

The Address—Mr. Caouette

government we heard so much about for two months or co-operative federalism which was just discussed yesterday. Our task is to solve Canada's real problems.

It was noticed without surprise that the throne speech did not keep the great election promises which were the constant refrain of the Liberal party during the last federal election.

The Conservatives and others were blamed for having promised \$100 a month for the aged. But did not the Prime Minister himself state in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, that this same amount of \$100 would not be enough and that \$125 would have to be paid to the neediest persons.

That is what the Prime Minister said not so long ago, and today we are told it would cost \$850 million to raise the pension for the aged. Where is the logic in all that?

We hear one tune during the election campaign and a different one during the session. They change their minds as easily as they change shirts and they try to fool the whole population with astounding words during election campaigns and on other occasions. This is what the party now in office has been doing for quite some time.

It had also been promised that the price for industrial milk would be increased to \$4 per hundred weight. There was no mention of it in the speech from the Throne. It had also been promised during the election campaign that family allowances would be increased. Now we are told that the matter is under consideration. There have been lots of commissions, but not too many results achieved up to now.

We were told also that only the Liberal party could give us a strong government, could rescue our agriculture and the labour class. In short, we were told that only the Liberal party could do this or that as if Canada would not exist any more without the Liberal party.

Mr. Speaker, let's not appeal any more to feelings, to the nicest things in Canada, let's try by all possible means to appeal to the reason of the individual, of the human being, in short, to the intelligence of the human being, and then it will be possible to start a dialogue, to hear one another, and to give Canada the best economic system with which a government can endow a country such as ours.

Mr. Speaker, instead of the family allowances and pensions increasing, it is the cost of living which keeps on rising at a startling

rate. We just have to look at the news reports to see, on one hand, the price increase which is being felt in all directions—

Mr. Speaker: I must remind the hon member that his time has expired and that he could not carry on unless he has the unanimous consent of the house.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member have the unanimous consent of the house to continue his remarks?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their courtesy in allowing me to complete my remarks, which should not take much longer anyway.

Personally, I did not hesitate to tell our people during the election campaign that credit would be restricted. In fact, the day after the election, on November 9, credit restrictions were announced from Washington.

With the few proposals outlined in the speech from the throne, the government tries to hoodwink the population into forgetting major problems by promising political sweets, just as one gives a dog a bone to stop him from barking or give a child a biscuit to stop him from crying. How childish of the government.

I am convinced that the Liberals do not believe themselves the promises they clamoured during the election campaign, otherwise they would have written a speech from the throne less disappointing, more dynamic, less costly more profitable for Canada, less socialistic and more stimulating for a realistic economy in Canada.

The population has no need for words to solve its problems. What it needs above all and always is solely adequate financial means.

Mr. Speaker, when we talk about adequate financial means, a lot of people say: "It is always the same thing, the monetary question: The Creditistes are always talking about monetary reform, about the Bank of Canada." For the information of the Liberal members, the new ones in particular, and possibly some of the old ones who may have forgotten, I wish to put on the record a verbatim statement made by a former prime minister of Canada, and a Liberal one at that, Mr. Mackenzie King—

Mr. Guay: That was a great man.