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up not so long ago when the union bosses said, "We will have the premier of Saskatchewan for our leader". They pick the boy; they call the shot. The poor hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue) has not much of a chance when they call it.

Of course, this new party is going to be different; it is going to rectify the whole financial situation in this country. Some of the members sitting in the present C.C.F. group in this house say the new party is not going to amount to much. Some of them say this because they do not like union bosses and they realize unions are going to control the new party. Some others say the new party is just a flash in the pan and they are not going to run again anyway. We hear this sort of talk.

Again you have to consider that some C.C.F. members even outside the house might have difficulty in joining the new party because I read in the *Toronto Telegram* a week ago that communists are not going to be allowed in that party.

Mr. Peters: That does not leave you much hope then.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Of course, if they exclude them, this might bring a new train of thought into the new party; I do not know.

But how will public ownership aid employment, that is the question? How will public ownership cure the financial position of this country, if we are as sick as the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge) says we are?

What did the socialists do when they took over in Saskatchewan? They bought out six or seven manufacturing concerns and lost nearly \$1 million in those concerns. Is that the way they are going to rectify the financial situation of this country, buying industries and then losing money on them? That is what happened in Saskatchewan, and this is all common knowledge to anybody who has any close connections with Saskatchewan.

Mr. Peters: How was it you fellows did not do better in the last provincial election?

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Mr. Speaker, these remarks remind me of the proverb in the good book, "A scorner seeketh wisdom, but findeth not; but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth".

What about the population increase of the province? That is an interesting comparison in itself.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Order. I think perhaps the hon. member had better come back to federal matters that are before the house. The Chair has been quite lenient with the hon. member in allowing him to

make comparisons, but I do not think he should be allowed to enter into a full discussion of strictly provincial matters.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I have always understood the rule of the house to be that if somebody speaks on a particular matter others can follow suit and deal with the same subject.

Let us take a look at the earnings per capita across Canada and compare them with the earnings per capita in the province of Saskatchewan. In doing so you have first to compare the population growth in the provinces. In Saskatchewan the amazing and most interesting thing is that it is the only province in Canada that has not grown in population from 1941 to 1956, according to the census taken in 1956. There was a decrease in population during that period.

Of course, some hon. members might well say, "Why did they leave?" This question might well apply to myself. I left Saskatchewan in 1945. I think the decrease in population and the decrease in per capita earning of that province are due directly to the socialist government in Saskatchewan. Their method of doing business does not create the right environment for growth; that is why this province has lagged behind every other province in Canada, even Prince Edward Island.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Order. I suggested to the hon. member that he get away from provincial matters. I hope the hon. member will take note of my suggestion.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Mr. Speaker, I am not referring to provincial matters in any direct relation to federal matters. I am referring to Saskatchewan because it is the only socialist province in Canada and I am comparing socialist methods—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Order. If the hon. member can show me what socialism has to do with this amendment I might be very happy to allow him to continue on this different line.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I have always understood that the debate followed the trend set up by the original speakers. The hon. member for Kootenay West spoke of nothing else but socialism. He expounded the theories and pious hopes he had for socialism; how it could rectify all our ills; how we had a sick nation and socialism would cure it. I think I should be allowed to follow the line of reasoning he presented, to see how it could cure our problems.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Order. If the hon. member will stay in generalities, certainly; but I do not want this to become a