

me emphasize that word "real"—seasonally adjusted, has averaged 7.8 per cent higher than a year ago. It does not sound to me as though the economy is on the decline.

Some honourable senators will perhaps remember the now famous "Six Indicators of Recovery" cited by President Kennedy in his radio address on August 13 last. I have had a comparison made of the figures the President gave with our own figures, and it is quite clear that we have done better than the United States for a considerable period of time. Let me give some examples for the period of a year and a half between January 1961 and the second quarter of 1962.

In gross national product, the Canadian increase in real terms was 9.8 per cent compared to 8.5 per cent for the United States. In personal disposable income, the Canadian increase was 11.1 per cent higher, compared with 7.8 per cent of the United States. In corporate profits before taxes, the Canadian increase was 44.7 per cent higher, compared with 27.9 per cent in the United States.

In wages and salaries, we did not do quite as well but we came very close to the American rate, our rate of increase being 8.7 per cent compared with 9.1 per cent in the United States.

Unemployment in Canada in this same period of a year and a half between January 1961 and August 1962, declined 62 per cent, almost double the United States decline of 31.2 per cent. That same ratio applies when allowance is made for seasonal factors.

Industrial production—and here I take the somewhat longer period of two and a half years, from January 1960 to July 1962—rose 8.5 per cent in Canada compared with 6.9 per cent in the United States.

I am sorry to take up the time of honourable senators with these figures, but for whatever effect they may have on others I, as a Canadian, am proud of them and I think they are a justifiable cause of pride for every Canadian. I do not pretend to be an economist, but when I read this proof that my country is surpassing the rate of progress of the richest nation in the world I for one want to stand up and cheer for Canada, and I have not too much patience for those—outside this chamber of course—who seem to want only to sit on their hands and sigh.

It may be said that I am giving the facts for the last year and a half or two years only. I have done so for two reasons: firstly, because it seems to me that this was the period on which the address to which I have reference laid most emphasis; and, secondly, because this is the culmination of the efforts of this Government to bring about this kind of prosperity despite the situation it inherited in 1957.

I am not going to attempt to assess responsibility for that. We all know that these things come in cycles, but I do seem to remember that in spite of some criticisms that have been made about statements made by the Government side in the last election, no one would argue that the true state of the economy in the election campaign of 1957 was exactly proclaimed from the roof-tops by the members of the then Government. That was referred to, if the grammar can be pardoned, as the "You never had it so good" election.

I shall not refer to the famous report that came out shortly after the present Government took office.

The honourable senator from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen), in his excellent report of the other day on the potash development in Saskatchewan, spoke of the \$40 million gamble by an American company and pointed out how much we should welcome that kind of investment in Canada. Of course I agree with him, but I find it hard to reconcile that with the conduct of some others who seem to be going about Canada and other places saying to prospective investors, "Watch out. You only think you have confidence in Canada. We Liberals know better."

There is one particular aspect of this which I suggest is of great importance. During the election, the Prime Minister and others drew attention to the general prosperity of the nation and progress of the economy. They said there was progress and there was prosperity. Since then it has been said in some quarters—those same quarters that seem to me to so strangely resent any good news about Canada—that the true facts have not been given you.

Let us be fair. The fact of the matter is that the progress of the economy in the last three months after the election surpassed any prediction made by the Prime Minister during the campaign and, as far as I have read, any prediction made by any cabinet minister.

Time—and I do not mean *Time* magazine—is a great corrector of untruths. The *Sudbury Star*, which nobody will say is a Conservative paper, carried an editorial on October 11, headed, "These are 'Tough' Times? Evidence Contradicts Claim". The editorial reads:

Each week provides further proof of the falsehoods spread around the country by politicians in the general election. Canadians still have abounding confidence in their country and its future despite the downgrading political tactics in which opponents of the government engaged.

Spot checks of cities across the country show a tremendous increase in building