

Mr. HANSELL: Will the minister insist that the government get the money?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I cannot deal with a hypothetical or contingent question as to what the people of Canada may decide to do. The people of Canada are always in control of whatever government may be in office. They will decide that according to their sound judgment, as is evidenced by the formation of this parliament.

Mr. BLACKMORE: The same general principle will apply to this bill. If a government coming in after this government sees fit to sabotage this bill, it will be sabotaged.

Mr. MITCHELL: That is not fair.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): There is no foundation for that.

Mr. BLACKMORE: We will just leave that aside. Considering the main motion, let us keep in mind that the great sums of money which the government is able to collect to-day by way of taxes and loans are in a large measure the result of huge expenditures by the government, which expenditures have resulted in a greatly increased national income. As soon as the war is over and government expenditures on their present scale cease—and according to the minister's own speech which I have read and regarding which I should like to commend him for its beauty—these expenditures absorb forty per cent of the production of Canada—the national income of Canada will fall off at such an astonishing and disconcerting rate that it will be impossible to get the money. I hope I am not being gloomy in my forecast, but I lived through the last war as did the minister. We can judge what is likely to come in the future only by what has happened in the past. With respect to where the money could come from, I am not free to discuss that at the moment. If I said anything about that, I would be ruled out of order immediately.

Mr. GRANT: You are out of order already.

Mr. BLACKMORE: That is a brilliant remark. We must face the fact that the money must come from somewhere. Unless some provision is made for a source of income other than the one which we now have in sight under our orthodox system, namely borrowing and taxation, this and other measures will be simply impossible. I have in my hand the order in council which has been discussed lately, and the small sheet which has been distributed to hon. members, the Department of Pensions and National Health

information leaflet. I have, too, the post-discharge reestablishment order. If the wastage of this war is anything comparable with that of the last, the total amount needed to meet the promises in these two documents will be simply staggering. These promises are not worth the paper they are written on unless we have some means of rendering financially possible what is physically possible in Canada. I think I have said all that I rose to say on this aspect of the question. I hope the members of this house and the people of this country will ask this inflexible question every time a proposal is made: How are you going to do it, and where is the money coming from? Until you can answer those questions, it is idle to talk about what is to happen.

An hon. MEMBER: You ought to know.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I think I know where the money could come from, but I do not think my hon. friend knows.

I am going to make one short reference to the committee which has been set up to examine into ways and means. In his speech the minister has said that economists and scholars are at work. I am not very much impressed with the knowledge or ability of those economists and scholars. There are two groups in this house that represent some sort of an approach to the new order. At least they have some new ideas. However, neither group is represented on this committee, nor is there anyone on the committee who knows what these groups know. If the recommendation of the hon. member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker) and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) is to be taken in good faith and executed with sincerity, surely anyone who has a new idea as to how a new economic system might be brought about ought to be invited in.

Mr. MARTIN: Would the hon. member include Principal Wallace of Queens university?

Mr. BLACKMORE: I should like to know something about what Principal Wallace knows. I would say with all respect to Principal Wallace and gentlemen in his position that they are bound hand and foot. They dare not say what is in their minds because they know that there are university chancellors whose opinions may not agree with theirs.

Mr. MARTIN: Does the hon. gentleman know Principal Wallace?

Mr. BLACKMORE: I am not saying anything about Principal Wallace except that if he expressed ideas which did not agree with