

Provinces must pay 10, 11 or 12 per cent; but the federal government is not moved. The Prime Minister of Quebec is in New York just now, kneeling before American financiers, asking them for new investments in the province of Quebec. There are 250,000 unemployed, intelligent, industrious and courageous, people who are left without anything to do. The Prime Minister goes to New York to kneel before financiers and ask them for new credits in order to create jobs for our people, while all the time it is becoming more and more obvious we could use credits from the Bank of Canada, without operating the money printing machines. These credits would be used for financing the province of Quebec, which wants to develop, as well as the other provinces. We shall then realize unity in Canada because the identity of each province will be respected. This is what is lacking presently.

British Columbia is told that it will be more heavily taxed in order to help a poorer province. Money is taken from those who have some and given to those who have none. A fine solution! It is the same thing in Russia, in Czechoslovakia, etc. Such are their policies. We witness the same thing in Canada, a free country. Some citizens have not yet understood anything in that. When we speak about the public sector, people say: So, we will have socialism. Everyone will be nationalized. There is no nationalization. As for the private sector, we leave it to private enterprise, and private enterprise financiers, if they have any capital, will be able to use it to expand their operations. At the present time, through taxes, the government takes money from private enterprise to finance the public sector. So, private enterprise is deprived of that much credit; the Canadian economy is paralysed because of excessive taxation, because of new taxes, such as that on which we voted yesterday. The 3 per cent temporary tax exists since 1968. It was to apply for one year. We shall again be asked to pass it next year. Some people do not differentiate between private enterprise and the public sector. As far as the public sector is concerned, I believe that even Liberals admit that our attitude is rather consistent. Recently the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) was away on a trip—it was before his honeymoon—and he granted \$8.5 million worth of interest-free loans for a period of fifty years with ten years of grace, which makes sixty years. The Prime Minister will be 112 years old when those countries start paying back minus interest. In the meantime we are merely told that these nations with our credits will buy our products and that this will create jobs.

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As if such credits, granted to municipalities, school boards, provinces, would not create employment in this country, for our people.

I repeat that we have no objection against assisting underdeveloped countries, but there are underdeveloped municipalities in Canada, in Gaspé, for instance, where people are forced to leave small parishes where they were born 60, 70 or 75 years ago. They are told, today, that they must move, if they want the government to assist them. They are being moved, these are small com-

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munities where they have known misery for too many years. We are aware of it, and we say so. Why not help these small municipalities or these areas in the same way that we help other countries, India, Pakistan, African countries, Central or Latin American countries, Malaysia, Ceylon, etc.

If interest free loans are good enough for those countries, why should they not be so for us in Canada?

Recently, in connection with the public sector, an alderman of the city of Hull, who represents the Tétreault ward, moved that the municipality should ask the government for authorization to apply for interest-free loans to the Bank of Canada. Mr. Villeneuve said the following:

I do not want our citizens to pay for an out-of-date, archaic and obsolete financial system.

Mr. Villeneuve was right. He explained that if the central government could lend money without interest for periods of over 50 years—\$420 million to other countries—he did not see why it could not make the necessary funds available to municipalities on the same terms. A newspaper reported as follows:

The argument of Mr. Villeneuve was disputed, very much so. But what would happen if the Bank of Canada should decide to print money and grant interest-free loans to every municipality?

Granting loans to all the countries of the world is something the man who raised the matter understands. But granting a loan to the city of Hull, the citizen from the Tétreault ward does not understand that. People are being eaten alive by rats, along the shores of the Ottawa river. That he understands, but interest-free loans to pull them out of the financial stagnation in which they are, that the man from the Tétreault ward, in Hull, on the other side of the river does not understand.

I continue my quotation:

—"It would not work," exclaimed one taxpayer. "That business is ridiculous", said another. The municipal political arena is not the place to uphold your political arguments, federal or provincial—

That is from another citizen. It is not a place where you can talk about provincial or federal government. For the city of Hull, it is quite right to suck both the federal and the provincial milk; the citizens admit it is normal procedure. That is from a citizen from the Tétreault ward in Hull. I do happen to live in Hull myself. I have not yet been able to convince them all. I could read it this week in *Le Droit*. Another one states: "Let's stop thinking about it, it will not work".

In Hull, the tax rate has just been raised by 4 mills. The citizens of Hull can understand this. I do not know if one of them is intelligent enough, if I knew one, I would name him. Let us carefully listen to them. To avoid the 4 mills increase which would somehow shake up the citizens in the Tétreault ward and elsewhere in Hull, he suggests:

Why not increase the tax rate gradually? It seems to me more reasonable to raise the rate by 1 mill every year.