

exhibit certain figures which go to show that industries which have recently enjoyed the removal of Protection have made exceptional progress, and finally, they have published a list showing the number of firms which have passed out of existence in Canada in the last ten years. There is always something gruesome in the argument of a Manufacturer in defence of Protection. He always attempts to bring in a morgue at the end of his argument and instead of proving that industries have flourished under Protection, he always shows that a great many have passed into the shadow of the Great Beyond.

We people of the West who believe in Freedom of Trade ask no favors. Our only request is that we be let alone. We are conscious of the fact that we have the natural resources, we have the energy and ability necessary to develop the country. We only ask, in the effort to bring about that development, that we shall have a certain measure of freedom of opportunity and we believe that freedom of trade would help and that it would prove no small factor in developing, not only our agriculture, mining, fishing and lumbering, but that in the end it would prove very beneficial to our manufacturing as well.