

Canada an increasing number of people are dissatisfied with the programs of both the old parties. I am not censuring individual members in the old parties, although I do find it difficult to understand how some of the western members can vote for policies which spell disaster to the west.

Mr. YOUNG: Hear, hear.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I would say however that both the old parties are thinking in terms of past years. They are working on policies which no matter how adequate at an earlier stage are hopelessly inadequate to meet present conditions.

Mr. GOTT: You are the only far-sighted man in Canada.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Some one has suggested I am the only far-sighted man in Canada, but I do not believe a little cheap ridicule of that kind will go very far.

Mr. GOTT: We have listened to that stuff for the last forty minutes.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: On this and other occasions I have taken opportunities to quote extensively from economists, some of whom have been endorsed by the Prime Minister himself. I have done so because I did not want anyone to think that I was voicing merely only my own conclusions. But there are some hon. members, such as those who now interrupt, who never take the trouble to read what other people are thinking, and I am not sure that they take the trouble even to think for themselves.

Mr. J. L. BROWN (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I do not know that I should have spoken at this time had I not felt it incumbent upon me, a member representing the province of Manitoba, to voice my opposition to certain policies of this government and to bring to the attention of the house and country one of the most vicious acts of which this government has been guilty. Shortly before the house prorogued at the close of the last session an order went forward from one of the government departments which would seem to demonstrate that parliament is no longer a supreme authority in Canada, and that our system of government instead of being democratic, as we fondly wish it to be, is really a combination of a dictatorship and a bureaucracy. I refer to a regulation issued by the Department of National Revenue concerning duties on repair parts for agricultural implements.

Before dealing with that matter perhaps I might be allowed the privilege of referring to some of the matters to which reference is

made in the speech from the throne, and to some of the statements made during the course of this debate. Like hon. members who have preceded me, I should like to pay tribute to the two young gentlemen who moved and seconded the address. They discharged in a very worthy manner the duties placed upon them, and I think hon. members will agree that they proved themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them by the Prime Minister. Having said that, however, may I add that from the standpoint of hon. members on this side of the house it is a matter of regret that young men at the beginning of their political careers should advocate policies which experience has shown to be disastrous not only to Canada but to the whole world. In that respect, however, they are simply following in the footsteps of the Prime Minister and hon. members opposite.

It would seem that the leader of the opposition has appealed in vain to the Prime Minister and his supporters to accept the advice given by Rudyard Kipling to learn from the mistakes of the past. There seems no indication whatever that hon. gentlemen opposite are in the least degree dissatisfied with the results of the policies they have been advocating during their term of office. If the Prime Minister and his friends have not learned that the results of these policies have been disastrous, I can assure him the people of Canada have. He need not seek to minimize the result of the election in South Huron; it is as clear as day that those results are the handwriting on the wall.

An hon. MEMBER: What about Three Rivers?

Mr. BROWN: Let the Prime Minister ask his supporters from the province of Manitoba what interpretation they place upon the election held in that province on June 16 last. I think there will be no uncertainty, if those men speak their minds when they have a heart to heart talk with the Prime Minister. The right hon. gentleman is very fond of boasting about the number of men who come to him, pat him on the shoulder and express approval of the policies he has adopted and put into force. He would be more convincing if he were to give some of the details; we should like to know who these men are and what positions they occupy in Canadian public life. I think it is safe to say that if we had a record of the blessings and curses directed towards this government the latter would exceed the former by at least ten to one. However, putting aside the results of