

surveys that your own public servants have conducted and see the sort of nutrition that prevails in Canada even in the best of times, the nutritional level which obtained under price control with the payment of subsidies, and compare the nutritional standards which can be maintained today on the same wages. If you do that, you will see that the removal of control and subsidies is a foolish kind of economy. This is the most short-sighted kind of saving of money that this country ever indulged in. You are undermining the health of your children. You are preparing the way for the same sort of statistics that you got when you began to examine the youth of this country when you wanted them for military service. There was no end to the money you could pour out to equip those young people to fight, but you are now proceeding to withdraw the food from the mouths of their children. I hope you will consider that in the light of your position, although I think the people who want to do something about the matter are in the minority.

I want to commend the hon. member for Fraser Valley (Mr. Cruickshank). I do not think he will get either into the cabinet or into the senate.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Oh, now, now!

Mrs. STRUM: I also want to commend the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Croll). I wish there were a few more people on the other side of the house who had the courage, fortitude and common sense that these hon. members showed, because this is not a party issue. Subsidies are not a party issue any more than taxes are a party issue. These are just methods for distribution and these are just means for protecting the Canadian people. I think it is silly to make things like taxes, pensions and subsidies into party rows, because those things have no more to do with parties than the simple devices of municipal government—the building of highways and roads, and the improvement of our country—have to do with them. It is a great pity that we do not make up our minds to speak as we think, instead of hiding behind party fences when an issue of this kind comes up.

That is about all I wish to say, except that I just want to go back again for a moment to the hon. member for Cochrane, because I wish he would learn the facts of life.

Mr. HARTT: He is far too young.

Mrs. STRUM: To talk in the same breath about milk, the new look and providing people with motorcars is to show a terrible lack of development. To talk about the new look

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and long skirts in the same way that you talk about milk without which human life can not be maintained in a new-born infant and without which no standards of health can be maintained, is to show the most abysmal lack of knowledge of the facts of life.

Mr. BRUNELLE: He is a bachelor.

Mrs. STRUM: That is what I say. People who have not a knowledge of these facts of life should not be permitted to run this country.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. KNOWLES: What about the Prime Minister?

Mrs. STRUM: The Prime Minister had the good sense to bring in family allowances, and I hope to convert him to the idea of subsidies on milk. Again I urge you to think of milk, bread and meat, as well as fruit and vegetables, as the basic necessities of life itself. I urge the government to begin immediately to put controls on butter, not at seventy-three cents a pound, but down at a point where people who have more than two or three children can afford to buy it.

Mr. SINNOTT: Is the farmer getting too much?

Mrs. STRUM: Has the hon. member not learned how much the farmer gets out of these prices?

Mr. SINNOTT: I have milked more cows than the hon. member ever saw.

Mrs. STRUM: If it comes to a cow-milking contest with my hon. friend, I will take him on at any time.

Mr. SINNOTT: Let us go out to the experimental farm on Sunday.

Mrs. STRUM: I grew up on a farm and I married a farmer.

Mr. SINNOTT: I will take the hon. member up on that challenge, and meet her at the experimental farm.

Mrs. STRUM: I am surprised at the hon. member. Of all members, the farmer members should know what share of the seventy-three cents the farmers get.

Mr. HARTT: Fifty-nine cents.

Mrs. STRUM: There is another farmer.

Mr. HARTT: I will join the cow-milking contest.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.