

his livelihood within the acre and a half of those premises which I mentioned in Hamilton just now. A certain man had been out of employment since the fall of the year, and when he heard that that place was sold, that his livelihood was gone, he went home broken-hearted. I was thinking about the news item that was in the Toronto Evening Telegram the same week that I made that purchase, stating that this man was found dead in his home. The coroner held an inquest and this suicide lies at whose door? I leave the matter an open question.

That is not the end of the story with regard to humans, and I do not think I will take second place to the hon. member for Southeast Grey (Miss Macphail) in this recital. I am thinking of another case of an able-bodied man who had a wife and four children, who came to me on January 15 and said: "Are you going to dismantle this institution and take out all the machinery?" I said: "Yes, we might." He said: "I would like to get a job, to do something. I have run that press over there for four or five years, and I would like to continue to run it." I said: "I am sorry, I do not know what I can do. I am over staffed with men now." I returned to Ottawa. First, the press was taken out, loaded on a car and sent forty-five miles from the place where it was originally picked up. This man whom I made reference to and who was a citizen of Hamilton saw the bill of lading, found out to whom and where the goods were being shipped and followed that car forty-five miles. When the car was placed on the siding at its destination, he was there before the seals were taken off and he said, "Please let me unload the machinery I ran for the last five years." Finally, he got the job; he unloaded the machinery, and he is still hanging around the doors of that institution where that hydraulic press was unloaded, waiting for them to start operating it, and praying that he be given the job of operating it forty-five miles away from his family. That will give hon. members some idea of business conditions following in the wake of a reduction in the tariff of ten per cent on only one line of industry. In Toronto there is another plant manufacturing nitrates and phosphates which has ceased manufacturing and the home plant in Indiana to-day is pumping the same goods into the Niagara peninsula, the Toronto plant lying idle. The hon. member for South Huron (Mr. Black) knows of the distress another company in the town of Wingham finds itself due to the same fact. That company is practically insolvent to-day.

Coming home on the train, I discussed this question with a prominent Liberal, a member of the Ontario Club. He said: "You politicians are all wrong. What you want to do is to tear down the bars and to let the business men of Canada get in and secure a slice of the American business." That sentiment does not find a place in my heart, and to my mind it does not find a place in the heart of any true Canadian. If that sentiment was running in the breast of that Liberal, a member of the Ontario Club in the city of Toronto, it is no index of the sentiment that runs through the members of the Conservative party with which it has been my pleasure to associate myself. We do not want to tear down the bars and jump into the United States in order to get a slice of their business. We have an idea that Canada has a destiny, and if that destiny can be worked out, we shall continue to have faith in our country. I am sorry the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) is not in his place, but the Minister of Labour (Mr. Murdock) is here.

Mr. MURDOCK: Go after him.

Mr. HARRIS: Well, I would hesitate about going after him. However, that hon. gentleman made some reference to a few remarks that fell, or that were supposed to have fallen, from the lips of the Hon. Senator Robertson as to the Prime Minister being at home in the United States before the Easter recess, and I was thinking that I had heard something myself about the same time. I was talking to a Liberal friend and I said, "Suppose we did throw down the bars and we all went in together, what would happen then?" He said in reply, "We have a bright man at the head of affairs in the Dominion to-day, and I do not see any reason why if the United States and Canada were one great republic on the North American continent our kewpie doll Premier Mackenzie King could not be president of the whole country."

Mr. MURDOCK: Does my hon. friend not know that the constitution of the United States will not allow a man to aspire to the presidency who was not born in that country?

Mr. HARRIS: That may be, but I know that if I found within the confines of the good old Conservative party any man who had ambitions along that line I would either see that he was ostracized from the party, or I would once for all dissociate myself from it.

A proposal has been placed before the House looking to the creation of a tariff