

*The Budget—Mr. Murdock*

"Will you kindly advise us how many copies of each bulletin could be used to advantage in your plant? As we are anxious to complete our mailing list, a prompt reply will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

THE CANADIAN LABOUR PRESS LIMITED.

And here is the bulletin:

Canadian Labour Press Bulletin Service. Tariff protection: What it means to Canadian workers. Staple industrial conditions will result when the manufacturer is not obliged to meet unfair competition. Steady employment for the workers when the factories are operating full time. Higher wages are possible through increased production and increased consumption. Lower taxes and our capacity to take care of present taxation will be the natural result of Canada's increased prosperity.

It is all a part of Tory propaganda, the object of which is if possible to deceive the working people of this country. And who is paying for it? Here is an issue of the Canadian Labour Press, and as I have not the slightest desire to draw any improper inferences I shall just cite from this sheet some of the advertisements that are published and leave hon. gentlemen to make their own deductions. We can then see whence comes the money to pay for these advertisements. Is it from organized labour? No; I do not think a dollar of it comes from organized labour. And this journal has no connection with organized labour but is travelling under false colours for the purpose of trying to deceive labour in Canada. Here are some of the advertisements: Anglin Norcross, Limited, Montreal; Boulter-Redmond Limited, Montreal; Canadian Paperboard Co., Ltd.; Cunningham and Wells, Limited, Montreal; Canadian Car and Foundry Co., Limited, Montreal. Here is one advertisement:

Drink Cosgrave's beers!

This is from the Cosgrave's Export Brewery Co., Ltd. Then there is an advertisement by J. W. Cumming Manufacturing Co., Limited, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and one from The MacFarlane Shoe, Limited. Here is another one:

Insist on Goodyear Welts when purchasing your footwear.

There is also an advertisement from Congoleum Canada Limited, Montreal, and one from The News Pulp and Paper Co., Limited, Montreal, as well as one from The Bronson Company, Ottawa. Are these advertisements inserted by people who are interested in labour? No; that is not the way the game is played. In my judgment this is all part of a campaign to fool the workers of the country; and there will always be found those who will lend themselves to such a thing. But I think that organized labour is alive to [Mr. Murdock.]

the situation and it knows that there is nothing behind all this but propaganda. And it is the same sort of Tory propaganda that was rife throughout the length and breadth of Canada in 1921.

Now may I refer briefly to another bit of Tory propaganda. Certain newspapers in Canada, the Montreal Gazette and the Ottawa Citizen, among others, carried recently some statements like the following. First I quote from the Montreal Gazette:

Premier called anti-Canadian. Senator Robertson arraigns King government for broken promises.

The Ottawa Citizen had an item under the following caption:

Many thinking the Prime Minister not pro-Canadian.

In the course of its report of what that hon. gentleman is stated to have said, the item in question has the following statement:

He thought that this province—

That is, the province of Quebec.

—would be the last in the Dominion to look favourably on a pro-American policy.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Read the article.

Mr. MURDOCK: Perhaps I had better do so. The article in its entirety reads:

Says Many Thinking the Prime Minister not Pro-Canadian

Canadian Press Despatch

Montreal, April 7.—Frequency of the Prime Minister's visits to the United States was referred to in an address by Senator Gideon Robertson, late minister of labour in the Meighen government, in an address to the Liberal-Conservative Association here last night.

"Throughout Canada," said Senator Robertson, "many people are thinking that the policy of the Prime Minister is not pro-Canadian."

Senator Robertson declared that a year ago the budget was held up for four days while the Prime Minister went to the United States, and that last Friday when the budget was before parliament "the Prime Minister got suddenly tired and went to New York—and is there now."

The Speaker said there were many indications to prove this feeling, and he was amazed that Quebec did not take more interest in "that tendency on his part." He thought that this province would be the last in the Dominion to look favourably on a pro-American policy.

Senator Robertson denounced the government for the sums expended on royal commissions, and went exhaustively into the financial standing of the country.

That is Tory propaganda. But what are the facts? There was a slight delay last year in the discussion of the budget but it was due to bereavement in the home of a very responsible member of this House who desired to be present during the debate on the budget and who had a right so to wish. That was the only adjournment of the budget debate last year, and it ill becomes my distinguished