

Visit of President Truman

There is a great deal more to be done by the dominion in the matter of cooperation with the provinces. We cannot afford in this country to wait indefinitely for the outcome of some trial of strength between the dominion and the provinces. We must work within the constitution for the uniting of forces of the dominion and the provinces in a proper and comprehensive health scheme for this country.

I hope it is not going to be the kind of scheme which will attempt to make the doctors civil servants, and simply put them on salaries. We do not want state medicine. But we do want an adequate and comprehensive scheme of health insurance in Canada. It can be brought about by a united effort between the dominion and the provinces. I urge again that this matter is far too important to await the outcome of a trial of strength between dominion and provincial governments.

Now—and this is my concluding word—we shall have more to say when we come to the detailed items of the department concerning expenditures on publicity. We shall wish to know from the minister that the money asked to be voted for what is now called educational and informational publicity—a much more euphonious title than the former one—is being well spent. I come back to the test I applied in the beginning: In this department as in all others—but certainly no less in this department, because of the vital importance of the subjects of health and welfare—we must see to it as a parliament, because the responsibility is shared by us with the government, that the taxpayer receives a fair dollar's value for every dollar spent.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

APPENDIX "A"

ADDRESS

OF

HARRY S. TRUMAN

President of the United States of America

TO

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

IN THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS CHAMBER, OTTAWA

ON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1947

The President was welcomed by the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and thanked by the Honourable James H. King, Speaker of the Senate, and the Honourable Gaspard Fauteux, Speaker of the House of Commons.

11.45 a.m.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. President, members of the Parliament of Canada: We are indeed greatly honoured in having as our country's guest today the President of the United States of America. Your visit, Mr. President,

[Mr. Fleming.]

is a welcome expression of friendship and good will, both personal and national. On behalf of the members of Canada's parliament here assembled, and of all whom we represent, I extend to you the warmest of welcomes.

In paying this neighbourly visit to our capital, we are delighted that you are accom-