

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply being read for the fifth time, pursuant to Standing Order 56;

Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Churchill, moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And the question being proposed;

Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East), moved in amendment thereto,—That all the words after the word “That” be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

“In view of the fact that, in the seven months His Excellency’s Advisers have been in Office,

Canada’s total trade has ceased to expand, export markets have been threatened, and proposals for freer trade have been rebuffed;

That investment has been discouraged and unemployment has risen drastically;

That farmers and other primary producers have been disillusioned and discouraged;

That relations with Provincial Governments have deteriorated into confusion;

That the Budget is no longer in balance, revenues are declining, expenditures are rising, and Parliament has been denied a national accounting;

That there is growing confusion about defence and security;

That day-to-day expedients have been substituted for firm and steady administration;

And in view of the desirability, at this time, of having a government pledged to implement Liberal policies;

His Excellency’s advisers should, in the opinion of this House, submit their resignation forthwith.”

And a debate arising thereon;

Mr. Coldwell, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment,—That the amendment be amended by striking out all the words after the words “steady administration” and by substituting therefor the following words:

“this House is of the opinion that the economic conditions now facing this country, including the uncertainty of our export markets and the alarming unemployment situation revealed by figures released during the past week, call for consideration by the government of the United Kingdom trade proposals as well as other means to secure increasing markets for our farm and industrial production, and also for consideration of immediate action to relieve unemployment and distress by adopting a fiscal policy which will enable the government to re-direct investment and embark on a comprehensive program of public development.”

And a debate arising thereon and continuing; the said debate was interrupted at ten o’clock.