

and Farm Relief Act, 1931, unless a modification of this requirement is previously agreed to by the minister; the provincial or municipal authorities may fix rates of wages to be paid provided that such rates be fair and reasonable and not in excess of the rates required to be paid by the federal government for the character or class of work in the district.

In other words, the first regulation that was put there by the dominion government on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour was a minimum rate of wages and when they changed their policy in the following year, as shown in the 1932 report, they had a maximum rate of wages. For the information of hon. members who may not be acquainted with the minimum and maximum rate of wages principle, when an employer is limited to a minimum rate of wages he cannot pay below that, but when there is a maximum wage set, he does not need to go to the maximum, but he can pay as low below it as he sees fit. In other words, it is a destruction of the minimum rate of wages. Here we have a government telling the labour men of this country what they have done for them in the face of the intelligent electors, barefacedly including in their regulations a provision that neither the provincial nor the municipal authorities can pay more than the federal government do for works of a similar character. Had the Minister of Labour and the government required them to pay as much as the federal government did, I would not mind that, because I am sure the minister, so far as federal works are concerned, will have a minimum rate of forty or forty-five cents an hour for labour men in his own riding and, in fact, throughout most of northern Ontario. Yet he allows the provincial government in the case of works for which money is contributed by this government to pay \$5 and \$10 a month.

Mr. GORDON: That is not wages at all and never was intended to be.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. HEENAN: It is very difficult, Mr. Speaker, to speak in the chamber with the riot that is going on outside. I do not know what the occasion is; it is neither the twelfth of July nor the seventeenth of March—but it must be a Scotchman's day because I hear the bagpipes. If I interpret it aright it is a signal for this government to resign.

Mr. MANION: Your hearing is bad.

[Mr. Heenan.]

Mr. STEVENS: You are not seeing the signals right to-night.

Mr. LAPOINTE: They will see them tomorrow.

Mr. HEENAN: Before recess I had pointed out the many ills that have resulted from the policies of this government; how they had lost trade to the extent of \$1,768,000,000, increased the national debt to the extent of about \$400,000,000, and increased the burden of taxation until the people cannot stand any more of it. I pointed out that when they first introduced their unemployment relief measures the Prime Minister declared that their intention was to supply work and wages, but after following, that policy for a time they changed it to direct relief or the dole; and that they have now changed again and gone back to work and wages. I had pointed out that this government had changed their view with respect to many principles enunciated by them with respect to wages. I showed that in the first regulations formulated by them they provided for what is known as the fair wage or minimum wage, and in the next regulations they changed that to a maximum wage. The Minister of Labour just before recess had interjected some remark that I did not quite catch, but I shall say to the minister that his policy, the policy of the government with respect to \$5 a month or \$10, has been repudiated as far as I can learn by the electors of South Oxford.

Mr. McINTOSH: What's the matter with Rennie!

Mr. HEENAN: The government can now realize that Canadian boys were not going to work in the bush for the government at \$5 or \$10 a month and their board. They knew that the Prime Minister had promised to educate these boys so that they could take their part in the public life of Canada, yet I have cheques in my pocket showing that some of these educated boys drew the magnificent wages of \$5 and \$10 a month. So the government have changed their view; they are now going to give work and wages again.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Too late now.

Mr. HEENAN: We have been going around this country for several years trying to shame the government of Ontario, which as everyone knows is a Tory government, not a Conservative government, and they have at last hearkened to the voice of the people and are now going to pay the magnificent rate of 25 cents an hour on the eve of an election. I received in to-day's mail from the city of