

Foreign Control of Canadian Industries

and from other European countries (\$1,120 million) amounts to 18 per cent of the total.

This means that the U.S. invested in Canada \$12,750 million in 1963, on a total investment of \$15,434 million.

In 1965, the U.S. invested \$13,946 million, on a total investment of \$17,208 million.

Mr. Speaker, it is most surprising, when those figures are considered a little more closely, to find that U.S. investors bought Canadian stock with our own money, and I would like to prove it.

If the Americans failed to conquer Canada by force of arms, in 1814, it is because they did not really try, for there were but a handful of inhabitants in this country. Roads did not exist as yet, natural resources were still unknown and big farms were non-existent. Instead of conquering Canada, they bought it with our own money.

That started in 1885. At that time, Americans were selling \$9 worth of goods per capita to Canadians, while we were exporting \$7 worth per capita. It is not necessary to use a computer to show that the difference amounted to \$2 per Canadian to the benefit of the Americans.

At that time, our population numbered approximately 4.5 million. The Americans therefore made an annual profit amounting to \$9 million.

From 1947 to 1966, according to statistics published in the *Canada Year Book*, our imports from the United States were valued at \$72,439,721,000 and our exports to that country at \$58,017,080,000. The net gain accruing to the Americans was of \$14,422,641,000, or \$700 at the expense of every Canadian. It is with our money that they have purchased our natural resources, our industries and our mines.

From 1947 to 1966, the Americans made a net profit of \$14,422,641,000 in their business transactions with Canada.

At the end of 1955, according to the daily bulletin published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on October 24, 1968, American investment in Canada amounted to \$13,946 million. They used our money to invest in our own country and to control our own economy.

Mr. Speaker, at page 44 of the Budget Papers tabled in the house on May 27, that is last Tuesday, one reads the following:

Canadian borrowing outside Canada rose to a record \$1,889 million... with a substantial carry-over of undelivered bonds at the year-end. Retirements of \$394 million left net new borrowings very close to \$1.5 billion.

[Mr. Rondeau.]

—But at the same time, this new source of funds did not drastically diminish the momentum of the more traditional Canadian borrowing in the United States, which reached \$1,349 million in gross new issues, or very little less than the record level of \$1,357 million recorded in 1966.

Mr. Speaker, in 1968, we thus paid foreigners in interest and dividends, according to page 137 of the Budget Papers, profits of \$1,310 million, and our deficit in this regard reached \$971 million according to page 138 of the same papers.

Mr. Speaker, we paid to foreigners \$1,310 million compared to \$1,190 million in 1967.

● (4:40 p.m.)

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

Some hon. Members: Continue.

[Translation]

Mr. Rondeau: I would like to speak another five minutes, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent that the hon. member should have further time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Rondeau: Mr. Speaker, it is quite strange to note that we borrowed more abroad in 1968 than in 1967, namely an additional amount of \$120 million. We collected less in taxes on dividends and profits paid to foreigners. We increased our debt abroad, but on the other hand, in connection with profits and taxes paid by foreign companies, it is stated on page 172 of the last budget papers that we collected \$15 million less in taxes and that we borrowed \$120 million more in 1968 than in 1967. That is called progressive administration. I suggest that this Liberal administration is enriching the others at our expense and prefers to tax the Canadian taxpayers rather than the foreigners who take advantage of our resources and labour. Those statistics, Mr. Speaker, are given on page 172 of the last budget papers.

Mr. Speaker, how unfortunate it is to see that as Canada develops, its debt grows. Canadian profits are not paid to Canadians in the form of dividends or capital income but rather, increasingly, to foreigners who have invested in Canada. I do not blame them, but the government because it lacks the financial