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which could add about \$200 to \$300 a year to the tax bill of most Canadian families. It does not consider the effect of the capital gains exemption which will benefit only the most wealthy in our society.

The bottom line on the Budget of the Prime Minister is this. First, it breaks the promise not to reduce social spending. It then attacks the poor and the middle class. The Conservative Government attacks those in our society who are least capable of defending themselves. It seems the Government can find \$1 billion to bail out depositors with deposits of more than \$60,000 but cuts precious dollars from family benefits. In the case of the elderly, the injustice was obvious and caused the Government to retreat at the end of June. In the case of family benefits, the injustice is more difficult to perceive at this point in time.

I started off my remarks by saying that if someone had told me a year ago that I would be standing in the House today delivering this sort of speech I would not have believed him. However, given the pitiful record of the Conservative Government one year later it is not surprising how many people have concluded that this Government will last but one term.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, when I listen to opposition Members I am reminded of what happened when I was training as a young man at Sarcee Reserve in Calgary. We were shooting at a target and the sergeant was behind us. The chap next to me was shooting and not hitting the target. The sergeant came up to him and said: "Where in the world are those bullets going?" The young man looked up and replied: "Well, sir, I don't know where they are going but they're sure leaving here with an awful bang." That is the feeling I get from speeches made by opposition Members. They do not know where they are going. The only way we could make the Opposition happy would be to continue to borrow and borrow and borrow and live on borrowed money. That is the only way we could make the Liberals and the New Democrats happy. That is what they were doing for the last 16 years. They thought they could borrow themselves out of debt.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An Hon. Member: Louder!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Could we allow the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) to make his speech?

Mr. Taylor: What they have done is left a heritage, a heritage of—

Some Hon. Members: Louder, louder!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Could we please allow the Hon. Member for Bow River to make his speech?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, when you throw a stone into a pack of dogs and a dog starts to yelp you know you have hit one of them.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, they never stopped once to realize what they were doing to the country when they were borrowing and borrowing. The greatest threats to the social programs in Canada are the Liberals and members of the New Democratic Party. They were going to borrow and borrow and borrow until there was nothing left to borrow.

Mr. Tobin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Might you advise the Hon. Member opposite that we have now moved into the 20th century? We have electronic means of being heard in the House and it is not necessary to yell. His speech is both offensive to intelligent people and offensive to our ears.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) on a point of order.

Mr. Nystrom: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Taylor: In the 20th century they know what a point of order is. They have been in the House for a number of years and they still do not know what a point of order is.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville on a point of order.

Mr. Nystrom: Is that not a case of the kettle calling the pot black, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Bow River has the floor on debate.

Mr. Taylor: I hope you will not be taking the time they have spoken off my time, Mr. Speaker.

Ms. Copps: We hope you are.

Mr. Boudria: Repeat what you said.

Mr. Taylor: I have said before that the only way you can get anything into opposition Members' heads is to cross a woodpecker with a carrier pigeon. In that way they could carry their message and pound it into their heads.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Taylor: Members opposite still think that borrowing is all right. It is no wonder that they jump up and down like jumping jacks when we talk about the effect of their policies because what they will do is ruin the social programs of Canada. Social programs depend on the productivity of a country. When a country borrows, borrows and borrows, that productivity is eventually eliminated.

Ms. Copps: Are you the woodpecker or the pigeon?

Mr. Taylor: They would do that until the point where they could not borrow any more. Then they would leave the widows and the children and the crippled without any help whatsoever. That is the end of their program.