

principle. And that is all we asked in the subamendment. Or, to express it another way, we want to bring the price of commodities up to that level where it was when our debts were contracted. That is an honest policy; it is a sound policy, and to do otherwise is unsound. We did otherwise and it was unsound, and that fact is very largely responsible for the position in which we find ourselves at the present time.

In dealing with inflation, I think that the leader of the opposition became a little confused, because in quoting from Keynes he read an extract dealing with deflation, which entirely proves our point and disproves the point which he was trying to make. He said:

Would inflation increase the purchasing power of any one overseas? Would not inflation, if it is carried to the point indicated in the amendment, help very much the holding classes to-day as compared with others? Let me read a statement by Mr. Keynes, whom hon. gentlemen to my left have often quoted:

"To restore the value of pre-war holdings by deflation means enhancing at the same time the value of war and post-war holdings, and thereby raising the total claims of the rentier class not only beyond what they are entitled to, but to an intolerable proportion of the total income of the community."

Precisely; but that is deflation, not inflation. That is what was done, and we want to correct that by the very opposite action. The bondholders of this country, by manipulation of finance, have doubled the debts of the people and made it impossible for them to pay. We want to do the very opposite. Price levels must be raised, or to express it in another way, issue sufficient money to bring commodity values back to where they were, so that every person in Canada would be able to meet his contractual obligations, and where the nation might ultimately hope to extricate itself from the burden of debt which is now upon it.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Ralston) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Ahearn,	Dumaine,
Beaubien,	Dupuis,
Bertrand,	Elliott,
Blair,	Euler,
Bothwell,	Fafard,
Bouchard,	Fiset, Sir Eugène,
Bradette,	Fontaine,
Butcher,	Fournier,
Cardin,	Garland (Bow River),
Casgrain,	Girouard,
Denis,	Goulet,
Desrochers,	Hall,
Donnelly,	Hanson (Skeena),
Dubois,	Heaps,
Duff,	Heenan,

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Howden,	Perras,
Hurtubise,	Power,
Isley,	Reid,
King, Mackenzie,	Rinfret,
Lacroix,	Roberge,
Lapointe,	St-Père,
Mackenzie	Sanderson,
(Vancouver Centre),	Séguin,
Macphail, Miss,	Stewart
McKenzie (Assiniboia),	(Edmonton West),
McMillan	Taylor,
(Huron South),	Thauvette,
Malcolm,	Totzke,
Mercier (St. Henri),	Vallance,
Mitchell,	Veniot,
Moore (Ontario),	Verville,
Motherwell,	Weir (Macdonald),
Munn,	Woodsworth,
Neill,	Young.—66.
Parent,	

NAYS

Messrs:

Anderson (Toronto-High Park),	Locks,
Arsenault,	Lucas,
Arthurs,	Luchkovich,
Baker,	Macdonald (Kings),
Barber,	Macdougall,
Baribeau,	MacInnis,
Beaubier,	MacLaren,
Belec,	MacMillan (Saskatoon),
Bell (Hamilton West),	MacNicol,
Bell (St. John-Albert),	McGibbon,
Bennett,	McGregor,
Bourgeois,	Maloney,
Bowen,	Manion,
Bowman,	Matthews,
Boyes,	Moore (Chateauguay-Huntingdon),
Burns,	Morand,
Bury,	Mullins,
Cahan,	Murphy,
Cantley,	Myers,
Chaplin,	Nicholson,
Charters,	Peck,
Cormier,	Perley (Qu'Appelle),
Cotnam,	Pettit,
Cowan (Port Arthur-Thunder Bay),	Pickel,
Cowan (Long Lake),	Plunkett,
Davies,	Porteous,
Dickie,	Price,
Dorion,	Quinn,
Duranleau,	Robinson,
Edwards,	Rogers,
Embury,	Ross,
Ernst,	Rowe,
Esling,	Ryerson,
Fortin,	Sauvé,
Fraser (Cariboo),	Senn,
Gagnon,	Shaver,
Ganong,	Short,
Gardiner,	Simpson
Garland (Carleton),	(Simcoe North),
Gobeil,	Simpson
Gordon,	(Algoma West),
Guthrie,	Smith
Hackett,	(Victoria-Carleton),
Hanson	Smith
(York-Sunbury),	(Cumberland),
Hay,	Spankie,
Irvine,	Speakman,
Johnstone,	Spencer,
Lafèche,	Sproule,
Larue,	Stanley,
Laurin,	Stevens,
	Stewart (Leeds),