

The Budget—Hon. M. Lambert

(Mr. Mahoney), the seer of the Prairies, the land where the hot winds blow, makes a remark but I shall go on. If we analyse the budgetary surplus for this year, we will see that it is composed of a lot of one-year windfalls.

Mr. Benson: What about next year?

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): First of all there was a hurry-up or advance in corporate tax payments. If my memory serves me right, that accounts for about \$200 million, and that is only for last year. Then let us look at that portion of the social development tax which was not expended for medicare, part of the year in the province of Ontario, a part for the province of Alberta, all of the year for New Brunswick, all of it for Prince Edward Island and all of last year, plus until next July for the province of Quebec. These are moneys

which are not being spent for the purpose for which they were collected. If I were able to collect taxes and not spend them, of course I could build up a surplus. But as soon as these programs come into force in the provinces we will see what happens to the surplus and if there has to be a further tax increase. Of course there has to be. The minister has a built-in tax increase of at least \$600 million in his white paper, on his figures and, on figures equally as trustworthy, up to double that amount. Even if we put it half way between, we get to \$900 million additional taxes by the end of five years.

Mr. Speaker, may I adjourn the debate?

On motion of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Olson the House adjourned at 9.19 p.m.
