

was on a par with the American dollar, but today it is only worth ninety American cents. What will our dollar be worth tomorrow?

When we come to the actual budget debate I should like these questions to be answered by the government leader in this house. I am giving this notice now so that neither he nor his deputy can say to me, "At this late stage it is impossible to get the information". If I had my way we would adjourn for a couple of weeks so that my honourable friends would have ample time to gather the necessary information. I think the deputy leader, who is a pretty good parliamentarian, should join with his leader in seeking from the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Finance the answer to these questions.

Hon. T. A. Crerar: Honourable senators, the honourable leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Haig) has just delivered another of his vigorous speeches. The only trouble is that it had nothing whatsoever to do with the motion before the house.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I object to my honourable friend's remarks. I was discussing matters related to the estimates before us.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: I repeat that it had nothing whatsoever to do with the motion before the house.

My honourable friend was all for co-operation when he delivered his brief oration on the motion to adopt the Address. I was really touched by the remarks he directed to the new senators, particularly to our friends from Newfoundland. We were told that we must forget partisanship in this house, and forget that we are Liberals.

My honourable friend from Peterborough (Hon. Mrs. Fallis) delivered a most interesting address this afternoon, and as usual her speech was excellent. One of the things she sought light upon was the meaning of this business of co-operation, but I scarcely expected that her remarks would so quickly produce an effect upon the leader of the opposition. He criticized the government here, there and everywhere and, although he may be right in his criticism, he was talking about matters entirely outside the bounds of this motion. What is this motion? It is not a budget debate.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I rise to a point of order. This is a supply bill, and this is a budget debate; therefore I am entitled to talk about anything I like. I would ask for a ruling.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: It is not necessary to get a ruling.

Hon. Mr. Haig: My honourable friend did not challenge my right to speak before, but he is doing so now. This is certainly a budget debate.

Hon. Mr. King: You have made your speech.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: This is not a budget debate. What is before us is not legislation to increase or reduce taxation in any form. It is a motion to vote supplies to His Majesty, in order that the business of this country may be carried on. That is what this is, and my honourable friend would realize this perfectly well if he would give the matter his usual full reflection.

Honourable senators, I admit that at the proper time there may be room for wide debate on questions such as the marketing of oats and barley. I agree, too, that our export and import problems are vital, and I do not particularly quarrel with the essence of what my honourable friend stated so vigorously. I agree with him that the government should give more detailed information; but I say that much of what the leader opposite has said does not come within the motion before us. As the deputy leader (Hon. Mr. Copp) explained, the motion is to grant one month's supply to His Majesty. This money is being sought so that, among other things, salaries can be paid, coal can be purchased for the heating of government buildings, and the expenses incidental to running the business of this house can be paid. If these funds were not voted, the money to pay the indemnity of my honourable friend for the coming month would not be available. It would be a sad thing for me—though perhaps not for my honourable friend—if the money were not available to pay that portion of the indemnity which is due us at the end of October.

Hon. Mr. Farris: Argument *ad hominem*.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: I might even have to go to my honourable friend from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris) to see if I could raise a loan.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: I think it is important that we keep our discussion as close as possible to the matter in hand. I had not the slightest intention of rising to my feet, but my honourable friend delivered a rather heavy attack upon the government in relation to matters that have nothing to do with this motion, and it is for this reason that I have made these observations.

Hon. Mr. Farris: Honourable senators, I am sorry to disagree with the last speaker. I by no means concur in all that was said by my honourable friend opposite (Hon. Mr.