

My hon. friend from Red Deer (Mr. Clark) said in effect that this policy gives sway self-government, gives away the power to spend our own money, gives up the control of expenditures. Why, he said, a king's head was cut off because he took money without the sanction of Parliament, 13 colonies left the British Empire once because of similar action. My hon. friend does not say that he did not use those expressions. He says the contribution is to be spent by the Admiralty. He also says that it is hazardous and dangerous to have Downing Street or people from Great Britain running the public works of Canada or the works of naval defence. Might I interpose here that for 100 years and more Downing Street and the Admiralty have been running works of defence for this Dominion of Canada and doing it at their own cost and charges?

But did my hon. friend ever study the Bill? He was asked by my Right Hon. leader if he had read the Bill. It was pointed out to him that he could hardly found his argument or assertions on the Bill as it was, but when he was cornered he said: Oh well, I do not think that is much of a point. But I think it is a very great point. Let us see whether it is or not. Under this Bill, which the House is asked to pass, the authorizing is done by a Canadian Act, enacted by a Canadian Parliament. The vote is passed through its three stages and made law by the Canadian Parliament. The money that is voted is expended by the Governor in Council by order of the Canadian Parliament. The construction of the battleships is carried out and the purpose for which they are required is indicated by the Canadian Parliament. The ships are to be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty by order of the Canadian Parliament, and they are to be put there for the common defence of the Empire by Act of the Canadian Parliament. And the terms and conditions are entrusted to the Government of this country in concurrence with the Government of Great Britain. Where are constitutional relations impinged upon by that enactment? Where is responsible government outraged by that enactment? But my hon. friend from Red Deer says, you are send-