

Mr. BENGOUGH: Opinions naturally vary, if I may say so, depending on the line of business in which these people are engaged. Take the railroads. The many thousands of our members who are engaged in transportation are not very much concerned with matters of imports and exports, that is as to what types they should be; but people, we will say, in the shoe industry, would be very much interested and concerned if, for instance, shoes were being brought in from Japan at 50 cents a pair. People in other lines would not be so much concerned. That is, our reactions vary according to the line of employment people are in or as to what type of business they are conducting.

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: My opinion is that when we have a surplus of a product, if we can sell it somewhere else it would be good business. There are others that have the opposite opinion.

The CHAIRMAN: Does geography not come into that quite a bit? We bring in, say, hard coal from the United States, but if Alberta can ship its coal down to the states, let them ship it, but it is too big a rail haul.

Mr. BENGOUGH: There is around 300 million tons in Calgary, and they have the steam shovel. We say why not put in a smelter, and why not put one in at the head of the lakes.

The CHAIRMAN: We are still large importers of steel, that is true.

Are there no further questions, gentlemen? I think on behalf of all senators here we owe you a strong vote of thanks; you gave us a very fine brief and very constructive suggestions.

Whereupon the committee adjourned.