

I must say I believe, whether intentionally or not, the minister wholly misled the House of Commons in the statement he made this afternoon about the \$20,000,000. I certainly got the impression that this year we were going to have, with respect to this particular bill, an amount which would be definite and which would indicate what the ministry really thought would be necessary. Certainly the hon. member for Comox-Alberni had the same impression or he would not have asked of the Prime Minister the question which he did. Indeed, I was waiting until the Prime Minister had concluded his remarks, to ask him the same question: How, if the government cannot foresee what is going to take place in the course of the next few months, has the minister found it possible to fix \$20,000,000 as a limit? What is the significance of fixing \$20,000,000 as a limit under the circumstances of which we have just been told? It is humbug; humbug pure and simple; no other word would properly describe it. It is another instance of humbug in the case of another great matter which directly affects the Canadian people. Had the minister's statement gone out without a further explanation from him, the people would have been led to believe the government had really got the relief situation in such shape that \$20,000,000 would be all that was required."