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programs. I think that those amounts are inadequate and are only band-aids applied on a dying person. They cannot change the situation. We are giving money. The central government with money borrowed at 9% and 10 per cent, 9%, 8%, the last loan of the federal government was at 8%, the government is doubling its debt every 7½ or eight years. That is nonsense, Mr. Speaker.

And yet, Mr. Speaker, there are solutions since some people find them. Why is the federal government unable to find any? The constitutional crisis and the consequent economic uncertainties are not conducive to the recovery. The election of the Parti Québécois government has certainly put off many investors. All hon. members will have to take part some day in the development of a new legislation on national unity. If we could bring about more political stability, it would really help the economy but the reverse is truer still. Economic weakness automatically leads to political instability.

Let us consider for a moment how the Parti Québécois took office on November 15, 1976. It seems very simple to me. Medium and small investors in the province of Quebec had already lost confidence in the Bourassa government and they expressed their lack of faith at the polls. When we see our governments accuse each other, we have reasons for feeling hopeless! I believe the PQ would like the situation to grow even worse in the province of Quebec, with more unemployment. The worse the situation gets in Quebec, the more likely the pre-referendum campaign is to succeed. This will mean more problems calling for more solutions. A change of attitude on the part of governments will therefore be necessary and co-operation will be a must.

In addition to political reasons, credits for emergency programs are not sufficient. What about interest rates which are among the main causes of inflation? Interest rates are too high and they deter manufacturers from investing more in their own plants to increase their production. The federal government does not lend enough money to our industries to enable them to be more competitive on the marketplace. They prefer to grant interest-free loans to other countries without any guarantee this money will benefit Canadian industries. Why not give the Canadian people substantial sums of money in the form of a guaranteed annual income in order to increase the consumer's purchasing power on the home market? We really are in a slump. We should avail ourselves of the opportunity provided by this motion introduced by the Social Credit Party of Canada to ask ourselves what should be done from now on to make as many Quebecers and Canadians as happy as possible.

Certain ministers of the Lévesque cabinet expressed some interest in the restructuration of the economy. The federal government must take its responsibilities and co-operate with the other levels of government. The Canadian Constitution must be rewritten and dispel any uncertainty. The banking system must also be reconsidered and any useless confrontation between provincial and federal governments must cease. Let us put an end to those useless constitutional fights, let us stop wasting our time on scrutinizing the RCMP. The House

[Mr. Beaudoin.]

of Commons wasted three weeks to find out what has been happening with the RCMP since 1970. I am not trying to be malicious but I think the official opposition of the Progressive Conservative Party has a lot of responsibility in this area—

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): It does not put any bread on the table.

Mr. Beaudoin:—and talking about the RCMP does not put any bread or butter on the table and it greatly helps the Parti Québécois prove that the federal government is wrong and it greatly helps those who want to split Canada in two. I think we should take a candid look at ourselves, particularly my friends on my right, and stop that witch hunt that leads us nowhere, and only sets people against our system of justice.

I wonder, Mr. Speaker, where were those people who criticize the RCMP when we had crackpots in Quebec putting bombs everywhere, when we were picking up victims at night or in the morning because those bombs had gone off? Where were those self righteous people who say that is because of the RCMP? The papers in Quebec are full of it. You only have to read *La Tribune* or some other papers. They think the RCMP is making all that noise. The culprits are forgotten and the responsibility is shifted on those who want to have that carnage stopped. I believe this foolishness has been going on for too long. All sorts of pilgrimages are being made to Quebec. Political parties go to Quebec City to prove how well they understand Quebecers. You just have no idea how well they understand them. However, when it is time to vote or to hold an electoral campaign, they blame the present government for having implemented bilingualism across Canada through the public servants who are supposed to be bilingual to serve people in both official languages. They point the finger at the government, Mr. Speaker.

I went to Edmonton with the Committee on the Constitution. I met an old lady of 71 or 72 and wanted to talk to her in French as she had an earphone. The chairman of the committee told her: "Mr. Beaudoin is a Francophone and he will speak to you in French." She said simply: "He represents the French Canadian race and he is the greatest bandit that I have ever met." Can you imagine that? Then another witness said that Trudeau is a dangerous man. He had implemented bilingualism in Canada and this was dangerous. I believe that we should start talking to each other calmly. If we want to have a working federalism, we shall have to think about what we say and think carefully before asking any questions.

There are many left wingers at the present time. I do not have to prove this, we are starting to see it in the newspapers. I am not talking about members of the Parti Québécois, I am talking about left wingers who are infiltrating the Parti Québécois or the Quebec government and the federal government and who try to cause all sorts of problems. They cause one problem after another.

For our part, when we ask questions in the House about the RCMP without any proof, we are cooperating with those who are trying to divide Canada, and then, a large number of people, of which 60 per cent cannot speak one word of French,