

the league, that we ought not to incur expenditures for defence because there are others upon whom we may lean, that we ought to borrow our ships, that it is unnecessary to look after ourselves. A nation is not unlike an individual. A nation has many attributes that the individual has. A nation has character. A nation has duties and responsibilities. A nation has moral as well as other obligations. And a nation which is going to be worthy of the name will seek to discharge all its obligations and its duties in a way befitting a nation among the nations of the world.

I have in my hand a little volume of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, a play the key to which will be found in the following words:

The time is out of joint; O, cursed spite,
That ever I was born to set it right!

That is the frame of mind that a good many people are in to-day. The time is out of joint, and, each, for himself, has to decide whether he is going to help shoulder the burden, help put things right, or do as *Hamlet* did, because the burden of the obligation is a great one, fail either to bear it or to throw it off and so confess his soul unequal to the performance of the great deed laid upon it.

I say to those who fail to realize the stature to which Canada has thus far advanced, and what is expected of her as a nation, that they will do well to heed and to apply to our country the words of profound wisdom addressed by *Polonius* to his son *Laertes*, as *Laertes* set out upon his own:

My blessing with thee!

And these few precepts in thy memory
Look thou character. Give thy thoughts
no tongue,

Nor any unproportion'd thought his act.
Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar;
Those friends thou hast, and their adoption
tried,

Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel,
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment
Of each new-hatch'd unfledged comrade. Be-
ware

Of entrance to a quarrel, but being in,
Bear't, that the opposed may beware of thee.
Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice.
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy
judgment....

Neither a borrower nor a lender be;
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.
This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

Mr. T. C. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Mr. Speaker, in rising to support the amendment of the hon. member for Vancouver North (Mr. MacNeil) and my deskmate, the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell), I

wish first of all to deal with some of the statements made by previous speakers in the debate.

At the outset may I say a word about the amendment. A number of hon. members have endeavoured to interpret it in such a way as to give them a reasonable excuse for voting against it, on the ground that to vote for the amendment is to vote for socialism and to endorse the philosophy of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. The first person to advance that point of view was the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Mackenzie), and others have taken refuge in the same interpretation. Well, if giving people jobs; if taking care of them when they are out of work, through no fault of their own; if looking after the aged, widows and orphans and giving medical and hospital assistance to people who cannot pay for it, are associated in the mind of the Minister of National Defence with the principles of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, I have no objection. But that is not what is intended by the amendment. It states two things clearly, first that this group is opposed to increased expenditure for military purposes.

Let me say here to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) that while we did not choose to sit like a group of school children saying Yes, Yes, Yes, while he asked rhetorical questions, I speak for my colleagues and myself when I say most categorically that we are opposed to the increases in the defence estimates. Second, the amendment states that not only are we opposed to the estimates, but we oppose them especially in view of the lack of economic security to be found throughout the dominion. We are saying that we believe bread is more important than bullets, that homes are more important than aeroplanes, that giving people the means to attain physical well-being is more important than building up a military clique within the dominion. When the Minister of National Defence seeks to interpret our stand as one asking for an endorsement of socialism, may I say to him that there are many people across Canada who have taken exactly the same stand as we have, and who could not by any manner of means be called socialists.

The Prime Minister read a press report of Mr. Lloyd George's interview at Jamaica, but may I point out that he did not read all of it. He may have had reasons of his own for not doing so. I shall be pleased to read the rest of it, which runs as follows:

The veteran British Liberal leader was bitter about the huge sums the mother country was spending on rearmament while we have found