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believe it is intended that we have 30. But all those departments cannot operate properly because something is lacking.

Government legislation and the standing orders of the house—I agree with the other members who have said so—do not conform to facts and realities, they are not adapted to present needs. I say much should be reformed, not especially within the departments but rather in the administration of the house. I am positive that even though we set up about a hundred departments, we could not go far because, as I said, the departments do not have what is needed to work well. It is well known that every department works on the basis of financial means and not on the basis of physical potentials of the country. (Instead of assuming our responsibilities, we shift them to other agencies. Besides, departments already existing and those we are now setting up, we institute independent commissions to carry out responsibilities incumbent on us. Responsibilities are devolved upon various commissions which are not responsible to the people. They are responsible to the government, but they carry out their investigation and make reports which last for years and all this time, the people wait, the people have nothing. Members of parliament and the administrators of the country do nothing; no progress is made; things are at a standstill.

We discuss old methods, old financial means and old formulas. We discuss these old formulas without thinking of new ones. If commissions think of new formulas, it takes years before a report is made and when the reports are tabled, for the information of the administrators and members of parliament, three quarters of the latter do not have time to read the bulky reports made by various associations, various economists, various technicians.

• (3:30 p.m.)

Quite often, those reports fail to take into account the needs of the people. They are offered things they have no need for. Hon. members are expected to study those reports. Some are concrete, positive reports and others are useless. Therefore, I ask hon. members and the agencies coming under the house to assume their responsibilities. I ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) to stop creating commissions and departments here and there, when the existing ones cannot even operate. As a result, we have a number of reports which hon. members do not even have time to study. But the one who is mainly responsible for all that is the Minister of Finance

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(Mr. Sharp). If he does not face reality, none of those departments can operate. Departments cannot operate without money.

When the Minister of Finance restricts credit, investments, why create new departments? We are not even able to finance the existing ones. I do not agree with the Prime Minister about the creation of new departments.

Many other things should also be mentioned. The Minister of Finance does not assume his responsibilities. He allows the people in general to be exploited and parliament itself is exploited by the Minister of Finance. For instance, interest rates are usurious, encroaching, and no one inside the Department of Finance worries about it. Everything appears normal to them. Excessive rates make life very hard, cruel, merciless for Canadians, discourage any initiative from those who work and build. It is not by creating new departments without money that we will put in order our economy which is sold out, in debt, paralysed by a basically false system.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Justice also has huge responsibilities but does not always assume them. That department should expose the reasons for the present evil and punish those who commit crimes. It is good to punish the guilty ones, but the reasons for such crimes are hidden, covered up. They are never brought to light.

Our diabolic system has led a great number of citizens to become dishonest, to commit crimes. But a government in office has never disturbed anyone to put some order in our anti-human, antisocial system. New departments or a parliamentary reform will not give back to the people their rights and prerogatives, if our financial structures are not changed.

A single department would be necessary, Mr. Speaker. I think that if we wanted to establish new departments, one department would be essential, namely the department of consumption. Consumption is insufficient. Production has been created to be distributed, but it is not. It remains in warehouses and stores. Citizens are waiting to have the means to purchase that production. This is why there should be a department to co-operate with the Department of Finance and find the means to distribute that production. The people, on the contrary, are deprived through taxes and funds of all kinds, and inspectors who often have wonderful diplomas and no