

Mr. ILSLEY: That perhaps is an answer, but certainly there was no great interest taken in the representation by any of the opposition parties.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): We have been frozen out so often it is hardly worth while.

Mr. ILSLEY: I think if I were to put the question to the leader of the opposition, whether he thought it would be advisable—I do not think it could be done, because the official list of delegates was given out weeks ago—whether he thought it would be helpful and make for the success of the conference to have representatives of all the parties in this house at the conference—

Mr. GRAYDON: I did not say that. I only suggested our members as representing the next government.

Mr. MAYBANK: May I make this point with reference to the proposal?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MAYBANK: I do not want to impose my views, but I thought probably the gentleman who has spoken would welcome my remarks. I think the government is in some difficulty in choosing a person to represent the next government, supposing it be not the same as this government, because—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MAYBANK: —no one would have suggested sending a non-member of parliament, and to get a representative of the Conservative party would mean the government would have to go outside and secure their travelling salesman, Mr. Bracken.

Mr. ILSLEY: I had no knowledge before Friday of last week that the representatives from the United States were to be selected from both Democratic and Republican parties.

THE BUDGET

DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The house resumed from Friday, June 30, consideration of the motion of Hon. J. L. Ilesley (Minister of Finance) that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the house to go into committee of ways and means, and the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Rowe.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, I desire this afternoon to speak briefly on the budget, but before doing so I wish to make a few preliminary remarks arising out of a reflection on this party made

[Mr. Graydon.]

by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell) in the early part of his remarks on Thursday afternoon last, no doubt occasioned by the reflection cast upon his group in the remarks of the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Rowe). On that occasion the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart stated that the nearest approach this country had ever come to revolution was under the Tory party between 1930 and 1935. That was an insult to a great government. It was intended to cast a slur upon the late government; it was intended as an appeal to prejudice. I resent the implication of that statement.

May I say that with respect to appeals to prejudice the hon. member and his group are rapidly becoming past masters. I assert with every degree of confidence that when an impartial history of that dark period between 1930 and 1935 is written, when conditions existed which were not created by the government of the day, it will be shown that the only gesture toward revolution was a manufactured gesture fomented by the communistic and socialistic elements in Canada. That movement, if there was such a movement, was led by the Tim Buck's, the Harold Winch's and others like them. These same people are knocking at the door of the socialist party here in this house and they will soon be in charge. Let me say to the hon. gentleman that while I would not for a moment accuse him personally of preaching revolution or of being a revolutionist, he and his predecessors in office have been encouraging those in this country who preach revolution. He and those around him have started forces which they cannot control. Revolution is a nasty word. Revolution plus force means treason.

I desire now to revert to the consideration of the budget.

In the course of the past twenty-three years I have listened to no less than nineteen budget addresses, delivered by no less than seven different ministers of finance. I recall the clarity of the budgets of Mr. Fielding and the admiration I always felt for his annual budget and the delivery of his annual budget address. I can honestly say that apart from the magnitude of the figures, the colossal and staggering increase in the national debt, and the announcement of contemplated increased expenditures on both war account and peacetime activity, I have never listened to a drabber budget speech than that which my hon. friend, the Minister of Finance, delivered in this house this day week. There were no flashing highlights, no spectacular announcements, nothing to make the blood run more