

There is the statement that I made in Brantford when I went there to support my hon. friend, when I hoped that he would be returned to parliament. I said there the thing which I knew I would have to say some day in this House, because I believed that the Liberal party was going to be returned to power, and I was careful to see that no man in Brantford, because I thought my hon. friend would be returned, or in any other constituency, would be able to chide me with having taken one position in Brantford and another elsewhere. So I took care to say this and the Brantford Expositor records it:

Implements used in the basic industries and necessities of life, must be relieved of taxation as far as possible.

I did say that industries doing legitimate business would not be injured, and I think I do not need to go further than the words uttered by the leader of the opposition this afternoon to convince the hon. member for Brantford that I have been true to what I then said. The leader of the opposition said this afternoon: "As regards these agricultural implement manufacturers, I do not believe they are going to be hurt," and that is what the country thinks and that is what the implement makers themselves think.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. MEIGHEN: The worse the quotation, the more the applause. I did not make the statement which the Prime Minister attributes to me. It is only about three minutes since I read it. I took no responsibility as to what the effect would be. I did say that I did not think it would be very great.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am quite prepared to accept my right hon. friend's latest twist and to take his word.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I will show the Prime Minister the statement in the transcript of Hansard if he calls it a twist.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I protest against the Prime Minister describing my words as a twist.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not think I shall be much dismayed by the rumble which hon. gentlemen create on the other side.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My right hon. friend is rather sensitive.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not twist, but I know who does.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My right hon. friend is squirming badly now. I was not re-

ferred to the words in Hansard, I was referring to his present interpretation. The House is accustomed to the habit of the right hon. gentleman of trying to leave one impression by the use of certain words which are susceptible of a different interpretation. However, that is not an important point. The main thing, is it not, is the fact, as my hon. friend from Brantford will I think agree, that the government has endeavoured to meet the implement manufacturers as we said we would.

We have been able, in a large part at least, and I believe time will show, wholly, to make good to the manufacturers of implements in one way or another whatever they may have lost through tariff reductions. That is only carrying out the policy announced by the Liberal party; for wherever mention is made of reducing the duties on implements of production there is also indicated an intention of reducing the duties on raw materials that enter into the making of the finished product. We have endeavoured as far as possible to meet the manufacturers in that way. A statement has been quoted from the Massey-Harris Company, and I shall not refer to it again except to say that, interpreted in the way I think it ought to be interpreted, it implies that the government has dealt fairly by that industry and that the company hope, as a result of the changes which have been made, to be in a position to offer their implements cheaper to the farmers and thus do a greater business in the future than they have been able to do in the past. Let me say to my friend the hon. member for Brantford, I have not forgotten my promise, I have fulfilled it.

I have in my hand, from the Brantford Expositor, a series of interviews which I shall not attempt to quote even in part. These interviews are given by the Verity Plow Company, the Cockshutt Plow Company and the Adams Plow Company. The headline reads:

New schedules introduced will constitute some help in matter of lower tariff Comments of Brantford implement makers to whom free raw material list had not been previously extended—an undoubted feeling exists of improvement in the outlook—firms will continue to carry on to the best of their ability.

They feel that a very considerable concession has been made and they hope to go on with their business as in the past.

My right hon. friend said this afternoon that the tariff changes had been restricted in their application so as not to touch the constituency of any member of the government in which there might be an implement industry. At any rate, that was the purport of his words. The implication was that, as the common saying is, care had been taken by the government to look after their own relations