

The Budget—Mr. Hansell

Between those people and that great pile of production sit the cabinet, the people who govern the business and economic welfare of Canada. There they sit. What is their problem? Their problem should be simple. Their problem is to get that pile of goods distributed to those people. That should be a simple matter. Yet somehow or other it is a tremendous problem for the brains of this country, sitting in the seats of the mighty, to bring those goods to the people to whom they really belong. Why is it that they cannot move those goods? To put the matter in a simpler fashion, here are six loaves of bread and here are six hungry men. Yet the brains of the country cannot say how those six loaves of bread can be moved to those six hungry men.

Mr. Ellis: They believe in private enterprise.

Mr. Hansell: That is a strange situation. You would think there were enough brains in the cabinet to figure out the solution, would you not? There should be. The other day I happened to look in the Parliamentary Guide and did a little bit of figuring. It may be startling, Mr. Speaker, for me to tell you that distributed among the men in the cabinet are no less than 59 doctor's degrees. Some of them, of course, are honorary degrees. There are 7 master's degrees and perhaps a good many more that are not mentioned because of the fact that if their doctor's degrees are earned, their master's degrees are not always mentioned. There are 12 bachelor's degrees. There are one or two of the cabinet who were lecturers in universities, and two of the cabinet were at one time chancellors of universities.

You would think that with all those brains residing within the craniums of those who sit on the treasury benches, Mr. Speaker, they should be able to figure out how to move that vast production over to the people of Canada who have produced it and to whom it rightfully belongs. You would think that, but they cannot do it with all their brains. Yet it is said that those of us in this corner of the house who claim to have the solution to the problem have no brains.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Knowles: Put it on *Hansard*.

Mr. Hansell: My leader says he is going to quit the party now. I hope I am not left to lead it, because I am afraid I shall have to lead a party without any brains. At least that is what our Liberal friends think.

Mr. Knowles: The blind leading the blind.
[Mr. Hansell.]

Mr. Hansell: We have been labelled the crackpots; we have been labelled the funny money men, but I am going to say this. If all those brains that are now resting on the treasury benches cannot solve this simple problem, perhaps the people will some day see fit to use their brains and put us crackpots over there on the government side to do the job. I am quite satisfied that we could do a job of that kind more efficiently than those who have among them 59 doctor's degrees, 7 master's degrees, 12 bachelor's degrees, university lecturers and university chancellors.

Mr. Winch: The independents are looking for a leader.

Mr. Hansell: The independents may be looking for a leader but if the C.C.F. go on the way they are going, they will be looking for members.

Mr. Knowles: The country is full of them.

Mr. Hansell: I have listened to some of the speeches today and there is no question in the world, Mr. Speaker, that the present Liberal government is not solving the problems that face the Canadian people. Of course, I must go around the house. I have listened to my Conservative friends.

An hon. Member: Friends? What do you mean?

Mr. Hansell: I hope I never cease to have friends. Even those in the Liberal party are my friends, I hope. I sometimes really hate myself. Do you know what my job is? Believe it or not, my job is to go out through this country and depose all you members. That is a dirty thing. I am obliged to go out through this country and help to unseat my friends. Just imagine that.

Mr. Boisvert: You may find yourself unseated some day.

Mr. Hansell: As I say, I hate myself when I think of it. My only compensating thought is the knowledge that my friends are out to unseat me.

I have heard my Conservative friends speak on this budget and I am amazed. There are some bright chaps in the Conservative party today.

Mr. MacDougall: There were until they went over to you.

Mr. Hansell: They rant away at what is wrong with the budget, yet they do not offer any change in fundamental policy.

Mr. Dufresne: We are not through yet.

Mr. Knowles: When are you going to start?