

It is known all over the world; everybody is talking about it. With seven hours' difference in time between Winnipeg and London they make their sales, and they can fill them at a quarter of a cent above the previous day's closing market price. They go out and sell 100,000 bushels for 83 cents and buy it for 83½ cents.

Mr. DUNNING: May I ask my right hon. friend why anybody who sold at 83 cents would want to buy at 83½?

Mr. BENNETT: It may be the other way about, but in any event they are guaranteed that they can buy it at a quarter of a cent above the previous day's closing market. They are able to fill orders for wheat, buying it from the board under the arrangement they have made with Mr. Murray, on terms that involve this country in financial loss. Is that the deliberate policy of the government? Is it done for the purpose of casting disrepute upon a former administration? Is it done for the purpose of casting disrepute upon the pools? Is it for the purpose of trying once and for all to finish cooperative selling in western Canada? Is that the reason? Men are asking everywhere: is that the reason? I simply mention the boast that was made by the grain exchange and the members of it before the last election, a boast which was known to me, of course, as to what they would do in western Canada. They were going to see to it that Liberals were returned in those constituencies, and they saw to it wherever they could. And I would like to know if this is the price we have to pay for it; that is what I want to know. That is what the people, that is what everybody, wants to know. There you have, against all precedent, October wheat, not a seed of which has been bought, offered for sale for gambling purposes, and we have this arrangement made with this combination headed by a former president of that great grain corporation, the Alberta Pacific Grain Company. That is what is going on. That is what is being carried on in western Canada; and as Mr. McFarland says in his letter, and as these men say in their telegram: If you said you wanted our jobs and asked us to resign, we would do it; but when you say you are going to force it because of sales resistance developed out of personal antipathy to us, we cannot as self respecting men do it. For the first time in the history of Canada, so far as I know, a government that appealed to western Canada on the platform it did and that supported the wheat act as it did, have, because of the deep-rooted sentiment they have in their hearts against those who

tried to protect Canadian farmers from exploitation, from gambling and from all the evils connected with it, openly sacrificed these men at the whim of those people abroad, the continental grain companies, the Dreyfuses and the millers of England, to make a holiday. I hope the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Crerar) and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner) are proud of their work; I hope they are pleased and proud of their operations in that regard.

Now we come to the next item in the speech from the throne, the conference between the provinces and the federal government. I am indebted to the first minister for his courtesy in furnishing me with a copy of the report, which was tabled to-day. It is a statement of speeches of good will, of loyal devotion to one another and to the cause of liberalism that would be amazing if it were not amusing. Let us look at it. I will say this about Ottawa and the Ottawa conference. The Ottawa conference deserves to be remembered by all men. The hon. member for Parry Sound (Mr. Slaght) was right; it was a great conference and hereafter Ottawa will always be remembered as the greatest health resort known in history, for while the first minister was bewailing the illness of the first minister from Ontario, the minister from Queen's Park was certainly enjoying himself in other parts of this country. With such a revival of health on a scale unprecedented, this city becomes the greatest known health resort. Those who are far removed in fancy find themselves suddenly in better health and able to take part in all the festivities connected with the gatherings without any difficulty at all. It is an amazing illustration of what unremitting toil will do in the way of restoring to health those who have thus found themselves overtired.

Perhaps that is the greatest tribute that can be paid to this conference. Then, of course, there was that delightful interchange of compliments between the Minister of Finance and the first minister of Ontario. Their unanimity of feeling and their common sentiment crystallized into that expression that, when my hon. friend came down to Ontario to find a seat, there was one province in which he would not be able to get it, as far as that other gentleman was concerned. All these things express that spirit of comradeship and loyal devotion to one another that indicates the unanimity of eight provinces of Liberal thought and a federal government of the same complexion.

It is an amusing story, but what have they accomplished? There is a printing bill charged to the House of Commons; we were