

Let me go one step further. I asked my right hon. friend where he got his figures, and he told us he wrote to Washington for them; he got them from the Immigration Department at Washington. But did my right hon. friend write to the Census Department at Washington to get their record of native-born Canadians registered in the United States? This is what I wish to point out to him: During the time he was a member of a government, from 1910 to 1920, according to the records of the Immigration Department of the United States, the department to which he wrote for his information, between 700,000 and 800,000 Canadians, 742,000 to be exact, went over to the United States as immigrants from Canada. That is according to the statistics of the Immigration Department of the United States, one-tenth of the population of this country emigrated to the United States, during a part of the time my right hon. friend and his party were in office. Now, if I wanted to condemn him and his government, if I wanted to misrepresent the facts so as to confuse the public mind as he has been doing, I would begin to make capital of that sort of thing.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The Prime Minister could not, because they are going at twice that rate now.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My right hon. friend had better not make the situation worse for himself. Let me finish what I was going to say. Those are the figures of the United States Immigration Department, but the United States Census Department also keeps a record of the persons who remained in the United States, and that record shows that in the year 1920 there were 78,000 fewer native-born Canadians in the United States than were recorded in the census ten years preceding. Now, where is my right hon. friend and his figures? I contend, Mr. Speaker, that exactly the same kind of thing is true to-day. I contend further that no man is a patriot who will quote the figures of the Immigration Department of the United States in the way in which my right hon. friend assumed to quote this afternoon, without at the same time making the kind of explanation which I have made here. He told the House, and it is to go out to the country, that 600,000 Canadians have gone to the United States as immigrants during the three years this government has been in office; that is one-fifteenth of the total population of Canada. Now, who believes that? Who can possibly believe it? Yet my right hon. friend stands there as the leader of a party, and for the sake of trying to make propaganda

to put into his patent medicine tariff scheme, he tells the people of this country that 600,000 Canadians have gone over to the United States as emigrants, and to prove it he quotes the figures he got from the United States Immigration Department. I would ask my right hon. friend, before he repeats those figures, to communicate with the Census Department of the United States and get public records that are authentic, that represent the true state of the case.

A word, now, in regard to manufactures. My right hon. friend went through the previous Speech from the Throne and found there some mention of increasing employment, increasing transportation and trade, increasing savings, and the like, all of which statements were absolutely true. Then he takes the Speech this year, and because mention of the same facts was not made in the same words, he would have the people believe that, relatively to the United States, this country has been going behind. As I recall his words—and he will correct me if I am wrong—he said that while conditions had been improving in the United States they had been growing worse in this country. He referred first to a depressed condition that existed for a time some years ago in the United States, then he came up to the present and said that while matters had been going behind in this country, they had not been going behind in the United States in the same way, and he gave certain figures of employment and living costs in an effort to substantiate what he was saying. I thought that possibly he might be repeating this afternoon some of the things he has been saying during the recess, so I went to some pains to get exact information to give to the House in regard to these matters, and if the House will permit me I shall quote a few reliable statistics which show the relative positions of the two countries during this past year, to have been the very reverse of my right hon. friend would have the House believe, namely that conditions were very much worse in Canada during 1924 than they were in the United States.

May I first of all remind him and other hon. members of the visits which we have had in this country within the last few months of two or three distinguished Americans, men of international reputation in the world of finance, statistics and economics, men who are accustomed to use care and caution in what they say about the conditions of any country of which they speak? May I recall that without exception these gentlemen have referred to the relatively prosperous condition of Canada as compared with condi-