

*Income Tax Act*

that parcel today. I see that I am receiving a response. I have awakened considerably the party on my left.

• (3:10 p.m.)

How many members of the Liberal party have read the two books to which I referred? How many members of the Canadian public have read these books? How many cabinet members have read these two books? This is not a rhetorical question. The last member who resigned from the Liberal cabinet, apart from those who refused to serve in the first place, said that had he read these books he would never have sat on the treasury benches. I am quite sure others would leave the treasury benches if they read these books and interpreted them in the way I do. I am not a hair splitter or a peeker through keyholes. I am reading the plain English language.

I make no aspersions whatsoever on the spiritual leadership of Mr. Woodsworth and his Christian image. I do not deny those beliefs; I happen to share them myself. But they can be profoundly wrong when related to politics. I believe that if you read his remarks you will be as convinced as I am. I challenge you to read page 1689 of *Hansard* for February 1, 1933. If you are honest I am sure you will then get up and say that the privileges of every Canadian are being abused when these principles are allowed to be spread in a democratic institution such as this.

Any democratic government must raise money. Every member of parliament wants to have some of that money spent in his district. I understand that. After the budget comes down tonight we will hear a great deal about new culverts, new docks, and new railroads which members want built. But is there to be no limit to the amount of taxation required? I want to know what the final result of this ever increasing spiral of taxation will be. What is the principle behind it? I do not know any better place to talk about it than right here. I am not speaking of Christianity. I am speaking about the lifeblood of a democratic nation. I am speaking of money—plain dirty, cold, old gold. If you do not have it, your chances in this world are sadly reduced; I do not know what they are in the other world. I do not want any red herring to be dragged across my trail, if you will pardon the expression.

I have tried to make some positive suggestions. One of the members from Toronto spoke very strongly about United States

domination of Canadian industry. He suggested they are buying us out. He is partly right. To the Canadian people who do not want to be overtaxed I make the plea that they cut down on their own personal extravagance. I suggest that they stop spending their money abroad and that they buy the products of Canadian industries. They should invest in the future of this country. Why are the Americans investing in Canada? They are doing so because Canada has the best future of any country in the world. If Canadians would invest in their own country I venture to say the next generation would find that a smaller percentage of their income would go into income tax. We would be able to pay our bills better than by any system that this government could dream up. There is no limit to the development of Canada if we go about it in the right way.

The next thing is to put everybody in Canada back to work. I understand that this summer in Ottawa there are 3,000 young people unemployed. They approach officials and say, "Will you find me a job". I am told by some officials that some of these people really do not want work. They want play money; they want a few days pocket money. They do not want to pay for their schooling or any part of their tuition. They just want a few days pocket money. I am certain that if they said they wanted three months' hard work, or any work, to enable them to go back to school and stop being a burden on their families and the community, a more sincere effort would be made to find them jobs. There are still places in Canada where companies are looking for young men to work for even three months at a time if they are willing to assume some responsibility. They might have to start out by doing a reasonable amount of physical labour but later they will be given a share of the responsibility. In my opinion this country is a bonanza for those who want to take their share of the burden.

As I said last night, the federal government is not alone in wasting money. We have three levels of government. Without co-operation among these three levels of government it is very easy for one to point to the other and say that it is the other's fault. We need more co-operation among the three levels of government. To be fair to the Prime Minister, I recommend the other sections of his book. I suggest that you read not just the section on communism but also the sections on co-operation and the responsibility of the different levels of government. There is much to be said for this book. Heaven knows, when you