

he will receive, no one will venture to predict. We are being driven a long distance from where we were a few years ago in the matter of our export trade when it becomes necessary for the government of the day to tax the people in order to raise money to pay for the export of certain of its commodities. That sort of thing may serve a government by way of deception of the electorate for a period of time, but it is not likely to last for long.

The other feature which I spoke of as being the third item of the programme of the Special Session, was the withdrawal from Parliament of certain of its rights and powers, vesting these in the executive. That took the form, in the first instance, of voting large sums of money under general heading, but failing to specify the purposes for which the particular grants were being made. It took the form later of what has come to be known as appropriating public moneys to the executive by blank cheque, a procedure for which there is no justification whatever under British parliamentary institutions. The blank cheque seemed bad enough, but what was worse was the blanket authority to legislate, which the government took to itself, giving the executive power to pass what orders it pleased for the peace, order and good government of the country.

These measures were fought by the Liberal party as subversive of the rights of Parliament, and fought, as you will