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against Canada. These countries having retaliated against Canada, I presume it is the duty of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Stevens) to find other places with which we can trade. In common with other hon. members I found a pamphlet in my letter box this morning. This is an official publication of the Department of Trade and Commerce, presided over by the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Stevens) and deals with the Falkland islands. It gives a short history of the islands, stating that they were first settled by the French, then by the Spanish and afterwards taken over by the British. The nationality of the occupants is now given as Scotch, and they total 3,378. The article states that the vocation of these people is sheep farming and whaling. I do not know what trade there could be between Canada and the Falkland islands. My hon. friend would not permit sheep to be brought into this country and I do not know about whales and their products. While the Canadian people will no doubt thank my hon. friend for the information regarding the geography and history of the islands, the striking point is the last sentence in the pamphlet where he says:

Canada has no direct trade with the Falkland islands.

And Canada has not very much trade with other countries of the world, and if the present government is permitted to occupy the treasury benches much longer, that trade will dwindle down to practically nothing.

What is the result of this tariff manipulation and juggling? The figures for the total trade of Canada, according to the return, are as follows:

Fiscal year	Total trade of Canada
1929-30	\$2,392,000,000
1930-31	1,723,000,000

That shows a decrease between the two years of \$670,000,000. These figures tell the story. What do they prove? The following are the prices of various commodities in the west:

Commodity—	March, 1928 cents per lb.	March, 1932 cents per lb.
Butter fat.	41	16

Mr. GOBEL: That is not true.

Mr. McPHEE: It is true in western Canada.

	March, 1928 cents per lb.	March, 1932 cents per lb.
Butter.	42	15
	March, 1930 cents per lb.	March, 1932 cents per lb.
Pork.	13	3
	cents per doz.	cents per doz.
Eggs.	25	15

[Mr. McPhee.]

Some hon. MEMBERS: Where?

Mr. McPHEE: I am giving the figures for western Canada:

Beef: 13 cents per pound; 3½ cents per pound.

These figures tell the story of agricultural depression and the remedy is not the dole, but trade. Let us open up the channels of trade and prosperity will come back to the primary producers in the first place, the agriculturists. A week or ten days ago I had the pleasure, with other members of the House of Commons as guests of the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett), to meet the Right Hon. Winston Churchill. It has been my good fortune to read most of the writings of Winston Churchill and most of his speeches. As a matter of practice I have memorized the striking passages in Mr. Churchill's writings as well as in those of others. There are in Winston Churchill's writings many such passages that would help my hon. friends across the floor. This one comes to my mind. It is contained in an address delivered by him to the people of Manchester not many years ago. True, it was before he became a political apostate. This is an extract from the address and I commend the words to the leader of the government because he referred to Mr. Churchill as one of the leading statesmen of the day. These words were addressed to the people of Manchester:

Why did you build your ship canal? Why did you spend fifteen millions in bringing the sea to touch the inland docks of your great city? Was it to block its mouth with the sand banks of obstructive tariffs or to choke its fairway with the stake nets of protection?

I will commend these words to the right hon. leader of the government.

Mr. COWAN (Long Lake): What does he say now?

Mr. McPHEE: My hon. friend asks: What does he say now? It sometimes happens men who are brought up properly in a political faith, later on in life for some reason best known to themselves, forsake the political god of their early days and go over to the Tory camp. Sometimes I am sure our Tory friends are glad of the acquisition to their ranks.

These figures which I have just given relative to the prices of farm products in Canada, bring my mind back to the election campaign of 1930. For the purposes of the record let me put on Hansard the promises of the leader of the government in connection with that campaign.

An hon. MEMBER: Give us something new.