

*The Budget—Mr. Benidickson*

amounting to about \$100. For a family of five it means that every family has had the equivalent of a new mortgage placed upon it by the financial administration of this country of about \$500.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** Will the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Benidickson:** Yes.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** Is the hon. gentleman not aware that the net per capita debt at the present time is considerably less than it was when this government came into power?

**Mr. Pearson:** That is not true.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** It is true.

**Mr. Benidickson:** If my hon. friend will look he will find in a return by Wood Gundy just this month that the statement my hon. friend has made is not valid, that the per capita debt is actually on the rise.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** If it had not been contrived to stop me speaking this afternoon, I would have proved it was true.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the privilege of the house to table the figures

to which I referred, the comparative statement of revenues 1958-59, compared with 1960-61, on which I have indicated sources and have indicated that it is based on a population at September 1, 1960, of 18,150,000.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** What is the source of the information?

**Mr. Benidickson:** The source is indicated on my document, the white paper for the budget of 1960-61, page 92, and *Hansard* of March 31, 1960, page 2680.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** And the hon. gentleman, of course, takes responsibility for it?

**Mr. Benidickson:** Quite.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea):** Do I understand the hon. member wishes to have this table printed in *Hansard*?

**Mr. Benidickson:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea):** Does the house agree?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Editor's note: The table referred to is as follows:*]

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
(Revenue Figures in Millions of Dollars)

	1958-59	1959-60	Estimate 1960-61	Increase over 1958-59
Tax revenues				
Budget .....	4247.4*	4750.0*	5300†	1053.2
Old age security fund .....	375.3*	549.9*	630†	254.7
Total .....	4622.7	5299.9	5930	1307.9
Non-tax revenues .....	507.3*	551*	592†	84.7
Total revenues .....	5130.0	5850.9	6522	1392.6
Tax revenues per capita .....	\$269.48	\$301.99	\$326.72	\$57.00

NOTE: Tax revenues per capita have been arrived at by dividing total tax revenues by the population at September 1st of the calendar year in which the fiscal period begins. For 1960-61 population at September 1st, 1960 has been estimated at 18,150,000.

\* See white paper budget 1960-61, page 92.

† See *Hansard* March 31, 1960, page 2680.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Mr. Speaker, I think that some of these facts—not assertions, but facts—indicate just how far behind this country has been going in three years since the new administration took charge.

I would like to move at this time, as is normal, seconded by the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill):

[Mr. Benidickson.]

That all the words after the word "that" be deleted and the following be substituted therefor:

Whereas the budget speech of the Minister of Finance rests on the assumption that deficits and unemployment are inevitable features of Canadian life under Conservative government;

Whereas members of the government have failed to assess correctly economic developments in Canada in 1960 as illustrated by the following ministerial statements: