

predecessor to have tried to make the situation appear otherwise.

But let us analyze it further. The distinguished gentleman who was telling this story for the purpose of trying to fool the people, and particularly those in the province of Quebec, receives his instructions from, makes his reports to, and receives his pay cheque monthly from an organization with headquarters in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that, so far as I know. I do not in the slightest object to the position that the hon. gentleman finds himself in, but how little indeed must our Tory friends have of reality to present to the people of the country when they have to resort to such camouflage and subterfuge in an effort to fool the electors in the event of an election coming in the future.

Mr. McMASTER: What international union is he connected with?

Mr. MURDOCK: He is vice-president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. He holds the same position in the Order of Railway Telegraphers that his successor held in the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. His successor's headquarters were at Cleveland, Ohio, up until the 9th day of January, 1922. The distinguished gentleman of whom we have been speaking has his headquarters at St. Louis, and his pay cheque comes from there monthly. That is all right. But why should he go out and start to talk about something that is not material or worth while?

I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, to have taken up so much time. I am not quite through yet, but I think I can finish in the few minutes remaining before six o'clock.

We have heard from the opposite side of the House, and particularly from our distinguished friend the former Minister of Finance (Sir Henry Drayton), about the terrible foolishness of this government in its tariff policies. We have been charged with everything that is unfair, even dishonest, I think, and untruthful in our declarations, and in our relations with the House and with the people of Canada. I think the distinguished gentleman who represents West York, and who was Minister of Finance in the previous government, should really give some attention to the position of his own government. When they had an opportunity to fix everything up ship-shape, what did they do? We find that in the Speech from the Throne which was delivered to this House on February 14, 1921, His Excellency was made to say:

My advisers are convinced of the necessity for revision of the customs tariff. In order to secure the most complete information a committee has conducted

an extensive and thorough inquiry, and has secured the views of all parties and interests in every province. The hearings necessary for this purpose have now been completed, and the conclusions founded thereon will be submitted to you in due course.

And, Mr. Speaker, they are still due. Those conclusions have never been submitted; they have never been, so far as I know, compiled. The bills for the inquiry, which covered the length and breadth of Canada, have been paid. My friend, the member for West York, the former Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Tolmie), and my predecessor in the office of Minister of Labour, toured this country to find out all about the tariff and what should be done about it, and they put words in the mouth of His Excellency on February 14, 1921, indicating that they were going to deal with the tariff; but let us come now to May 9, 1921, when we can visualize the distinguished member for West York on the floor of this parliament delivering his budget speech, and here is a portion of it:

It is not proposed to put into effect now a general revision of the tariff schedules. While Canada must make her own tariff and while that tariff must be a tariff dictated in the interests of Canada and her people, it is not advisable that frequent changes should be made.

Did you ever hear of crawfishing? Is not that as fine an example of it as anyone ever heard? and it emanates from men who have—shall I say, to put it as kindly as possible—the nerve to get up here on the floor of the House and charge this government with this, that and every other thing. In other words, Mr. Speaker, the Tory party did not have the nerve to make the changes in the tariff that their friends wanted, because they knew the people of Canada would not stand for it, and now they are continually finding fault with this government because it has not done so, and does not propose to do so.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS— REPORT

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Acting Minister of Finance): Before you leave the chair, Mr. Speaker, by unanimous consent may I on behalf of my colleague the Minister of Railways (Mr. Graham), table the annual report, in English and in French, of the Canadian National Railway system for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Mr. SPEAKER: It must be by leave of the House, of course, because we would have to revert to Motions. I understand that the hon. gentleman is given leave to lay this report on the table.

At six o'clock the House took recess.