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(5) Is the cost of living stabilized? Many people feel that ceilings have been put upon all prices except on those commodities being produced by large masses of voters, such as farm products. Henry King, with all his charts, could never convince my wife, for instance, that the cost of living has not risen. She has kept a set of books for over 12 years now with the record of what she has paid for all household purchases and services. As far as she is concerned, the cost of living has risen tremendously.

(6) The manpower situation is the cause of great dissatisfaction. There again the Government seems to be taking whatever course will, in the long run, give them the greatest number of votes rather than a course that is in the greatest national interest. It is this weak attitude of the Department of Labour that is the greatest threat to whatever success has been attained in price and wage ceilings. The success of Donald Gordon is the envy of the United States and it is the cause of some concern to many Canadians to see the way his controls are being attacked.

(7) While we realize that war is extravagant, it is difficult for many of us to reconcile increased budgets in non-war departments of the Government. Together with this, we hear stories which can be substantiated of groups that were set up in Ottawa to administer temporary activities as far back as 20 years ago, and which, inspite of the fact that their work long ago was completed, today have a greater personnel than ever. No one would criticize the extravagance of wartime departments, but with the extremely high tax structure waste in other departments is a very painful subject.

Many of the above situations might not exist had the Government made full use of the channels of publicity to keep the public informed and "sold" on what they were doing. I do not believe it is too late even yet to correct much of the bad feeling in this respect.

There is another field, however, in which it is high time the Government explained its position. Canada was built largely by private enterprise, and private enterprise has not been given much consideration the last few years. The tax structure has prevented businesses from building the necessary surpluses for the transition period from war to peace. Because of wartime necessity the Government has not only set up crown companies, but has taken over private companies. For example, the National Steel Car plant at Malton, Ontario. No