

The Address—Mr. Rowe

down. Then he comes home and asks "Why did I vote Liberal?" We are bringing into this country products made by men who receive less per month than our men demand and should have per week. We boast about our standard of living—

An hon. Member: That is the trouble.

Mr. Rowe: You do not say that on the hustings and only whisper it in parliament. Why are our men unemployed? It is not seasonal; it is not the hot summer sun, or the wet spring rain, or heavy snowdrifts. It is the illogical tariff and fiscal policies introduced by this government, and the haphazard gunshot prescription offered by this government. It is not good enough to whisper in parliament that our workers are getting too much in wages. It is not good enough to tell industrial workers to go out and get another job. It is not good enough to tell company executives to smarten up and modernize their methods, buy new machinery, and get up to date.

The textile industry has spent \$400 million during the last five or ten years in modernizing their plants.

Industry generally in Canada has put \$2 billion into the modernization and improvement of their plants in order to meet the very competition to which I have referred, so that they can give these men pensions, health insurance, health benefits, hospitalization and other cares and more wages than any other labour men in the world get except those in the United States of America. The men too wonder how that can be maintained. If we have a small market in Canada with only 15 million people, they wonder if we can maintain this standard of living and employ the new people that should be coming into Canada now; but they are not coming in because we have a negative immigration policy that bounces around like a cork just whatever way the fiscal uncertainty goes; and there is so much uncertainty that there is no need of an immigration policy when you have no fiscal policy.

No, Mr. Speaker, you cannot do that; you cannot employ these people if you are going to import into Canada from the mass production in the United States more refrigerators than are made in Canada altogether. You cannot cut a little market in two and keep in competition with this mass production in the United States. You cannot keep your textile plants running and humming unless you face the issue. We have dodged it, Mr. Speaker. I say again that you do not need any fiscal or trade policy when you have the money rolling in as it has been rolling in when you have a hot or cold war and are

preparing to prevent another war. Again I say that the youngest in this house have never experienced a trade policy and the oldest in the house may forget when there was one. Some of the older gentlemen were not here then. Many of you have come here when you did not need a trade policy at all. Again I say if you had needed one, you would have to search a long way through the Liberal campaign books to know which one to pick. The fact that you have not used one for a long time is the reason that you are satisfied to continue without one.

Mr. Speaker, as one who has had some experience in industry may I say that I am confident that we have excellent plants and excellent machinery. We have some of the best business and industrial executives in the world. As one who knows a little bit about business let me say this. Having had some responsibility in business for some 15 years or more, I am sure that there is one plant that needs overhauling, new machinery and new executives, namely the present cabinet here in Ottawa. We need a new fiscal machine and we need a new tax calculator. Even though the one we have is new, he belongs to the same old pattern. The farmers of Canada will then have more confidence. They will not have, as the hon. member for Huron (Mr. Cardiff) has mentioned, 2,500,000 pounds of cheese dumped on their market overnight. The industrial worker will then have some confidence that his job may be there for more than a few months. He will not expect that the job that he and two or three generations of his family have enjoyed will be closed to him because of the cheap products that come in from foreign countries.

During recent years, Mr. Speaker, we in the opposition have been hoping against hope with regard to what might come forth from the famous GATT. We were hoping that these conferences might bring forth some changes that might stimulate our industrial and national growth. Here in this country there are no signs of it yet. The members of the government are the greatest travelling salesmen that we have had in this country since confederation.

Mr. Fulton: The greatest travellers.

Mr. Rowe: Someone says "travellers". I do not think that is quite fair. They have not had a sales policy but they want to be salesmen. I believe they are sincere in their efforts to try to sell but they have no direction and no policy. They are not just sure how they can proceed, but they have tried. They have travelled great distances. I have often wondered about their safety as they flew through the air across the country. In