

given just consideration and encouragement in the framing of the fiscal policy, there is no portion of the Dominion of Canada which would produce more wealth, so very necessary at the present time, for the same outlay that the northern portion of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

I wish to point out to the Government that in the West both urban and rural communities are most emphatic in their demands for a lower tariff. They have been promised tariff commissions and tariff reductions repeatedly by both the old parties until they have become, if I may use the language of the street, "fed up." We also have to contend against a most vigorous campaign conducted by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, a campaign which at times is not conducted in a fair manner. I would point out to the House, Mr. Speaker, that although the Grain Growers' Association of Saskatchewan drew the attention of the Manufacturers' Association to some misstatements of fact in their literature, no effort was made to correct them, and the following resolution was passed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association recently held in Regina:—

Whereas the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Canadian Reconstruction Association have for some time been carrying on an extensive advertising campaign, principally calculated to discredit the Grain Growers' Association by misquoting the platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and by grossly misrepresenting its policy and its purpose; and

Whereas this advertising is evidently intended to create suspicion and class antagonism between the organized farmers and organized labour by misrepresenting the demands of the former for economic reforms as being highly selfish class demands intended to destroy manufacturing industry in Canada and to relieve the farmers of their fair share of the burden of taxation and by branding the association's policy as leading to Bolshevism; and

Whereas these malicious and widely advertised misrepresentations are doubly unfortunate at this time of imperative need for a sympathetic understanding amongst all classes of citizens who are seeking the preservation of all that is best in our national institutions;

Therefore, be it resolved that this board soundly condemns these unwarranted attacks upon the grain growers and this gross misrepresentation of our platform and policy and especially does it resent the neglect of the president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to correct these mis-statements of fact in the public press after his attention was courteously drawn to them by an open letter from our secretary, and further,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to the offices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Canadian Reconstruction Association and to the press.

It has been argued that Canadian manufacturers of machinery cannot success-

fully meet outside competition without a protective tariff, but it has recently come to my notice that one Canadian company manufacturing cream separators, which has no protection, shipped during 1918, twenty carloads of separators to California. I might also state that at the convention held in the City of Prince Albert at which I was nominated to contest the constituency, I told the assembled delegates that I had been working for a lower tariff for years, and held pronounced views in this regard, but that while the war lasted I was quite willing to lay them aside, and use my utmost endeavour to help bring about a victorious conclusion, I reserving the right to use my own judgment in matters of policy afterwards.

I have given the Union Government my best support in all matters in connection with the war, and I would do so again should occasion demand it. I wish to commend the Honourable the Prime Minister for the way in which he has handled many difficult situations; but when it comes to matters of fiscal policy, evidently his ways are not my ways. The time Mr. Speaker, has now come, for me to take a stand, and while I do not intend to cross the floor of the House, I feel it to be my bounden duty to protest as strongly as I can against what is to all intents and purposes a high protectionist Budget. It is, a Budget so far as the tariff is concerned calculated to give to him who hath, and to take away from the poor fellow who is honestly doing his best for his family and his country. I am convinced that the policy laid down in the platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture would not only make the burden more equitable between the East and the West, but would also furnish a field for the providing of revenue more than sufficient to make up for anything that would be lost. Further I do not think the collecting of the income tax is being pushed forward as much as it might be. I will conclude, Mr. Speaker, by quoting Goldsmith's famous and prophetic lines:

Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.

Mr. RICHARD COE HENDERS (Macdonald): Mr. Speaker, in attempting to address the House for a few minutes, I shall confine my remarks very largely to a statement of my position generally with regard to the tariff. Two years previous to the election by which this Government came into power, I received the nomination in the constituency of Macdonald as an independent Liberal. The time came when the