

An hon. MEMBER: Hurry up.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I draw the attention of this house to one fact: For over six months I have left hon. gentlemen opposite entirely to themselves to say and do as they pleased. Surely they will now have the patience to let me have at least an hour or two to myself to say what I please. I repeat my right hon. friend should enlarge his cabinet to the extent indicated and also should give to hon. members of his cabinet a little more say than they have had in the shaping of policies.

Mr. BELL (Hamilton): My right hon. friend should learn to run his own party.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: To return to the position taken by my right hon. friend during the campaign, may I set forth the manner in which he dealt with certain matters. In opening the campaign for the Conservative party at Winnipeg on June 9, 1930, my right hon. friend the present leader of the government, at that time leader of the opposition, made his coercive attitude perfectly plain. He made perfectly clear that it was by the method of "fighting" and "blasting" that he intended to find markets for Canadian wheat and surplus products generally. The language he used is all the more remarkable because my right hon. friend told us that the speech was written out, and that in most part it was read. The part of the speech from which I wish to quote was in the nature of a direct appeal to the farmers of our country and to the west in particular. Here are his words:

Listen you agriculturists from the west and all the other parts of Canada, you have been taught to mock at tariffs and applaud free trade. Tell me, when did free trade fight for you? Tell me, when did free trade fight for you? You say tariffs are only for the manufacturers. I will make them fight for you as well. I will use them to blast a way into the markets that have been closed to you.

Then, after making further promises of what would be done in the nature of drastic adjustments and improvements, he made the following pledge, couched in language of the greatest tenderness:

You will have broader markets, and will have them for all time. You have known suffering and have been patient. Let us end it. Take heart.

Another promise, not to relieve, but to end distress! I wonder what the agriculturists of all Canada, and of the west in particular, are saying to my right hon. friend to-day about their suffering and their patience!

The assurance given with respect to "blasting" was repeated at Victoria on June 17 without being restricted to agricultural products.

I quote these extracts because they are not chance phrases. When I refer to "blasting" my hon. friend nods his head in approval. The method he proposes represents one entirely opposed to that which those of us on this side of the house have employed.

An hon. MEMBER: My right hon. friend is a peaceful man.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am not ashamed of having the desire to use peaceful methods. We have passed through a devastating world war; hon. gentlemen opposite apparently think that by now starting an economic war they are going to make conditions better. My hon. friends have a mistaken idea however of what is required for prosperity. To illustrate the intent of my right hon. friend when dealing with the question of markets I shall quote from the *Victoria Colonist* of June 17;

It is true we must have foreign markets, and as I said the other evening, we will blast a way to those markets on a world-wide basis with any exportable surpluses. We do not have to worry about that.

And at Vancouver, on the same day, resort to the same method was promised as a cure for all troubles and difficulties. I quote from the *Montreal Gazette* of June 19:

So will I, when the government is mine, continue to blast a way through all our troubles and difficulties.

I ask you, Mr. Speaker, to note that statement, "So will I, when the government is mine, continue to blast a way through all our troubles and difficulties." In that quotation my right hon. friend was speaking of a time when he might become Prime Minister. Well, that time has come. Now the government is his, and the fighting and the blasting have commenced. Those operations commenced the moment it was his. He might have been a little happier in his choice of words, although it is true we get the truth often in most unexpected ways. My right hon. friend speaks of the government as "his." He might, having regard to what he owes to others, have referred to the government as that of the Conservative party or the government as being that of himself and his colleagues. He might even with propriety have referred to it as the government of His Excellency the Governor General, of whose ministers he was one, *primus inter pares*, the first among equals. But no, the government is his, he is the first