

*Family Allowances*

which would increase their standard of living. They did not ask for a share of the production, or for a share of what other people had already earned. They did not become socialistic, or place themselves in a position to take what generations had sacrificed to develop.

I believe we can maintain a Canadian standard of ideals by encouraging more Canadian-born children. As the hon. member for Rosthern said, many people ask, How are we going to finance this? Because of advanced systems of transportation and communication we have to-day large companies, some of which have developed on an international scale. Sometimes they corral to themselves a monopoly of business, and by virtue of that fact create great volume of wealth. I take the view that because the law has protected those great companies, and has permitted them to continue in the enjoyment of their great possessions, the same law should enable them to share some of their wealth with those who are less fortunate. It is only just and reasonable to expect that they will take those who are not so fortunate by the hand and help them over the rough places of life. It seems to me that this legislation is visionary in that respect. We have in Canada to-day three thousand more factories than we had when the war broke out. Many of them have developed into large businesses and by virtue of that fact they have been able to get for themselves a great deal of wealth. The weapon of taxation will be used to see that that wealth is redistributed to those who need it most, to the homes with the greatest number of children and where the need is greatest.

Another argument in favour of this bill is that quite often when the family is young the earning power of the father is at its lowest point. He has not yet come to that age in life where he is able to realize upon his efforts and experience, and that is the time when he finds his burden is the greatest.

There is one thing I deplore, the argument that this legislation will create national disunity. It is unfortunate that attention is drawn to people who live within certain boundary lines. After all, the choice of where we are born or who our parents are to be is not our own. I think it is up to us to be broad-minded and fair enough to realize that at least all people are entitled to their share of the good things of life.

The *Globe and Mail* quite often print a column entitled, "In case you are interested." I do not know whether the local representative of that paper is in his place, but I should like to call his attention to something which possibly he can have printed to-morrow in the *Globe and Mail*. If there is one column in

any paper that has done more to bring about disunity it is that column in that morning paper. Quite often they refer to Quebec in a roundabout way. Here is something I should like to draw to their attention.

Being a farmer I have always been interested in the federal farm loan legislation. I placed a question upon the order paper, and the reply I received indicated that there were 5,527 farm loans in the province of Quebec, and 2,530 in Ontario, less than half. The total amount of the loans in Quebec was \$13,500,000, while those in Ontario totalled a little over \$6,000,000. Here is the point I want to draw to the attention of the editors of, "In case you are interested." I am bringing this out because I am an Ontario farmer. In spite of the fact that Quebec has twice as many loans totalling more than twice the amount of the Ontario loans, the arrears of payments in 1943 were \$70,040 as compared with \$164,000 for Ontario.

I do not publish that information with any measure of pride, but when it came to my attention I felt that there must be something about the philosophy of the people of Quebec, something about their family life which made them honest enough to try to pay their debts. That, in my view, is a worth-while object and one which enhances their integrity.

There is another thing I should like to draw to the attention of the *Globe and Mail* in case they run out of material for the column, "In case you are interested." No nation is particularly great because of its material wealth, a nation's greatness is measured by the quality of its people. I consider that this legislation will enable our people to maintain their families in a standard better than they would otherwise be able to do.

I see my time is limited, but there is one thing I should like to direct attention to which came to my mind recently. It may be considered crude for me to refer to this matter but I think it is quite important. We subsidize many other things, so surely our children are entitled to consideration for they are the most important. In Ontario the farmers receive a subsidy for producing bacon hogs. First we receive \$3 from the federal government for producing a grade A hog; we receive \$1 from the province; we receive \$2.25 in freight on the 1,000 pounds of grain we feed per pig; we receive another \$3 for the twenty bushels with the fifteen cent per bushel ceiling price that is granted; this totals to a little over \$9 per pig. I always read the *Globe and Mail* when I have breakfast—

Mr. MAYBANK: The hon. member would not suggest for a moment that there is as much fun in a little pig as there is in a child?