

the Government in that regard meets, in large measure, the view that I hold on that particular point.

In the matter of raising revenue, the Government has proceeded in large measure along the line marked out by the platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. They have gone after taxes in accordance with that policy; they have taken a step in advance this year, and I commend them for their action.

Comparing the income tax in the United States with the income tax proposed in the Budget, I find that in respect of incomes from \$5,000 up to \$200,000 we can put on quite a margin of taxation before we measure up to the American rate of income tax. The Government would, perhaps, have been well advised if they had gone a little further in this direction. Indeed, I would have the income tax commence on a lower salary basis than the one set out in the present proposals of the Government. It is proposed that single men shall pay income tax on all income over \$1,000. I contend that it would have done the single man no harm and would have caused him to take a real interest in the affairs of the country if the amount of his income exempted from taxation was no more than \$700. Make the tax very light, but let the young man feel that he is a citizen of the country and that he has an interest in its affairs. As for the married men, I would have the exempted income made smaller, but I would make the tax comparatively light, because these men are not in a position to bear much of the burden. But I believe in placing the responsibility of citizenship on people as soon as it is possible to do so.

Now, what is proposed to be substituted for the Budget? While there are some features of the amendment which I could endorse very fully, I find myself in this position, that when I come to look for a source of revenue to carry on the Government, to pay the debts of the country, no provision whatever is made. No progressive policy is put before the House; we are asked to take a great big indefinite nothing and say we will vote for that and we will go out to run the country on a policy of that kind. I am forced to the conclusion that while all that I desire is not found in the present platform, there is a great deal in it that I desire, and that I am glad to find there. It is what I consider a move in the right direction, and therefore I have no hesitation in saying that I am determined and intend to support the Government in

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its present trade policy and I shall vote for the Budget proposals.

I have just another thought before I sit down. I have been exercised a great deal with regard to the agitation that is in the country at the present time. It seems that just now we are more interested in trying to see what little class advantage we can get and how we can shift responsibility to somebody else's shoulders. Our boys did not act like that. When the time came and there was a call to defend the country, our boys came forth from the East, the West, the North and the South, and they did not ask how much or how little the sacrifice, but they said: I am going to be there; Canada has demanded her sons, and I must be in the fray. We ought to catch the spirit of our boys and face the situation as it exists and not endeavour to see how little of the burden we can bear, but rather how much we can do to serve Canada under present circumstances. There is a splendid opportunity for us along that line. I had the privilege of addressing a meeting in Toronto not very long ago, and I made an appeal somewhat along this line and it was met with a very hearty response. I said: I believe there is a possibility of going a long way towards a settlement of the labour question if we only take hold of it in the right way. At the present time the duty of the Government is to form an organization representing the different interests of this country, the manufacturing interests, the financial interests, the labour interests, the farmers interest, and the great consuming interest, generally. There are five elements, and I believe there could be brought out of those five elements an organization or an aggregation of men who would say: We will thrash this thing out, get to a common basis, shoulder this burden and go through this difficulty harmoniously and successfully. I would just give that thought to the Government at this time. I believe it is worthy of consideration and that it could be worked out, and we could get results from it.

I do not think it ought to be a question with us how much money we can make in the next five years for our personal gain and profit. The best good and greatest happiness at present would be this, to catch the spirit of our boys who have said: I will put my life on the altar for Canada; if I come out, well and good; if not, I will give my life as a sacrifice for Canada. I believe the men and women of this country ought to take the position to-day that, even if we do not get a dollar for ourselves beyond a