

or the British bill; I may do so later on. I am merely giving my views in reference to this bill.

Mr. HANSELL: He did not say it was trashy, either; he said it was flimsy.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): He said it was trashy, too. I think I heard him rightly. I will withdraw immediately, if I am wrong.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): He admits "flimsy" but not "trashy".

Mr. BLACKMORE: It is altogether too easy for an employer to escape responsibility under this bill. That will be found just as soon as the men begin to have recourse to it, in any considerable numbers.

I wish to say a word or two about the new order concerning which there has been some talk. This is one of the high-sounding phrases being used throughout the country, not only in Canada but in the United States.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fournier, Hull): May I interrupt the hon. member? Great latitude has been given in the discussion of section 1 of the bill, but I suggest that such latitude should bear some relation to the subject matter of the bill. I cannot see where a discussion of any new order or new system has any relation to the bill, and I would ask the hon. member to direct his remarks to the subject matter before the committee.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I agree with that. I was peremptorily called to order by the Deputy Speaker, and I was wondering how long this was going to continue.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fournier, Hull): I think this is the end of it.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I have been sitting here all afternoon expecting that the minute I began to talk about anything real I would be ruled out of order. This is no reflection on yourself, Mr. Chairman.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fournier, Hull): I would ask the hon. member not to cast reflections on the Chair; I believe I have been tolerant.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I do not reflect upon you; I suspect others would have done just the same. But this is an all-important question which must be asked, not only regarding this bill but regarding every measure which is proposed. How are you going to do it? Where are you going to get the money to do it?

Mr. MacNICOL: Where we are getting it to fight the war.

[Mr. Blackmore.]

Mr. BLACKMORE: Someone says that we shall get it from the same source from which we are getting it to fight the war. Were we using that source during the dreadful years of the depression? No; of course not. We could not use that source even to prepare ourselves effectively to fight a potential enemy. The Minister of Pensions and National Health knows the truth of that statement.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): No one knows better.

Mr. BLACKMORE: No one in Canada has suffered more because of that than this same minister.

Mr. McNEVIN: Would the hon. member permit a question?

Mr. BLACKMORE: Gladly.

Mr. McNEVIN: Would he care to tax that \$25 a month?

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Fournier, Hull): Order. The question was out of order, and I am sure the answer would be out of order, too.

Mr. BLACKMORE: At present the money with which this war is being fought is being borrowed. I believe it is proposed that we are to borrow \$900,000,000 in the present loan. Let me ask any hon. member if he supposes that a proposal to raise a similar amount of money would receive any consideration, if the war were to come to a close?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): What was the hon. member's question?

Mr. BLACKMORE: Let us suppose that we have finished the second war, and that we are a year beyond it. Let us suppose that we are endeavouring to pay the interest on the colossal debt we are now amassing. Would a loan like this be considered for a moment to care for essential services? No.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Am I supposed to answer that question?

Mr. BLACKMORE: Yes.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I can only express my personal opinion. I am not speaking for the government at all, but I believe that after this conflict has been concluded, the people of the Dominion of Canada will insist upon obtaining the necessary finances for social security as they are now obtained for war purposes.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I am glad to hear that, but I ask the minister if he believes that the people of Canada will insist on lending the money with which to do it?