

the value of which could not be overestimated. To accomplish this, confidence must be restored in Canadian governmental institutions. This will come about quickly if the government moves forward to do something definitely helpful for the people it governs. Without mentioning all the things which might be done in addition to those I have already dealt with to-night, because time does not permit, I suggest that we proceed at once to cut down drastically the cost of government. Further than that, we should abolish government by commissions. We should live within our means and commence to retire our national debt. In addition we must lift the intolerable burden of taxation from the centre of our national life, the home. And not the least, we should abolish these nuisance taxes which irritate the people beyond measure. We should courageously attack the glaring abuses in our capitalistic system. We should preserve the home market for and advance the interests of the farmers and agricultural sections of our country. We must promote and preserve the jobs of the working people in Canadian industry. Also we should set out immediately upon a five year plan of national development and economic rehabilitation with the object of making Canada the best governed and most prosperous country in the world.

In conclusion, let us be prepared as a nation, and as individuals and communities and governments, to undertake a concentrated offensive against our national shortcomings and problems. We would then command the confidence of every class of our citizens, which is so essential. We would then discharge our obligations to the farmer, the working man, the man in business and the youth of our country. We would eliminate sectionalism completely and create a national spirit of unity which would make Canada what it should be, the envy of the civilized world.

Mr. E. J. POOLE (Red Deer): Once again we have before the committee Canada's greatest national problem. Time does not permit me to say to-night all that I should like to say on that subject. But I cannot condemn the government too harshly for the fact that in this third session of this parliament we still find them bankrupt of any real solution of this greatest national problem, to use the words of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Rogers). Again we are hearing platitudes and utterly inadequate palliatives. I have glanced over the report of this national employment commission. I did expect something would develop from it; but lo and behold, what do we find? Briefly

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this, that we are to solve our unemployment problem by becoming peddlers selling golly wogs to United States tourists!

An hon. MEMBER: And hot-dogs.

Mr. POOLE: That is another prize suggestion from the commission. Is that not constructive, after seven years of suffering by the people of Canada? Also they speak of youth training. Has the government any suggestions as to where the youth of the country could be absorbed in employment even if they are trained?

Mr. KENNEDY: They could sell hot-dogs.

Mr. POOLE: Also the commission recommend low cost housing. I have heard that proposal commended on both sides of the house, but I have not heard one hon. member tell the committee where the government is to get the money.

Mr. EVANS: Can the hon. member tell us?

Mr. POOLE: Yes; this group has told the house many times—by the use of our national credit; not by placing upon the state another chattel mortgage which children yet unborn must pay. Mr. Chairman, it grieves me, as one of the youngest members of the house, to sit here day after day during three sessions and see a government with an overwhelming majority, a government in which the Canadian people put their trust, without a solitary concrete idea for the solution of this problem. I challenge any hon. member on the government side to tell us what the solution is. Have the government any to offer? I have heard some suggestions as to reduction of taxes; reduce the sales tax, they say. On the other hand, hon. members say, We must have a balanced budget. To me it appears like a madhouse.

Mr. EVANS: Will the hon. member tell us what his solution is?

Mr. POOLE: Yes; I am only too glad to place our solution before the committee, and we fear no intelligent contradiction of it. This problem will never be solved until such time as we use our national credit. The problem is an economic one. Once again I ask the government what the purpose of an economic system is. Listening to the discussions here I wonder why the government do not have a provision inserted in our criminal code making it an offence to place on the market any scientific instrument or invention that would displace labour.

For hundreds of years men have been endeavouring to overcome the problem of scarcity, to do away with human labour, to