

this observation, that the leader of the opposition and his colleagues of this party have not expressed themselves as being opposed to the principle of the legislation brought forward, but have carried out those duties which we of the opposition consider lie upon us, to examine the matters which arise in such resolutions and to offer such criticisms of them as they think are warranted. To that extent, in my opinion the leader of the opposition carried out his obligations in this house.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): I feel that under the circumstances I should take perhaps a minute of the time of the house. We have had well and vividly placed before us to-night a struggle between the old way of doing and a new way. Something has gone wrong with our way of life. As a result of it, we are becoming subjected to taxation which is ruinous. The leader of the opposition (Mr. Hanson) has properly voiced his objection to the onrushing tide of devastating taxation. I should like to draw the attention of hon. members of the opposition to this fact, that if they were in the position of the government to-day, and if the Minister of Finance were a good Conservative of the finest Conservative type, he would be forcing upon this country a burden of taxation quite as onerous as that which the present Minister of Finance feels himself obliged to force upon the country.

I have listened with great care to the objections of the Conservatives, and not once have I heard any Conservative member state what he would do to raise the money without this taxation.

That is very serious. The leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation group (Mr. Coldwell) has told us, as is characteristic of one with his ideas, that this kind of taxation is quite all right; that it is along the right lines. I draw the attention of the house to the fact that hon. members in my movement maintain that this system of taxation is all wrong, and that there is a way of managing a country like Canada, so as to have all the revenue you need to fight the war just as vigorously as the material resources you have will enable you to do, and still maintain in this country such a set of prices, such a condition of freedom from taxation as will enable people to possess their own homes, as the hon. member for Témiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) longs to see them do, as the leader of the opposition wishes to see them do, but as the leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation party very aptly and wisely says they now do not. In other words, the very things that both the Liberals and the Conservatives and all the rest of us are longing for, namely, individual ownership and freedom to produce

and own and direct our affairs, rugged individualism and all those fine things which made our fathers great, are passing away because we will not adopt a system of public management which can preserve us from the conditions of debt which are coming upon us.

I am not going into any details except just to assert once again that it is not necessary to have all this centralization, all this socialization, all this tendency toward government ownership, all this crushing taxation, all this bewildering regimentation which is coming upon us; it is not necessary to have this fear, this anxiety, this frustration and bewilderment, this unemployment, when we have a country as rich as Canada. I just wish to draw that to the attention of hon. members. There is every reason for the people of Canada even to-day to have hope, to look up and to rejoice. But we are not going to have hope and rejoicing by the further development of the policies which are being forced upon us by the administration at the present time.

Mr. J. A. ROSS (Souris): In reference to some of the remarks made by the leader of the Social Credit party—

Mr. CRERAR: Would my hon. friend permit me to interrupt for a moment? It is almost eleven o'clock and at the request of the Prime Minister, when this third reading is passed I wish to revert to motions to table a statement in order that it may be printed in *Votes and Proceedings* for tomorrow. Unless my hon. friend has something very pertinent—

Mr. ROSS (Souris): I will take only a minute. I just wish to say with regard to the hon. member's remarks concerning the opposition to the budget and so forth, that I, as one member of the opposition, in any criticism that I offered on the budget or any exemption for which I asked, offered a substitute in every case. That is all I desire to say.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

ADDITIONAL DIVERSIONS OF WATER AT NIAGARA FALLS—TABLING OF NOTES EXCHANGED

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Mines and Resources): With the consent of the house I should like to revert to motions, in order to lay on the table at the request of the Prime Minister the exchange of notes between Canada and the United States of America relating to additional diversions at Niagara falls, to which reference was made some days ago. They embody communications from the Secretary of State of the United States, Washington, to the Canadian Minister to the United States,