

*The Address—Mr. Blackmore*

that committee be set up immediately. It should be convened for the purpose of having a thorough investigation into all the factors leading up to the present difficulties on the Canadian National Railways.

**Mr. Sinnott:** I wish to ask the hon. member a question. I have listened attentively to him and I should like an explanation of one remark he made. He referred to the boys who went overseas in the last war, and spoke of those who were unemployed at the present time. He then asked this question: If there was another war, whom would they shoot at? I should just like to know what remark he was casting?

**Mr. Gillis:** I was not casting any remark; I was making a statement based on some understanding of human nature. My observation was this. You were unemployed previous to the first war. War broke out. Lots of money was found to put you in uniform, and you went over and fought and went through a lot of hardship. A lot of promises were made to you. You come back and you are sleeping in a soup kitchen again. Another war breaks out. It is threatening and could break out. If another war breaks out what do you expect that boy to do who is sleeping in the soup kitchen for the second time in his lifetime? I do not know whom he would shoot.

**Mr. Sinnott:** I suppose the hon. member—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Sinnott:**—knows that there are those who save their money and those who do not. There is a big difference.

**Mr. J. H. Blackmore (Lethbridge):** Mr. Speaker, I believe we have all enjoyed the session up to the present time. I am afraid however we all feel very much as the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis) has expressed himself, namely, that we are just getting ready for another period of inaction similar to that which laid a blight upon the house in 1937, 1938 and 1939. We could talk in those days about anything and everything except something that would do us some good. Today it looks as though we are getting ready for the same sort of thing unless somebody drives us into war and makes us do something.

The Prime Minister's speech is to be commended because it faced facts. I think he was quite honest in his general approach. He was at a disadvantage, because he had to begin to explain why all the glowing promises which were made across the country by everybody on the Liberal side have begun to fade already. For example, people had the idea

given to them everywhere during the election that all people had to do was to get this wonderful Liberal party in and there would be floor prices for all agricultural products. The other day, I understand, someone said, "Well, it must be borne in mind that floor prices can be in the basement just as well as up where you would naturally expect them to be." I could spend quite a lot of time discussing this kind of betrayal which the Liberal party has been guilty of ever since 1935, but I do not think there is much use saying more about it at the present time. The Prime Minister had to bear the brunt of all that.

Of course someone will say, Why did the people elect them again? Well, one good reason is that the Liberal party has a remarkable capacity for propaganda. It seems to have limitless funds and limitless influence over the press. Then generally speaking, I imagine the people look upon the Conservative party as just a pale-faced Liberal party, a second one, so that there is no use trying to get anything done through Conservatives. People are mortally afraid of the C.C.F. because it seems to mean so many things. They have not yet learned that if they want genuine honest-to-goodness government from a people who will keep their promises they must elect Social Crediters.

**Mr. Graydon:** Don't be so modest.

**Mr. Blackmore:** Well, we have a wonderful example of what a Social Credit administration will do and can do. The example is in Alberta. Those who treat Alberta lightly just do not know Alberta. Judged by every standard the work that has been done by Social Credit in Alberta is a magnificent job, and anyone who does not really acknowledge that—

**Mr. Whitman:** Does not know Alberta!

**Mr. Blackmore:**—either does not know or is not honest, one of the two. The Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) was, as I have said, at a serious disadvantage. In his speech there was little or no hope for any solution of the problem of markets outside Canada, or increased markets inside Canada. There was no hope, worth speaking of, for solving the problem of the cost of living, which is almost crucifying our people from coast to coast, right now. There was no real hope for security of employment.

As I have also said, the Prime Minister faced some facts. But I would hope he would be prepared to face a great many more. He went down the other day into the United States and delivered to the people of that country a speech which, in the light of all facts, was absolutely impudent. He was talking to a people who have grown into a great