

*Family Allowances*

Mr. NICHOLSON: I have no doubt that what the hon. member says is correct. I am sure that if the late Mr. Woodsworth was a member of that committee he felt that something should be done, but unfortunately he did not have the majority he needed to take action.

Mr. MARTIN: I should like to read from the report of the committee dated Friday, May 31, 1929. The late Mr. Woodsworth was a member of that committee, as was the hon. member for Broadview, who, I believe, is the only member of that committee who is still a member of this house. The report of that committee concludes with this paragraph:

Your committee begs to submit the evidence of these witnesses on the subject matter of investigation, and recommends that (a) as this proposal is new in Canada and requires more careful consideration, no immediate action shall be taken.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I thank my hon. friend for the information he has given.

In conclusion, I want again to express my personal appreciation of the legislation which has been brought forward. I hope the Prime Minister will continue to bring in the other social legislation he proposed twenty-five years ago.

Mr. BENICE: I should like to refer again to a matter I brought up last night when I was speaking on the second reading. I asked what consideration had been given by the administration to the whole matter of the taxation fields and the question of reallocation of responsibility as between the provinces and the dominion, particularly in view of the fact that the provinces have agreed to give up certain fields of taxation for the duration of the war in order to assist the administration in the prosecution of the war. As I said last night, I am particularly concerned about the eventual implementing of the report of the Sirois commission, and I am concerned that the decision of the administration at this time to bring in this measure, with the tremendous amount of taxes that will have to be levied and the tremendous amount of money that will be paid out, may militate against the future implementing of the report of that commission dealing with the reallocation of responsibilities and the establishment of social services.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The finance department has given careful consideration to the financial implications of this measure as it affects the dominion treasury and the relations between the provinces and the dominion. The view the finance department has taken in a broad way is, as I understand it, that

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this measure is calculated to assist the revenues of the country, that it will bring about a considerable increase in production and employment which will be a contributing factor toward increasing the national income.

This is a matter exclusively within the jurisdiction of the federal government, but as my hon. friend says there are relations between the provinces and the dominion that apply to all matters that affect finance. Those will be duly considered at the right time. I know the department has explored the aspect to which my hon. friend has referred and it feels that those relations will not be embarrassed by proceeding at this time with this measure.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I believe that this is the time when man's mind must be directed toward the solution and methods and techniques—

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend probably heard the conversation that took place between the leader of the opposition and myself when the house went into committee. There seems to be an understanding on the part of some members that my reference of last night to continuing with some other measures after this measure had been disposed of referred to the second reading of the bill and they made their arrangements in the light of that understanding. I think in those circumstances it would be advisable to continue with other measures after eight o'clock and further consideration of this measure can be continued at a later time. In the meantime, I am anxious to make a brief statement to the committee in reply to questions that have been asked in regard to the destruction of United States stores in the northwest, and if my hon. friend will not think I am impolite I should like to move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. BLACKMORE: If I could have two minutes—

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes; if my hon. friend will take two minutes and not more.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Remarks have been made which I believe we should answer. My first remark is a general reference to the statement of the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart that he has advocated measures of social security. I would draw the attention of the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart and his followers to the fact that the Social Credit party has advocated measures of social security equal if not superior to those advocated by the