

it that when it has ascertained the approximate national revenue for the coming fiscal year—its cloth—it will cut its coat accordingly. In other words, the government should strive to keep the national expenditure within the national income, and also reduce the national debt. I would be only too willing to support any proposals to this end. But it must be remembered that last year, although there was a decrease in our expenditure on the navy and militia, and \$30,000,000 extra was produced by the sales tax, we were not living within our income; and whether an individual, a community, or a nation endeavours to proceed on this false premise, that our assets are greater than our expenditure, bankruptcy must follow. And besides, we have no right to consider that our undeveloped mines and other natural resources belong to this generation, not at all. They are the inheritance of the Canadian race in the years to come, and if we are going to exploit them now what are our children going to do in ten, fifteen or twenty years' time when they take our places? I see no reason why we, as a people, should expect to develop the whole of this country in a few years when that development normally should take at least a hundred years. This is the last Great West in the world, the only place where people from other nations can settle. If we are going to take the surplus millions of European nations and populate this country in a very short period of time when normally, through natural increase, it should take a century, what are our children going to do, what is their outlook? Let us examine the situation carefully. Do not let us be afraid of it. Let us realize that we have Canadian-born children growing up at the present time with not one foot of free land that they can settle on, it having been nearly all alienated in carrying out the policy that we evolved some years ago. If there is no room for these people, then they will have to flock to the cities; then they will flock to other parts of the world, and not only bankruptcy stares us in the face, but as far as I can see we are going to depopulate the prairies, instead of on the other hand having prairies that are filled with beautiful homes where is heard the tramp of the children's feet as they come with their laughter and song. That is the vision that we western men have. It is true we are putting this condition before you day by day in the hope that men with vision, men with intelligence, will realize that if there is one thing in the world to-day that will stop fanaticism, that will stop Bolshevism, that will stop any of those isms that disrupt governments and cause

[Mr. Lewis.]

men to fight across parliaments, and one parliament after another to go out of existence, as we were told yesterday, it is unity among the people of Canada and a square deal for every man.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, the debate was adjourned.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question being put, pursuant to rule.

Thursday, February 8, 1923.

The House met at three o'clock.

REPORT

Certain amendments to Radiotelegraph Regulations approved by the Governor in Council.—Hon. Mr. Lapointe.

REVISED HANSARD

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to call the attention of the government to the delay in printing the bound volumes of Hansard. One cannot get the bound volume of Hansard of last session. I am informed that not for many, many years has parliament met without the advantage of the bound and indexed volume of Hansard.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I am obliged to my right hon. friend for bringing this matter to the attention of the government and I shall have it looked into at once.

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK (Minister of Labour): On Monday last I sent to my right hon. friend the leader of the Opposition a bound copy of Hansard, and sent copies also to the Prime Minister and the leader of the Progressive party. The other volumes will be ready for general distribution on Monday next, I am informed. There was some delay in getting the index proof down to the Printing Bureau. It did not reach there, as I told my right hon. friend on Monday last, till the 5th of January, hence the delay.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Consideration of the motion of Mr. Putnam for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, in reply to his Speech at the