

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: A war obligation? Most of our social services to-day have arisen out of war obligations.

Miss MACPHAIL: Thank you. That is very good.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: And the fact that our social services have become so vastly increased on account of war is an added reason why this parliament, which is responsible for defence, should do its utmost to prevent another war arising with the additional social service obligation certain to grow out of it. The fact that we know what war costs a nation in life and limb, and health, is the strongest of reasons why a nation should do everything it can to prevent anything of the kind occurring again. That is the whole purpose of our defence estimates, to assist in preventing aggression on the part of other nations.

Here is the next item: European war pensions, \$210,105,583. I say that every dollar that has been spent out of the federal treasury as a war pension is money which has gone to serve the needs of those whose needs have arisen out of the services which they have rendered to the state.

Then there are these items: The writing down of soldier and general land settlement loans, \$3,223,413; payments re 1930 wheat crop, \$22,456,645; payments re loss on 1930 oats pool under guarantee, \$174,383; wheat bonus, 1931-32 and 1932-33, \$12,719,900; or a sum in addition to the total I gave a moment ago of \$300,130,853.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Does the Prime Minister include interest on war debts?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No, I have not included interest on war debts but I think it ought to be included. That is another obligation which falls on this federal treasury which does not fall on the provinces, which does not fall on the municipalities, but which nevertheless makes it more difficult for the federal treasury to meet what it otherwise might be in a position to meet on many services. The justice of the situation demands that we view what are the obligations which this government has to meet. There is no escaping any of these obligations. Before we can begin to vote a dollar for other purposes, obligations of the character I have just mentioned, European war pensions and the like, have to be met.

The figures I have given make a total of expenditures by the dominion government

during the last five years on account of social services amounting to \$680,911,129. In addition to that, this dominion has made loans for relief purposes to the provinces, and the net amount outstanding on February 1 of this year was \$102,150,000. Those loans have all helped the provinces to meet obligations in the nature of social services of one kind or another. I place on Hansard in tabular form the figures I have just given:

Estimate of Expenditures by Dominion Government during the last five fiscal years on account of Social Services

(Fiscal years 1932-33 to 1936-37)

Unemployment relief.	\$254,871,231
Special public works and undertakings for relief of unemployment.	38,253,127
Old age pensions.	78,033,081
Technical education.	620,251
Employment offices, Co-ordination Act.	750,000
Labour, including administration of: annuities, conciliation and labour, fair wages and inspection, industrial disputes investigation, employment offices, limitation of hours of work, etc., acts.	2,381,922
National Health.	3,752,895
Grants to various private institutions for social purposes.	468,950
Employment and Social Insurance Act.	93,862
Farmers Creditors' Arrangement Act (administrative costs).	1,532,266
Dominion Housing Act.	22,691
	\$380,780,276
Outlays re additional social services:	
Treatment and after-care returned soldiers.	\$ 51,450,929
European war pensions.	210,105,583
Write-down of soldiers and general land settlement loans.	3,223,413
Payments re 1930 wheat crop.	22,456,645
Payments re loss on 1930 Oats Pool under guarantee.	174,383
Wheat bonus, 1931-32 and 1932-33.	12,719,900
	\$300,130,853
Total.	\$680,911,129

Loans to provinces for relief purposes, net amount outstanding February 1, 1937. \$102,150,000

Let me now give some of the social services that the provinces have been carrying on, and carrying on in part out of loans and grants which have been made to them from the federal treasury. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics