

dentists. We need more of almost every kind of individual except politicians.

An hon. Member: Hear, hear.

Mr. Whicher: I think perhaps we have enough politicians to govern the country, regardless of how many additional millions of people come here.

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): In rising to speak on this motion, I must say at the outset that on reading it I realized there must be a vast difference in the standard of living enjoyed by Canadians. I listened with interest to the comments of the hon. member for Bruce (Mr. Whicher) in respect of the ineptitude of the government and its actions in curtailing expenditures in the field of agriculture. I could not do anything but agree with practically all he said, and I compliment him for being as frank and as honest as he was. Canadians would be much better off if all politicians were as frank and as honest as the hon. member in his approach to government legislation and action.

This motion requires the government to take action and to give consideration to policies involving the distribution of Canadian produced goods and services among Canadian people. This reminds me of the old Social Credit principle expounded by Mr. Aberhart, a former Premier of Alberta. I would be interested to hear the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) expound his theories concerning the distribution of goods and services. I should like to hear him tell us how Canadians could enjoy to a greater extent this abundance of Canadian production as the result of this government assuming a greater part in manipulating or handling these goods and services.

I do not disagree with the suggestion that the government should keep a watchful eye on the distribution of these goods throughout Canada, and to see that we meet our commitments in respect of overseas trade. The government should make every attempt to see that everyone has an equal opportunity to purchase these Canadian goods and services.

Recently this government set up a Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I am surprised that the minister of that department is not taking a more keen interest in this distribution of goods and services. Certainly, this government has concerned itself with the purchase of services, and it has initiated increased taxation. Last March this government imposed a 3 per cent surcharge tax. This was followed by a 2 per cent social

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development tax, a tax on some insurance companies and an increase in estate taxes. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) has estimated that these increases in taxation will yield an additional \$845 million. The Encyclopaedia Britannica, in its annual report states, that this is the largest, new increase in taxes ever imposed by a federal government of Canada. This is an amazing thing. No wonder the government is able to suggest it hopes to balance its budget. There is no trick in balancing a budget if you keep a hand as deep in the pockets of the Canadian taxpayers as this government has done. A member of this government has suggested that there is no place for the government in the bedrooms of the nation, but this government certainly believes in keeping a hand very deeply in the pockets of the taxpayers of this nation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being six o'clock this house stands adjourned until 8 p.m.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, on resuming my remarks on this resolution it might be in order to summarize what I said before the supper adjournment. Because of the short time available to me I shall deal with these matters rather briefly. The motion encompasses the whole economy of our country. I said before the supper adjournment that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) had stated the government has no business in the bedrooms of the nation. However, the same Prime Minister is delving deeply into the pockets of the taxpayers. Before the supper adjournment I quoted from the Encyclopaedia Britannica which deals with this question. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) stated that a number of tax increases, including the 3 per cent surcharge tax, the 2 per cent social development tax and others, increased the revenue obtained from taxes last year by \$845 million. The Encyclopaedia Britannica stated that this was the largest increase brought about by new taxes in any year in Canada's history. I wish to make it abundantly clear that this is the largest increase as a result of additional taxation in any year in Canada's history. The Prime Minister suggested that the government was prepared to balance the budget. Anybody can balance a budget so long as