

create new credit representing the economic growth of the country. And the minister replied: "Yes, Mr. Chairman, very great difficulty indeed."

Needless to say, Mr. Chairman, that we were not satisfied with this reply. We wanted a more detailed and more substantial reply and we wanted the minister to tell us what prevented the Bank of Canada instead of the chartered banks, from creating the new credit representing economic growth.

If you will recall, Mr. Chairman, I was very careful to explain yesterday, to specify what we meant by creating credit and what the Bank of Canada would have to create, that is, the amount which is representative of the economic growth for the year and which the chartered banks lend at the present time.

Then, after insisting for a more detailed reply than this from the minister, he finally gave us the following answer, according to *Hansard* dated March 13, 1967, page 13946, and I quote:

[*English*]

Mr. Sharp: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I may say so once again, I consider that such action would be very detrimental to the interest of the people of Canada because it would be very inflationary, and all of these arguments being presented by the hon. member for Lapointe are simply a camouflage for one of the oldest practices in the world, which is the practice governments have indulged in in the past, and I hope will not indulge in in the future, and that is printing money for the purposes of meeting government expenditures.

[*Translation*]

If I may say so once more, Mr. Chairman, it is not we but the minister who does not understand, because he still thinks that we want the Bank of Canada to create credit by printing bank notes. As the Minister of Finance could have seen by looking at page 13944, I did specify that it was not a question of printing bank notes. In fact, as may be seen from the right hand column on page 13944, around the middle of the page, this is what I said:

It is not a matter of putting the money press to work but of doing exactly what the chartered banks are doing, what the Bank of Canada will have to do after getting the authorization from parliament to give back to the Canadian people a real degree of control over credit.

As I was saying, Mr. Chairman, before the Minister of Finance answered me, it is not a matter of printing money but of doing exactly what the chartered banks are doing now: creating credit not by printing money but by raising the figures in circulation which represent credit money.

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Why does the Minister of Finance bring up again this idea of printing money, following the example of some clowns in the Liberal party—of the Yvon Dupuis type—who said that the Cr ditistes want to print money and who threw a bunch of dollars in the air? The Minister of Finance is using the very same tactics as these former buffoons in the Liberal party, saying that Social Credit wants to print money and denouncing us for it when it is not true.

Mr. Chairman, in order to show that the minister is being dishonest at the present time, I should like to repeat what I said before, and I quote:

It is not a matter of putting the money press to work but of doing exactly what the chartered banks are doing.

The chartered banks are not printing money; they are creating credit, and the minister has acknowledged this.

Why does the minister then bring up again this question of printing money? Is he being sincere? Does he want to have an intelligent discussion with us or does he not? He tells us he has understood nothing. Well, Mr. Chairman, in that case he will never understand. Incidentally, if he persists in being so insincere, he will not get away with it.

He was listening closely yesterday when I said that it was not a matter of putting the money press to work but of doing what chartered banks are doing, and that is to create credit.

I will once again put the question to the minister, but I must first explain. It is not a question of printing bills, Mr. Chairman; I said it yesterday and I say it again today. It is a question of creating credit, just like chartered banks do at the present time. When they do, they do not print one single dollar; they need only multiply by 12, on paper that is, their cash reserves supplied by the Bank of Canada. The Minister of Finance said that this would be inflationary. Mr. Chairman, here again, I would like a straight answer from the minister, because he has circumvented the point. I have put the question to the minister, but he confined himself to generalities. He said that if the Bank of Canada were to create credit instead of the chartered banks that would cause difficulties. Speaking in a general way, he said it would give rise to many difficulties. We insisted on getting more details and, suddenly, the minister came up with this, and I quote again:

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