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because they see their livelihood and their purchasing power disappear; let him go and tell them exactly what he told us here this afternoon.

Moreover, when he tells a story about the wire worn on a foot, he can say that again, because it happens that the Liberal Party has gone haywire. That is why he went haywire this afternoon when he told us that story.

The minister reminds me of this patient who went to see this doctor because he had hurt his leg, and he was told to apply a poultice on it, since there was no improvement, the doctor went to the minister's home to find out what was wrong. He saw that the minister had applied the poultice right on the spot where he got hurt, namely the railing of the stairs leading to the second floor!

So the minister does exactly the same thing in today's economic system. He puts a poultice where it hurts, on the railing, and he is unable to find a solution to our problem. That is why I even received a letter from a woman of the constituency of Langelier, who wrote: Would you ask the Bank of Canada to make a loan, interests free, to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, so that he can buy three dozen combs.

This afternoon, nobody gave a more serious and logical answer to the logical and serious statement made by the hon. member for Témiscamingue. I merely say that the minister then will certainly not find any solution with his new department, because that reminds me, much more of something we have seen in the past, and which may still be seen: the chap who tries to get hold of a horse by attracting it with a bowl of oats. The horse represents us, the consumers, and with his Department of Regional Economic Expansion, the minister presents us with a small bowl of oats, saying: Wait, be patient.

As for us, of the Ralliement Crétitiste, we want to build a country, rather than merely mend fences.

• (5:20 p.m.)

We introduced this motion, which reads as follows:

That, in the opinion of the house, the government has failed to take adequate measures in order to give Canadians the benefit of a policy of distribution of goods and services which would allow each citizen to obtain his share of Canadian abundance.

I feel that with production, minus consumption, through a good accounting system, any amount of surplus in a country could be distributed as dividends, as the hon. member for Edmonton West asked us a while ago, to allow the Canadians who need it to purchase this Canadian production. When those problems are settled in Canada, then we can help other needy countries to solve their problems.

I would like to speak about a class of people who have reduced purchasing power at the present time. Progressive Conservatives or Liberals, as we noticed this afternoon, do not agree with us. The hon. member for Edmonton West and the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Marchand)—who said that they were reading the same books—they reminded me of pupils cribbing from others at school—are of the same opinion. So, whether they are Conservatives or Liberals, they are exactly the same; they are elected thanks to the same electoral funds, and I will be in a position to prove that later on with statements I made in this house, when I was elected in 1962 and the Progressive Conservatives were in office.

For the time being, I would like to deal with that class of people who do not have enough purchasing power, the Canadian farmers. I have seen farmers in western Canada glutted with produce. People told us: We would like to be the granary of the world. They are ready to produce enough to feed the whole human race.

But because the system is faulty, because there is enough money to go to the moon or to wage wars, but not enough to distribute the abundance that exists, these people are faced with economic problems.

Any economic problem can be settled by men because it was generated by men. The Minister of Regional Economic Expansion may tell us that the Social Credit does not propose solutions; I tell him that we find solutions and that we are willing to support him if he brings about measures to put an end to poverty amid abundance.

This is what we want to do but through equitable measures. I said earlier that in 1962, I had noticed the statements of the government in office. I shall quote from an article published in *La Presse* of November 1962, in order to show you that, red or blue, we are changing our horse, but the driver is still the same, i.e. the financiers who contribute to the electoral fund.