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## NAYS Nil.

Mr. GOLDING: I was paired with the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Bruce). Had I voted, I would have voted for the motion.

Bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Bradette in the chair.

On section 1-Short title.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I ask the Prime Minister if it is his intention to continue discussion of this bill in committee? I understood that we were going on with something else when the second reading had been completed.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I did not have any such understanding. It was my intention to go on in committee, but if my hon. friend desires to wait until to-morrow, very good.

Mr. GRAYDON: I do not think I have any special preference, but in giving the order of business last night it was indicated that after second reading we were to go on to something else. I have no objection.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I stated last night:

In the afternoon we shall continue the debate on the family allowances measure, and if we conclude that measure we shall then return to whatever order on the list we may not have completed.

Mr. BLACKMORE: In the year 1934 there arose a great figure named William Aberhart who preached the doctrine of \$25 a month for everyone. In the year 1935 a number of members were elected to this house who were pledged to that principle. When those members began to speak the opposition to what they had to say was universal. It has been genuinely entertaining to a number of us to hear a great number of those who were most offensive in their sneers and jeers about the "\$25 a month," as they said, "something for nothing," rising meekly in their places and supporting this measure. There are only two things I have to say regarding this measureit does not go nearly far enough; the method of financing these allowances is unsound. Canada will run into bewilderment and frustration and disillusionment if the governments in power persist in trying to finance allowances and other consumer purchasing power distribution measures by means of debt money. I felt it was important to draw the attention of the house and the country to that fact.

The government is feeling its way. It is imitating the motions, but it is without the soul and driving force which is necessary in order to introduce a sound method of distribution. I think the Prime Minister did exceedingly well this afternoon in his speech, but I could not help wondering what Mr. Aberhart would feel if he knew that eight years after he introduced his great movement he would have as a follower the Prime Minister of Canada and the leader of the Liberal party.

As the Prime Minister has indicated, we are entering an age of abundance far greater than has even been hinted at at the present time. Meagre little family allowances will be simply drops in the ocean in effecting the amount of purchasing power that must be put into the hands of the public in order to enable them to consume the plentiful production we are now capable of producing. I wish to congratulate the Prime Minister upon having had the courage to introduce this measure at this time. I wish also to congratulate the members of this house for having had the good sound common sense to support this measure and pass it unanimously.