

*Unemployment—Mr. MacMillan*

Mr. MacMILLAN (Saskatoon): I want to read the following letter:

Loon Lake, Sask.,

October 1, 1931.

You can see that we are still on the map. Last night was the first time I had to write since being up here as the evenings are getting short—but talk about work! From daylight to dark, and moonlight.

Sure, it is great! When working for oneself it is a pleasure. We have got things comfortable. The cabin, or mansion, is a kitchen, dining-room, sitting-room, combined, with a nice big pantry, also good sized bedroom and clothes closet.

Last week I built an addition to it, 8 x 15, joining the kitchen which I have piled up with wood so the wife don't have to keep running outside every time she needs some. Have also built a chicken house, have nothing to go in it as yet. Cleared about 12 acres of land ready for breaking. Built a rail corral about 500 feet square, also a well. I am starting to get logs out for a pig pen and barn. Of course it will take longer than it should to build the barn, etc., as I have to pack most of the logs on my back, so don't know how I will make out at present, but will never say die. As far as the wife and I are concerned, we say the government will never have this homestead again, as I have no fear it will all turn out all right. We will never starve up here. I shoot an average of two or three partridge, ruffed grouse, chicken and ducks. There are quite a few deer and moose. They come within a hundred yards of the house but I have not anything big enough to knock them down with.

I read that letter just for this reason: in the three cities of Saskatchewan, Regina, Moosejaw and Saskatoon, we have a scheme whereby, with the assistance of the provincial and Dominion governments—and I hope the Dominion government will see its way clear to assist us in this connection—we propose to take these 2,000 unemployed families up to that country which is represented by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) and the hon. member for North Battleford (Mr. McIntosh). The cities have agreed to contribute \$100; the province has agreed to contribute \$100 and we are asking the Dominion government to contribute \$100 also, making a total of \$300 a family so that these people may be put to productive work whereby they can earn their living. I think a scheme of that kind should commend itself to the government, and I hope the government will see their way clear to assist in that respect.

Mr. CAMERON R. McINTOSH (North Battleford): About a month ago, I think it was on March 1, I listened to the harangue of the hon. member for Saskatoon (Mr. MacMillan). I have listened again to-day to his diatribe concerning something about which his knowledge is zero, and I think now that

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he has exploded and handed to parliament all that is on his chest, it is about time I said something. I should like to add some truth to the falsehoods that have been uttered, because from first to last I do not think the hon. member knows a solitary thing about what he has been talking. Before I go fully into the subject, may I draw the attention of the house to the opening remark of my hon. friend when he said on March 1:

I desire as the representative of a constituency in Saskatchewan—

One would imagine from the attitude of the hon. member since coming into this chamber, instead of being a representative of a Saskatchewan riding, he is more of a delegate for the Tory party. His attitude in the house has from time to time been that of an interrupter, a scowler, a scorner, and insolent interrupter and grunter.

Mr. MacMILLAN (Saskatoon): I rise to a point of order. I think that is unparliamentary language.

Mr. McINTOSH: He is posing as a kind of political uplifter. I would suggest if he intends to do any uplifting, he should commence in his own backyard and in his own party.

Mr. SPEAKER: Did the hon. member refer to another member as a coward?

Mr. McINTOSH: No, I said he was prone to be speechless—a grunter—and so he is.

Mr. SPEAKER: I hardly think that is a proper word to use.

Mr. McINTOSH: Well, it is the best I can choose for the occasion.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member says that he used the word "grunter" in referring to another hon. member. That is unparliamentary and improper, and I ask him to withdraw the word.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Withdraw.

Mr. McINTOSH: Give me time.

Mr. SPEAKER: Do it now. I ask the hon. member to withdraw that word.

Mr. McINTOSH: I am willing to withdraw it, Mr. Speaker, if you will give me the opportunity.

Mr. ROWE: Withdraw. It is not debatable.

Mr. SPEAKER: I ask the hon. member to withdraw the word.