

*Supply—Health and Welfare*

They've been a wonderful help in the past  
And there isn't a doubt their plan would last.

I am only trying to help the minister. I always like to help ministers because I find that when I am in the opposition it is much better to try to get along with the ministers than to quarrel with them, and you get more satisfaction that way. Having nothing more to say I will be glad to sit down if there is another speaker to take up the time of the house from now until 10.30.

**Mr. Slogan:** Mr. Chairman, I hope I may be allowed a moment of jubilation at this time, as was the hon. member for Hamilton South when he informed the house that their party had been conceded victory in Toronto Riverdale, because I understand our party has been conceded victory in Windsor Sandwich, my birthplace.

**Mr. Baldwin:** That is good for the health of the nation.

**Mr. Slogan:** The only question at this time, of course, is where is the Liberal party headed, because they are the only ones who seem to have lost out.

**The Chairman:** Order. May I suggest that the hon. member revert to the business under consideration.

**Mr. Slogan:** Mr. Chairman, I should like to say that I was referring, of course, to the health of the Liberal party. I should like to congratulate the minister and all members of her staff. I congratulate the minister because I think she did a much better job in presenting her estimates today than she did in presenting her first version of the Canada pension plan. I suppose this only goes to show that one matures in office and that the minister and others on the front benches across the way perhaps realize now that they have no divine right to rule and that probably a bit of diplomacy is better than the tactics they followed in the past.

I should also like to congratulate the minister on the fact that she will be occupying new quarters shortly. I suppose we might refer to her as the penthouse queen because I understand she will be occupying the penthouse in this wonderful new building with a view of both Ontario and Quebec. Added to the fact that she already drives a Thunderbird, this is certainly a sign of affluence.

I do not want to say very much about the many items in these estimates. I associate myself with previous speakers who have spoken on specific subjects such as mental retardation, the aged, and physical fitness

[Mr. Cardiff.]

and sports. I am sure both the minister and I should lend our support to the physical fitness program because we are good examples of poor physical fitness. I should like to congratulate my confrere, the hon. member for Kamloops, on his speech regarding research grants in medicine.

I should like to say a word about the food and drugs committee of which I have been a member. I think the committee is doing valuable work and in my view Dr. Morrell and his staff are doing a wonderful job under somewhat trying circumstances. I hope the minister will pay heed to the recommendations which the committee will make with regard to increasing his staff and having to do with the conditions under which they work. As a personal observation I would say that although the food and drug directorate is doing a very good job, it seems to me their efforts are not as widespread as they might be and are not reaching those who could have a direct effect on the economics of prescription drugs. I refer to the individual doctor, dentist, veterinarian or druggist. To this end I have suggested in the committee that some improvements in the labelling and grading of drugs be made and I hope these suggestions will be reflected in the committee's report and that the minister will take some action on them.

I was one of those who supported youth allowances. I understand that some parents are under the impression that the cheques will be sent directly to the children. I would ask the minister to make clear to the house exactly what the mechanics of the administration of youth allowances will be and whether the amounts payable will become part of the family allowance cheques or whether separate cheques will be sent to the young people individually. It seems to me that if these cheques are sent to the young people individually the administration of the allowances will cost a great deal more, and I certainly see no reason why they should be handled in this way.

I should also like to congratulate the northern health services officials. In the northern part of my riding we have a number of health clinics which provide health services to the Indians and the local people. We also have two new hospitals in my riding. One is the fine new hospital at the new Whiteshell atomic energy research centre in Manitoba and the other is the new wing of the hospital at Pine Falls, built at a cost of half a million dollars. It is interesting that in this new wing Indian health services are being integrated with the general hospital