

would solve the problem of war. This group has not opposed immigration. What we have opposed is the idea of bringing men and women out to this country when we already have over a million people who are not able to get along without government assistance. The minister told us that western Canada was able to support 30,000,000 people while it had only 3,000,000 at the present time. Is it proposed that these 30,000,000 people will all produce more wheat and cattle which we cannot sell? Is it proposed that they are to dwell in the drought areas and be assisted by the federal and provincial governments?

The Canada Year Book shows that since 1931 a total of 150,000 people have left the prairies, and that since 1921, leaving out the natural increase, more people have left Canada than have migrated to Canada. When immigration is suggested to this house as a solution for the problem of war, it seems to me that the Minister of Agriculture is talking very much like the president of a certain railway company.

I should like to say just a word with reference to the speech made by the Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Crerar), and other odds and ends. He chided the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) with not being exactly honest, in that he had failed to call the party of which he is the leader the socialist party. The minister said we were flying false colours. He ought to know that the term "socialism," like the term "Christianity," covers a great variety of points of view. The term "socialism" covers many fields of economic doctrine and the term "Cooperative Commonwealth Federation" denotes a particular form of socialism as distinct from Marxian socialism or guild socialism, from Fabian socialism or syndicalist socialism. When the minister suggests that we ought to call ourselves the socialist party, he should go to the Presbyterian church and the Anglican church and suggest that they call themselves the Christian church.

I am not very old but I can remember that another party came to this house fifteen years ago. It seems to me that that party had a false name as they called themselves the Progressive party. Many felt that it should have been called the Liberal party since that is where it ended. Instead of being a progressive party, it turned out to be a retrogressive party.

Miss MACPHAIL: Which showed it was truly Liberal.

Mr. DOUGLAS: I should like to say a few words with reference to the speech of the Minister of National Defence. I am always a little suspicious when an eloquent debater like the minister has to resort to poetry. To me that would indicate he was running out of facts. On page 897 of Hansard the minister is reported as having said that the mover of the amendment (Mr. MacNeil) was purely academic in talking about the nationalization of industry in the event of war, but then on page 904 the minister is reported as saying that his department has spent eight or nine months in surveying this whole field. These two statements are rather inconsistent. If this matter were purely academic, I hardly think his department would waste time on it. If his department is spending time on it, then, it must be a live issue.

What has his department done with reference to this all-important question? The minister says that they have made a survey. The government seems to be constantly confusing diagnosis with cure, and the means with the end. They are like the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers) who thinks that when he has made a survey of the unemployed he has cured unemployment. The minister thinks that when he has made a survey of the possibilities of nationalizing industry, the problem has been dealt with. He believes that if you appoint a committee, a commission or a board of inquiry, then the problem can be shelved. This problem has not yet been dealt with. The minister has made no statement as to what he proposes to do with respect to this matter of preventing the making of millions in profits out of a country engaged in war. He says that a survey has been made, but he has not suggested any legislation. He has given no indication that legislation will be introduced or what the nature of that legislation will be. He reminds me of that character in Dickens, Mr. Micawber, who kept thinking that something would eventually turn up.

The time for dealing with this important question of taking the profit out of war is the present. I need hardly remind hon. members that great financial concerns on the North American continent made fortunes during the last war while men were laying down their lives for a mere pittance. I have Engelbrecht and Hanighen's Merchants of Death before me. On page 179 appears a list of the average annual profits made by certain corporations in the four years before the war and in the four years during the war. I shall give only one or two instances. The average annual profits of the United States Steel