

The Budget—Mr. McMillan

The Deputy Speaker: Is the house agreed that the hon. member should have leave to have these tables printed in *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): We shall have to examine them carefully first.

Mr. Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway): The public will be able to examine them. They will not have to go by the kind of nonsense the Liberal party has been spouting around here. They will not be the kind of statistics they are used to getting from the hon. member for Essex East. They will be authentic for a change.

[*Editor's note: Tables referred to appear on pages 1090 and 1091.*]

Mr. Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway): I should also like to point out some of the increases which have been made in the payments to the provinces. In 1957-58, the total of unconditional payments to the provinces amounted to \$382.6 million. For the current fiscal year this amount has increased to \$543.3 million. Three years ago the federal government increased the provincial share of the yield from the personal income tax from 10 to 13 per cent. This 3 per cent increase has been maintained this year and given statutory enactment for the remaining period of the present tax-sharing agreements which ends March 31, 1962. The effect of this increase amounted to payments to the provinces of \$56 million in 1958-59, \$67 million in 1959-60 and an estimated \$68.3 million in the current fiscal year.

At the same time the federal government has substantially enlarged its conditional payments to the provinces in connection with shared cost programs. These have risen from a total of \$144.8 million in 1957-58 to an estimated \$388.9 million in the current fiscal year.

I notice that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Pearson) has been making a few statements during the recess and at the Liberal rally which was held so recently. He has had something to say about anti-Americanism. I suppose that any kind of action which would tend to take ownership and control of Canadian industry out of United States hands and bring it into the hands of Canadians might possibly be construed as anti-Americanism though I think it would take a considerable stretch of the imagination to place that interpretation on it. I think it would be more logical to say that the policies advocated by the Leader of the Opposition were pro-American or, perhaps, anti-Canadian, looking on it in that light.

Of course, the record of the Liberal party in this regard is clear. The Leader of the

Opposition is quoted in the *Vancouver Sun* of Tuesday, January 10 as making the following statement—surely the most incredible statement ever made by a leader of a political party, because it is a damning indictment of his own party during the 22 years it was in office:

He (Mr. Pearson) also said that if Canadians have allowed American domination of their development and culture it was because they didn't care enough to do anything effective about it, or even because they wanted it that way.

Perhaps the Liberal party wanted it that way during the two years they were in office, but I am pleased to see the present government taking the kind of action it is taking at this time to encourage Canadian control of Canadian industry because I think this is one of the main reasons why the Liberal party was thrown out of office and one of the things which was so heartily endorsed when this government was elected.

It is most encouraging to see this action being taken at the present time. I do not know whether these are the kind of policies to which the Liberal party wishes to return or whether they are the kind of policies the Leader of the Opposition had in mind when he suggested they would like to have an early election. We can, of course, recall an occasion when he asked for an early election once before and he found the public of this country were not very favourable toward the kind of policies he was advocating at that time. However, the hon. gentleman seems to have changed his views somewhat, because the Liberal party when in office stood idly by and watched control of our natural resources and industry slip into the hands of other countries while doing little or nothing about it.

Now, apparently the Leader of the Opposition seems to think that if we are to continue to let things go in that way we should have some payment for it. He now suggests we should shirk our responsibility in the defence of this continent and charge the United States with that responsibility. I suppose he feels that under Liberal policy they would have control of the entire country so they might as well defend it. I can only say, that I do not think these are very wise policies on which to fight an election and, speaking for myself, any time the hon. gentleman wishes to go to the country on those policies I will be happy to be there to contest them with him.

Mr. W. H. McMillan (Welland): On December 20, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming) when presenting his baby budget said:

In previous budget speeches and on other occasions I have recognized the need for flexibility in our economic policies...Not only must policies