

The hon. member for Hull must certainly think that the hat fits.

Mr. Isabelle: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Hull on a question of privilege.

Mr. Isabelle: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Compton has just stated that I was comfortable in my seat because I had another source of income from my profession, in addition to my salary as a Member of Parliament. I just wonder whether the hon. member has also any other income.

Mr. Latulippe: Yes, Mr. Speaker, but I never forget the poor.

Mr. Mahoney: How comfortable are you?

Mr. Latulippe: I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that this government has tragically failed in its efforts to arrive at a balanced economy.

In spite of its public assistance program, we are faced with a social crisis added to a credibility crisis. The just society in this instance is being run down systematically. Nobody cares about the just society. It is being put forward, but only as far as this is profitable for the party.

Justice is a matter that could be discussed at length. We know that shameful, dreadful inequities have been condoned by the Liberals and Conservatives as well and this for decades. And yet, despite unfair measures, they believe in the practice of justice. People are fed up with this situation and cannot bear it any longer. That is why I say that the population suffers a loss of confidence never experienced before and threatening to the economy as advocated and understood by top financiers and lofty politicians who claim to have done supreme justice for having thrown a few crumbs.

When we study the social programs put forward by previous governments and by this government, we observe that increasing power and responsibility have created a bureaucracy altogether monstrous, cumbersome, aloof and inefficient. This type of program has caused dissension, suspicion, indifference, because one robs Peter to pay Paul.

The hon. member for Hull was talking a while ago of guaranteed income. A guaranteed income, as proposed by him, is absolutely worthless. It is nothing but restraint, for it will come out of the pocket of people who do not have enough to give to those who have not. So, 99 per cent of the population will be on an equal footing, all bound by slavery. This does not improve the matter. The house of cards the hon. member for Hull was talking about—his own—does not hold anymore and the cards are hardly recognizable.

A third of a century of social experience has left a legacy of stagnant programs which are out-of-date and

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do not serve their purpose anymore. The time has come for some kind of new federalism in which the powers, the funds and the responsibilities would be transferred directly to the provinces and to the people. This is not what the hon. member for Hull advocates. This is what we advocate.

What we propose is based on solid ground, we are assured of that by the most competent engineers that we could find in order to build a strong structure, a structure capable of withstanding all pressures which will provide suitable accommodation for all citizens.

This is not a simple taxation system, like the 11 per cent tax which prevents Canadian citizens from building a home and living in a decent dwelling. That house of cards is what the hon. member for Hull advocates: heaps of useless taxes, useless restrictions, restrictions that prevent the citizens from living in decent dwellings, and that, in a country which can provide everything needed for building houses, in a country where science and technology can be developed.

The only thing lacking is money and we are too stupid, too coward to straighten out that lopsided financial system, that unfair system, that barbarian system which ties down all citizens, keeps the country in poverty and prevents people from finding homes and from faring well, in short, from getting the benefit of science and progress.

That, Mr. Speaker, is the castle we are building; it is extremely strong and the foundations we advocate are so strong, so well-rooted in the rock that it will never be shaken once it will be established.

Decentralization, Mr. Speaker, is necessary and urgent. Hon. members support centralization, the opposite of common sense; the basic element is the issuing of new credits in accordance with new developments. Those new credits must be free from all binding interests, based on the present or future facts.

Is the hon. member able to say that those are vague things, that it is a mere house of cards when he is not even able to say what is an economic reform? He does not even know what it means, I think.

Everything that is materially possible in words and slogans should be financially possible. If everything that is materially possible in our lovely country, Canada, is not so financially, the house of cards is not what it should be; it collapsed long ago and the cards are all mixed up.

Our actions, our efforts should be focused on full achievement for each Canadian citizen, on an equitable sharing of our country's resources. This is the urgent task awaiting those who govern and those who are governed in this country.

Mr. Speaker, what sounder and better foundations can be erected in a democratic society to allow each citizen to have three decent meals a day, in a country that abounds in wealth and does not know what to do with it, where production totals \$94 billion, consumption \$50 billion and capitalization \$40 billion.

A capitalization of \$40 billion is much too much! The economists, the eminent politicians and the controllers of