this is from Isaiah. When we were in power the right hon. gentleman was addicted more to the Lamentations of Jeremiah than he was to Isaiah. There is a delicious touch on page 46. I shall read it and then I shall dispense with the book:

The ancient Greeks had a clear understanding of human nature and behaviour, and of inevitable sequences, when they accorded Nemesis the place they did in most of their tragedies.

Nemesis, Mr. Speaker, if you will recall your classical studies, was the goddess of retribution. The right hon. gentleman has dodged rather a few goddesses in his time and I have no doubt he is still dodging. In that sense he is the Artful Dodger, something which I really regret because I do believe the country would be better off if some of these goddesses could catch up with him. However, I fancy that this one will. I am afraid that in time this goddess Nemesis will catch up with him and deal with him.

I have read some selections from this book, and I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that you can get more amusement and enjoyment, more of sheer cheerfulness out of it than out of any book of jokes published in Canada. I have a notion to suggest to the right hon. gentleman that he ought to get the National Liberal Federation, which I am told has plenty of money, to publish another edition or other editions of this little book and call it *The Prime Minister's Joke Book*. There was a time, when I was very young, when about the only literature we got in that western country was the old almanac, which was a combination of astrology, recipes, jokes, advice and so on, and it very much resembled this book. I remember on the front page there was a picture of a man dressed in something resembling a lady's bathing suit of to-day; in other words, he had very little on. Thus, he was able to show that he had what people in the smooth language of to-day call "intestinal fortitude." I do not think you could show that on the front of this book, because I do not think this government has any of that "intestinal fortitude." I promise that if the right hon. gentleman will have the book issued, we will distribute it; we will distribute it with our comments. And I should like the right hon. gentleman to autograph it, because I think that would be of some use to us. Even if the book were not of very great use, it would at least add to the gaiety of nations.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Before my hon. friend puts down the little book, he promised to read the passage where he said, I had said I would cure unemployment. He has not done that.

Mr. MANION: Oh, by implication. I do not think I can look through the book just now, but I have no doubt I could find he made that promise more than once. By implication; the very attacks the right hon. gentleman made on us for not curing unemployment imply it. Surely the right hon. gentleman was serious in what he said. What did he mean by attacking us for not curing unemployment?

An hon. MEMBER: You said you would.

Mr. MANION: I thought I had that part marked. I cannot read the whole book; the whole thing is so many promises; I picked out just a few of the select ones.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend promised he would read the statement.

Mr. MANION: Well, that is nothing to the promises the right hon. gentleman made in the last election. I may have to renege on that promise to-night because I cannot go searching through the book, but the right hon. gentleman promised, oh so many things. He was going to reduce taxation; he was going to lessen expenditure; he was going to retain the British preference, to bring about harmony and cooperation, to bring about social justice, to appoint an investment control board, to remove unemployment, to bring about prosperity, to wipe out third parties, or to bring about conditions which would cause third parties to disappear. He was going to bring about more equitable distribution of wealth, to control currency and credit, to set up proportional representation. And hon. members will remember the promises of the right hon. gentleman in earlier speeches to bring about senate reform. The older members of this house will remember how he rolled that promise from coast to coast, telling everyone he was going to reform the senate, to lower the cost of living and to wipe out trusts and combines.

Let me read what the right hon. gentleman said on the night of the election. In the *Toronto Daily Star* of October 15 there are two or three pages of it, but I shall not read it all. He was going to banish poverty.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Please read that. I made no such statement, that I was going to banish poverty.