

there is no magic way of minting or printing money -- however praiseworthy the use to which it will be put -- that can prevent governments from raising directly or indirectly from the people what they intend to spend for the people.

However, while a responsible attitude is essential for a party in power, a party out of power can very often pretend to have some secret source of financial strength on which to draw for its Utopia. At least all parties agree that further advances towards social welfare are necessary. To the extent that they are now possible this government certainly intends to push forward with such advances. But Canada is a democratic country. The Federal Government cannot, however strident the urgings of those who would ignore this fact -- go forward with action in provincial fields without the necessary degree of agreement from the provinces.

I am confident, however, that the people of Newfoundland would support the broad proposals for health and social advances made to the provinces by the Dominion Government in 1945 and 1946 and blocked, as all Canadians know, by the attitude of Premiers Drew and Duplessis. To the extent that it has been possible to implement these great federal plans, they have been implemented: to the extent that progress has been impossible, the people of this country have not hesitated to place the blame squarely where it belongs -- on the then Premiers of Ontario and Quebec -- Mr. Drew and Mr. Duplessis.

As a resident of Ontario and as one proud to represent in the riding of Essex East men and women who are typical Canadian citizens, I can assert that the people of my constituency do want the measures that were suggested in '45 and '46. They are in favour of hospital and medical care insurance, they are in favour of extending old age pensions to everyone at 70 and to everyone who needs them at 65. They are in favour of the other progressive measures blocked by Mr. Drew and Mr. Duplessis in 1945 and 1946.

I do not despair of recovering the ground lost through Mr. Drew and Mr. Duplessis at the last Dominion-Provincial Conference. But no one can look back on that partial failure without feeling a sense of disillusionment and of sincere regret that such a great