

Mr. HOMUTH: You are calling men from the farms.

Mr. MITCHELL: We are not.

Mr. HOMUTH: Go and talk to some of your selective service boards across the country as to whether you are calling men from the farms. In spite of the promise made on more than one occasion that men in the army could get relief for seeding and harvest, you cannot get it.

Mr. MITCHELL: That is a different thing altogether. My hon. friend said that we were calling men from the farms, and I say we are not.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): I have evidence of it.

Mr. HOMUTH: The hon. member cannot see the forest for the trees. If he were out in the Styx once in a while instead of living here in Ottawa he would get some idea of what is going on in the country.

Mr. McILRAITH: The Styx of Waterloo South?

Mr. HOMUTH: There are a few sticks there and they are pretty good sticks too. I say that these men are being called into this army out of industry and from the farms. The whole man-power policy has been wrong from the very start. First we had a month of training, and then four months, and then training for the duration, but only within Canada, and that was extended beyond the Canadian shores. Now we have these men being called from the farms. What has been the idea? Efforts have been made, even under the four-months training plan, to shame and humiliate men to go active. The Minister of National Defence has at times suggested that he had no knowledge of that, that that was not so. Ask the Minister of Agriculture if it is true. Ask him what men told him at a meeting in Waterloo county a couple of years ago as to what was going on in military camps, trying to humiliate men to go active. Ask the hon. member for Waterloo North (Mr. Breithaupt), who knows the story. Ask the hon. member for Lambton West (Mr. Gray). He knows about it. Ask other hon. members of the house. Was there anything more disgusting in connection with our whole man-power situation than when the order came through the department saying that young men of 18½ years were to be called, and the next day, in every newspaper across the country, there appeared large advertisements saying, "You are going to be called at 18½ years; why don't you join now

and choose what service you want to go into?" Imagine saying this to young men under the age of 18½ years. That has been the story of the whole man-power situation. It is a serious situation. If these men are not needed for overseas there is only one place for them, and that is back on the farms and in industry. If they are needed for overseas service, they should be told so. They ought to know what is ahead of them. Let us be honest with them and let us say to them just what their position in the country is.

I have only a few moments left, but I did want to deal for a few minutes with the question of family allowances. I will say this, Mr. Speaker, that if there is one thing that labour wants to watch it is the hand-out it is being given supposedly by this government that is in power. Labour wants to watch them as closely as it possibly can. It wants to watch the hand-outs it is getting from this group that forms the government of the country. Why? Because, when you start to subsidize industrial wages—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. ROWE: Go ahead.

Mr. HOMUTH: When you start to subsidize industrial wages out of the treasury of the country by passing certain paternal legislation which is going to give money to people, then I say that labour is in a very dangerous position, because on that day you lower the whole trend of labour in the country. That day you put labour in the position where its wages will be based on—what? On requirements? On output? On the job they are doing? No; it will be based on money that is coming into their homes. One of the most important things for labour is to watch this tendency, and that is why organized labour throughout the country has protested against this paternalism. It has protested against it because labour knows what it is going to mean. I say to labour, be very careful of these gentlemen who bring gifts to you; because, in my experience in this house in the last four years, since the election of 1940, regardless of all promises—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. HOMUTH: I have seen—

Mr. TUCKER: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, yesterday of your own motion, as reported at page 4443 of *Hansard*, you stopped me from discussing the question of family allowances.

Mr. HOMUTH: I did not say family allowances.