

*The Address—Mr. Caouette*

\$100 a month pension at age 60 because the Prime Minister and his cabinet know perfectly well that it is impossible to live anywhere in Canada on a pension of \$75 a month. Yet that is the hardship we impose upon our older citizens.

The same situation prevails in the field of income tax. Two or three months ago, if not six months ago we were told that the government was prepared to follow the example set by the United States, namely to grant a reduction in income tax. We in the Ralliement Creditiste, had been asking for a total exemption for married people, whose income is less than \$5,000 a year, and for a \$2,500 exemption for single people.

At this stage I would say that we, as members, benefit from an income tax free allowance of \$6,000 a year in addition to the \$2,000 exemption granted to the Canadian people as a whole, which means that every married member of parliament benefits from an \$8,000 a year exemption. And we find this situation logical in our case. We believe that workers, farmers, contractors and businessmen should have the benefit of the same privileges or, at least, of an income tax reduction.

Another act which should have been amended is the Unemployment Insurance Act. I notice that the Minister of Labour (Mr. MacEachen) just left the house. The Unemployment Insurance Act should be amended to enable our unemployed to be treated better than they are at the present time.

Indeed, when we meet government officials in their offices, they tell us that the drafting of the act is bad, that it does not allow anyone to assist the unemployed. Penalties are inflicted all across Canada. An employee is penalized when he quits his job because he is ill-treated by his employer. He is told: You will get nothing for the next six weeks.

Mr. Speaker, let us try to treat the Canadian people as they deserve. As members of parliament, we want to be treated like human beings. Well, as members of parliament and legislators, let us see to it that our legislation is such that people will be treated as human beings and that the individual will be respected in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, may I offer my sincere congratulations to the mover (Mr. Cashin) and the seconder (Mr. Chrétien) of the address in reply to the speech from the throne—and for the ease—and it was really ease—with which they carried out a very thankless job.

What strikes me particularly in the speech of the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche is the statement he made when he said:

Since Mackenzie King and under the Liberal party, Canada has turned more and more toward collectivism.

This is the nice statement that our children will perhaps read in Canadian history when it deals with people who did not know too much what to say because they were members of parliament.

Mr. Speaker, when one remembers the social teachings of the Roman Catholic church, one knows that collectivism as advocated by the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche is as worthy of condemnation as the individualism he seems to despise.

Pope Pius XII in his immortal encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* stated:

There is, therefore, a double danger to be avoided. On the one hand, if the social and public aspect of ownership be denied or minimized, the logical consequence is individualism, as it is called; on the other hand, the rejection or diminution of its private and individual character necessarily leads to some form of collectivism.

When the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche takes pride in belonging to a party leading Canada toward collectivism, I am only too happy to state in the House of Commons that I am proud not to belong to that party and glad to belong to the Ralliement Creditiste whose policies aim precisely at freeing the individual from the socialist and collectivist policies applied by the Liberals who intend to enlarge upon the scope of such policies so that Canadians will be servants and slaves of a strong and all-powerful state.

Mr. Speaker, now that the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche has admitted to being a collectivist, let us record for posterity, for our children as well as those of the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche, what has been recognized by the Liberal government in the speech from the throne prepared by the Liberal government and presented Monday by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps for the first time since the beginning of confederation 98 years ago, a government in power makes disturbing admissions which it would find shocking if they were made by political opponents, if we were making them ourselves as we already have; then, Liberals would say that this is demagoguery and nonsense on the part of Creditistes and of the Ralliement Creditiste.

Listen to this enumeration which I would describe as unpleasant and which presents Canada as a land of desolation, distress and