

Old Age Security

Providence has placed an over abundance of all things in nature. There is always too much for all and enough for everyone. Nature lacks nothing, but its managers are remiss in the distribution of its wealth.

All 264 federal ministers and members of Parliament are Canadian consumers. All presidents, directors and managers of our larger private and public corporations are also Canadian consumers and depend on the 22 million Canadian consumers who need a 1973 purchasing power to live in 1973.

The input of capital, international trade, and multinational companies contribute to our national production in 1973. All those factors are subject to and governed by Canadian legislation in 1973.

The 264 federal ministers and members can immediately transfer \$18 billion of eager capitalization to a lagging consumption within our monetary, economic, political, regular, capitalist, and conventional systems of free enterprise.

It is through legislative action that our governments have fostered poverty, unemployment and inflation. It is through reverse legislative action that our governments will restore the national economic balance for all Canadians.

The 264 ministers and members of the Parliament of Canada, elected by all the people of Canada, can immediately transfer, if they want to, \$18 billion from the ambitious capitalization to the deficient consumption out of the 1973 production, and that's that.

These \$18 billion will be drawn solely from concrete reserves, discretely or secretly constituted by multi-millionaire or billionaire companies, thanks to tax exemptions, excessive safety reserves or unjustified depreciations. Understand if you will, but all the harm comes from there.

Without any tax increase, without any price increase, our present 264 ministers and members will be able to reduce the income tax of the nine million Canadian producers, for their work or their capital, and pay to the 13 million dependent Canadians, without work or capital, a vital personal minimum in every household, lodging, home or slum in Canada, in 1973.

All 22 million Canadian consumers will thus find themselves revalorized by this tremendous increase of their purchasing power, for themselves or their families, regenerated by a more complete participation in the national production, and all the 264 ministers and members will have fulfilled their role which is to see economic justice prevail in a just society.

● (1640)

All 9 million Canadian producers would have their taxes abated by roughly 40 per cent. They would pay \$3 instead of \$5, \$300 instead of \$500, \$3,000 instead of \$5,000, and all 13 million dependent Canadians in every house, housing unit, residence or slum in Canada would receive their guaranteed personal income in accordance with the following table:

1. \$30 a month per citizen between the ages of 0 and 9;
2. \$60 a month per citizen between the ages of 10 and 17;

[Mr. Allard.]

3. \$90 a month per citizen between the ages of 18 and 59;
4. \$200 a month per citizen 60 years of age and over.

However simplified this program might seem at first glance, a serious analysis will prove that it could replace to advantage the many present allowance, grant and pension programs which are not satisfactory and require too many useless inquiries and requests.

Any citizen earning less than \$50 a week or \$2600 a year may be considered as a dependent citizen and claim that amount.

Nine million Canadian producers derive income from salaries or interest on their capital and pay the required taxes; 13 million dependent Canadians without work or capital have a right to live and claim their guaranteed vital right or guaranteed personal income; 22 million Canadian consumers thus become economically more valuable in the eyes of the state, society, and all their fellow-citizens.

Mr. Speaker, let hon. members and ministers be optimistic and practical in view of the great national output produced by 9 million working Canadians. It is possible to meet the needs of 22 million Canadian consumers, including the 13 million dependent Canadians who are entitled to that production according to a distribution determined by the government.

Mr. Speaker, inflation, unemployment and poverty are the three main symptoms of the national economic imbalance which still plagues all Canadian people, from the top to the bottom of the economic and social scale.

Only if the national economic balance is restored among individuals, families and companies will poverty, unemployment and inflation disappear from our midst. Only the government of Canada has the power to restore as soon as possible and maintain afterwards the national economic balance that would remove poverty, unemployment and inflation, for the benefit of all Canadian citizens and that, in 1973. All that is needed is to so decide before God and before men.

No high official, or academic, or professional body, or union or national or provincial economic council, no religious group, catholic, protestant or other, no nationality, English, French or other, no political party, or election fund, no bank manager or company president or director has the right to pass legislation in the Parliament of Canada. Only the 264 members, elected by the Canadian people, have the right to vote in the Canadian Parliament on behalf of the 22 million citizens of Canada.

Therefore, it is now, in 1973, that the present problems must be solved. The same constitution, the same Confederation, the same financial, economic and political mechanisms that provide the Canadian people with the tremendous national product of \$114 billion, can thus enable us to ensure a fairer distribution among the 22 million Canadian citizens who live in the 6 million houses, residences or slums across our beautiful Canada. The 264 Canadian members of Parliament, the 30 ministers, the Prime Minister, and especially the Minister of Finance as well as the Minister of National Health and Welfare, with the minister responsible for the Treasury Board and the three leaders of the opposition parties are the only Canadians responsible for restoring the national economic balance