

that membership comprises many men well able to assist in designing the policies which now emanate from the economists, scientists, doctors of philosophy and what-not in the building here to my left. We are in fairly safe hands with the minister, because he can hold this group of economists in check. But if he does not realize it, I tell him now that they seem to be lacking in business ability to consider a business budget for Canada; and when he is preparing his budget he would be far safer in the hands of members such as the hon. members for Victoria, B.C. (Mr. Mayhew), Waterloo North (Mr. Breithaupt), Waterloo South (Mr. Homuth), Davenport (Mr. MacNicol), Lincoln (Mr. Lockhart), Cumberland (Mr. Black), Peterborough West (Mr. Fraser), Qu'Appelle (Mr. Perley), Skeena (Mr. Hanson), and Haldimand (Mr. Senn).

These hon. members, who have business experience but who are not consulted, would give you their confidence; they would not betray your confidence, and the net result would be that we would not only have something more acceptable to the Canadian people but something which would more nearly balance our budget. How humiliated and exasperated are the members at the little they are able to do in the war effort, particularly when they know so much about Canadian conditions.

The minister knows that victory will come only with tears, sweat and blood. Are we so medieval that we will not bestir ourselves until we have a blood bath in Europe? Our duty is to sweat now. We must realize that Germany works from the centre of Europe out to the perimeter. She is bounded by oceans and water on three sides and, thank God, by Russia on the other. We are many thousands of miles away, and must fight from the outside of the perimeter. Our air force has overcome part of this difficulty. We have partly overcome distance; we have partly overcome difficulties; we have partly overcome disaster. And even though the road be long and hard, the growing strength of our united nations is fast overwhelming the enemy by the magnificence of the performance of the fighting men of the united nations.

Let us then pray, petition and plead that Providence will vouchsafe us an abundance of agricultural increase in the coming year. Let that faith be accompanied by works, and we shall have answer to our prayers. Let us be loyal to our king, and affirm our faith in the British partnership. Let us strengthen, reinforce, support and buttress our British commonwealth. Let us associate ourselves more closely with our allies of the united nations, and pledge ourselves to our fighting services wherever they are. Let us encourage,

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stimulate and urge more application by those charged with secondary production. Let us assist and cooperate with labour-management production committees, and foster sound labour relations. Let us invigorate individual initiative by rewarding integrity and intelligent industry. Let us give freedom of enterprise to our people, between the floor and the ceiling. Let us honour our partnership between the two races with equality, justice and toleration. Let us harness and put to work the power of this Canadian House of Commons.

Let us add magnitude to our effort, and then nothing can stop us from final victory. Let us save our democracy by applying ourselves. We dedicated ourselves to the task in September of 1939; we should then this day, this very hour, rededicate ourselves to its accomplishment.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, since I have been able to hear what the hon. member for Danforth (Mr. Harris) said, it has been a real pleasure to listen to him. I took occasion to read from *Hansard* his remarks of last night, and I was impressed not only by the breadth of vision he displayed, but by the amount of care and study he had devoted to the preparation of his speech. I believe the house is indebted to the hon. member for the effort he put forth, and the manner in which he presented his speech to the house.

I believe, too, that the house is indebted to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley). I do not agree with the manner in which the minister is endeavouring to conduct the financial affairs of this country, but no man who watches him can doubt his sincerity. Certainly any man must admire his energy, his earnestness, and his incessant endeavour to conduct the affairs of the country in the best way he believes they possibly can be conducted. I thought his speech well prepared and well delivered. I did not gather from it, however, the impression gained by the hon. member for Danforth, namely that it was a weak budget. On the contrary I had the impression it was a rather strong one and, as one of my colleagues points out, one with plenty of kick in it.

Before turning to the minister's speech I should like to give some attention to what has been said by the hon. member for Danforth. Anything I say I shall say in all earnestness, humility and sincerity. There is a distinct difference between the points of view of hon. members in my group and those of other hon. members in the house. We believe that there is a new way of doing things financially in this country, and that