

would give to all classes of society, farmers especially, the advantage of purchasing these vehicles at a lower price.

I do not intend to follow the example of those who during a month carried on obstruction in this House, and I shall not go over, for the tenth time, statistics that have already been brought to your attention. I shall be satisfied to state that it will afford me great pleasure to support the motion of my hon. friend, trusting that the producers of automobiles will not suffer from such a reduction and I hope at the same time that the farmers and all other classes of society shall feel happy in seeing a more just equilibrium restored between the sources of productions.

Mr. RAYMOND MORAND (East Essex): Coming from the riding of East Essex, where a very great number of the automobiles used in this country are manufactured, I cannot of course be expected to be very enthusiastic in support of this resolution favouring a reduction in the duty on automobiles. I have listened during this session to a discussion of Maritime rights and to the western lament, and after listening to them both for a long time I began to wonder whether we in the centre of Canada had any rights at all. I must say that I viewed with considerable sympathy the troubles of both, and I was quite prepared to support any move that would help them, or at least stop some of their lamentations. But when, not satisfied with telling us about their own troubles, they come out determinedly with a definite resolution that would put us in the central part of Canada into trouble, I think it is time for us in the central part of Canada to say that we have some small rights at least, and that they should be protected.

I rather enjoyed hearing the leader of the Progressive party (Mr. Forke) say a little while ago that he was quite willing to have a cow so long as somebody else milked her. So far as I can see, the two ends of Canada want, one the cow, and the other the milk, and they expect us in the centre to milk the cow for them.

Mr. BROWN: It is the milking we object to.

Mr. MORAND: I am glad you are good-natured about it.

Now first I am going to admit a few facts, and it is not very often I do that. The automobile to-day is a necessity; I am glad

to have heard that said, because I believe it is true. The automobile industry has made a start in Canada, and it should be maintained in Canada because it is a permanent industry; it is not a thing which will be here to-day and be gone a short time after. Being a permanent industry, then, surely we must take care of it, surely we must protect it. We must see that it is based on a proper foundation, not ruined and given over to the United States; for I believe that would be the result of this resolution if adopted and put into effect in its present form.

Mr. EVANS: Oh, no.

Mr. MORAND: Well, I will come to that in a little while. I was rather surprised at some of the statements the hon. member for Macleod (Mr. Coote) made when speaking to his resolution. I was very much surprised to know, for instance, that every third person in Alberta owns an automobile.

Mr. COOTE: Every third farmer, I said.

Mr. MORAND: Very well then. That is certainly a very much higher percentage than in my constituency, for not every third family in my constituency owns an automobile.

Mr. COOTE: I wonder if the hon. member would tell us how far his people live from a railway or from a town.

Mr. MORAND: I assure the hon. member that that is not the reason they do not own an automobile; the reason is they cannot afford it.

The hon. member also said that there have been quite a number of lobbyists around here in the last two or three weeks. He probably is acquainted with some of them, because I am quite sure I saw amongst them the late member for South Ontario. I do not know if that is what he was doing, but he was here a great deal. I know my own opponent, who is a Liberal, was also here, and he is very much interested in seeing that the automobile industry should not be adversely affected.

I did hope and think, Mr. Speaker, that when this resolution was brought up some member of the government would rise and say: Here is a resolution that concerns a very important industry in this country, an industry with many ramifications, therefore we will refer the matter to our tariff board. I suppose, however, they did not do that because they had very little confidence in the