

accept, and I think the hon. gentleman himself will prefer to accept the latter as containing the sound advice. And again I ask my hon. friend in the Kingston vernacular, "What is the kick about anyway?" (Applause.)

Promises Kept

Now in respect to finances, what did we promise in Ontario? We promised two things. We did not say "We will cut down John Jones' salary \$5 a month," we did not say "We will pare a little here and pinch a little there, the salaries of the civil service"—a sort of a five-cent policy. We propounded nothing of that kind, either in opposition or in practice since the Government has been in power; but we did make the statement and the present Provincial Treasurer did make two things clear when occupying the position of financial critic on the other side of the House, namely; that when we crossed the floor we would collect the revenues in a business way, and we would live within our income. (Applause.) We are doing both to-day. (Applause.) If honorable gentlemen opposite had collected the revenues that legitimately belonged to the Province in a business way, and if they had seen that the proceeds derivable from the sale of Provincial assets properly reached the Provincial Treasurer, the position of the Province would have been very much better than it is to-day, and the old Government would have had more money to give back to the people. We stated years ago, and repeated it many times in Opposition in speeches which I could quote from, in essentially the same language, that the increased revenues that could properly be collected without collecting one dollar in taxes from the people, would be sufficient not only to carry on the affairs of the Province, and to meet all fixed charges, but as well to make increased grants to assist the people in various ways. In performance we have carried out our promises.

Living Within the Income

Now, Sir, we are living within our income, and we will continue to live within our income while the present Provincial Treasurer is in charge. Nay, more, if the Minister takes my advice, he will continue to pay out the money we collect without taxation for the benefit of all the people of Ontario, to relieve taxation, to help distress, to aid hospitals and charities, to aid education and agriculture, and he will also see that all the revenues to which the people are entitled reach the Treasury Department, so that we may pay it out again for the benefit of the people of Ontario whose trustees we are. (Applause.) We say, "Collect the revenues." See that for every dollar's worth of Pro-