

a few days after his appointment to the cabinet. "Have no fear, he stated, you will not be dismissed from the service, providing you fulfil your duty." How many of these employees were dismissed, since then, because they had the misfortune of having a Liberal relative, or again, worse, because they carried a red handkerchief in their pocket?

Mr. ST-PERE (Translation): Shame! shame!

Mr. DENIS (Translation): Principles are worth more in their application than on one's lips. Let the hon. Postmaster practise both and his fairness will be greater.

There is, to-day, one fact certain: our country is passing through a very serious crisis. Notwithstanding what the Postmaster General may think, this crisis is more acute to-day, than it was in 1930. It had only begun at that period, in 1932, it has become alarming. Why? Because the government did not fulfil the numerous pledges it made to the people in order to attain power. The remedies which they had promised to apply have not produced the desired effects. What is the result? The patient is worse and they have gained the reputation of being quack politicians. They still criticize the former government which gave the country ten years of prosperity. Do they think that the people will place faith in their word? No, the people have become wise; they are aware that the high protective tariff has been their ruination and that the discordant note sounded by the hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett), in London: Canada First, greatly harmed our foreign trade.

The hon. Postmaster General calls this an economic necessity. For him, international brotherhood is a word void of sense; it should not exist. Countries have no need of it.

I could, however, point out to one case among a thousand, where the hon. Postmaster General thought so much of brotherly love as to suppress his spirit of patriotism even in the administration of his own department.

Mr. ST-PERE (Translation): Shame! shame!

Mr. DENIS (Translation): It is in connection with the purchase of Canadian stamp obliterating machines. His department preferred to rent American machines, paying \$18,000 per year, and even more owing to exchange rates, rather than use Canadian machines, acknowledged as superior, since his department has made use of seventy of them, distributed among the various post offices in Canada.

Mr. ST-PERE (Translation): Shame! Shame!

Mr. DENIS (Translation): In acting thus, he obliged this industry to close its doors and throw on the streets a large number of employees. This is what is called Canada First, and helping our industries. In this transaction the hon. Postmaster General took the advice of party lawyers, probably paid by Americans to depreciate the value of Canadian machines, he was the dupe of his friends, and many of our people are unemployed since then. That is his brand of patriotism.

Previous to closing my remarks, sir, may I address a few words to the Minister of Marine (Mr. Duranleau), with reference to his comments on immigration. Before criticizing the Liberal government for having given too much encouragement to immigration and thereby being somewhat responsible for unemployment, I would suggest to him that he read the speeches delivered by his friends, in the house and elsewhere—

Mr. ST-PERE (Translation): Hear, hear!

Mr. DENIS (Translation): —to especially peruse the speech of the chief organizer of the Conservative party, in the last election, the hon. Senator McRae, who wished to bring to this country 300,000 English immigrants each year; also the comments made recently in the house by the hon. Minister of Labour (Mr. Gordon). Had he read these speeches, he might, perhaps, have reproached himself instead of us. If, to-day, immigration has decreased, I do not think that the Conservative representatives of Quebec are entitled to take the credit of this, for what we have noticed about them, since they occupy a seat in the house, is a blind submission to the autocratic will of their leader. Their influence is nil and their presence here will be short. Far be it from my thoughts to trouble their peace, however, their days are numbered. The Canadian people await but the opportunity to cast in the cold shades of the opposition those who deceived them at the last dominion election. The country will have no more to suffer or to pay for their bad administration.

Mr. CHARLES BOURGEOIS (Three Rivers-St. Maurice): Mr. Speaker, I feel diffident in rising to make a few remarks in this debate, but I trust they will be received with the courtesy extended to me by both sides of the house when I spoke at the beginning of the session.