

In regard to the Canada Pension Plan, it is a good plan and it deserves the appreciation of all.

The Old Age Security increase to \$75 and the making of it payable from age 65, are also good measures.

As to youth allowances for those age 16 and 17, at \$10 a month, I have no objection to that. It is a continuation of the Family Allowance policy for one more year.

On the question of student loans, these have been asked for by nobody—neither by the universities nor by the provinces. This means it is a free gift to the students, which was not asked for. I cannot understand why it has been done, because it is a controversial matter which will give much trouble to the Government. If the money is paid to the provinces, the Government here will not know what is done with it.

On the federal Labour Code, the present policy is different from what was done in the time of Mr. Mackenzie King and Mr. Heenan.

As to farm credit, bigger loans and their extension to machinery partnership purchases, that is very good.

Support of crop insurance, that also is very good.

Improved veterans' allowances: I have no objection to that, provided that the grant of allowances is not refused to veterans who have served in a theatre of war and who do not already get a pension. It is most difficult for a veteran to get a pension in the first instance. The rate of pension is improved for those who already have it, and for those who are not getting a pension it is quite a fight to get it.

Here I should remark that all those who have served in the armed forces and have suffered the hardships of war are naturally predisposed to diseases and disabilities from which they would not suffer if they had not been in the forces. The Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Brooks), who has served as Minister of Veterans Affairs, will understand what I mean. These things should be taken into consideration when a case comes before the pension board. There are allowances granted to those who do not receive a pension, but an allowance is a kind of charity while a pension is a matter of right. The veteran who is qualified must have a pension provided by the state to compensate for the hardships he has suffered while serving in the armed forces, and allowances must be reserved only for exceptional cases. The granting of pensions should be on a broader scale.

A 12-mile fishing zone: That is very good. The automobile agreement: I am not familiar with that matter.

Divorce bills: I find the legislation we have with regard to divorce is the most absurd that has been passed by any Parliament. I do not criticize the membership of the committee, but I find the manner in which the legislation was drafted is positively absurd.

The Columbia River Treaty: I feel it was wrong to approve the policy of the Province of British Columbia to sell the power to the United States. Later on when that country makes progress and the population increases, it will be very difficult to make adjustments with the Americans who already have agreed to purchase the power from British Columbia.

Economic Council: I am doubtful about the purpose of this. In 1936 I presented a bill to abolish legislation concerning the creation of an economic council. On this I had the support of Mr. Mackenzie King. The three readings were completed in five or ten minutes in the House of Commons, and Mr. King said he did not need an economic council, that he had sufficient advisers on his staff.

Department of Industry: It is doing very well.

Area development program: This could be simplified if computers from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics were used to obtain calculations which otherwise take a long time to obtain.

Atlantic provinces development fund: Very good.

Municipal development fund: Also very good.

Housing expansion, winter works program, reduced N.H.A. interest rates, more assistance for urban renewal and law: Probably that is good.

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** Is there anything bad in it?

**Hon. Mr. Pouliot:** I give the benefit of the doubt.

Expansion in technical and vocational training: This is a matter of education. I am not familiar with the matter.

Then we come to the question of assistance to individuals. For instance, if anyone employs a person two days a week, it is better for that person to keep his employee for two days instead of sending him home and making him work only one day.

The tax structure committee is very complicated because the imposition of taxation depends on the expenditure, and as long as