

*Monetary Proposals of Social Credit Party*

in his remarks. He knows absolutely nothing about economics.

I will not add anything more, I have said enough. If the cap fits, let them wear it.

We live in Canada within a logical system. As far as production is concerned, there is nothing to criticize. Those who have organized it have done a good job. It works well. The problem of production has been solved long ago, but this has created others. We produce for consumption. If we have mass production today, we owe it to technology and the scientific endeavour of preceding generations, and we must be proud of it. Far from denying this, we bless those who have built marvelous automatic equipment which turns out products without the need for manpower.

Therefore we have an economic problem to solve. Products are made automatically and, similarly, people are laid off. People can no longer earn a living because production is automatic. That is what many people, including a number of hon. members, do not understand yet. They never understood how the economy works. We have built schools and universities to teach science to the greatest possible number of students so that the population may benefit. If the science of economics is not placed at the service of the population, we no longer need teachers, members of parliament and manufacturers.

If we want all citizens to work, we will have to put them to work with picks and shovels. We will then have to reject technology which replaces man.

If, faced with these facts, we are unable to recognize them and to deal with the problem, we do not deserve to be here. Members of parliament who do not understand the present system really don't deserve to be in the house. I can't understand how the nation came to elect such representatives.

To be a member of parliament within the present system, in the twentieth century, we must at least be acquainted with a "compass" to guide ourselves by, and with logic. We must also be realistic.

There are many who do not even know their own compass, who are unable to find their way, who tell untruths and come up with fanciful solutions that are no help at all in the present malaise.

I propose in my submission to point to the basic flaw of our financial system. The present economic system is certainly not aimed at attaining the objectives set by the present

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régime, and our friends say nevertheless that they are in a position to solve the problem. Since Confederation, we have seen a lot of smart alecks, of great economists of every stripe bringing forward a great deal of suggestions, but they all led the economy a little further towards an unparalleled economic chaos. Personally, I have no confidence left at all in those great prophets who say that Canadians must produce more, consume less and export a lot while reducing their prices so as to compete with the foreign market.

Mr. Speaker, when our adversaries state that our financial system is sound they show how incompetent they are. I believe that all this foolishness is not over by a long shot. Actually, we are victimized by the foolishness concerning debts and mounting prices, and by the myth of full employment; technology turned it into a myth.

Our leaders have no scruples to get Canada into debts by undertaking commitment after commitment, by taxing the citizens to such a point that many face bankruptcy or repudiation of debts. It seems to me that the present leaders are the only ones who find our economic system logical. Maybe they realize that the system is really out of order. But then, what are they waiting for to change it? Maybe they consider it to be beyond repair and maybe they even enjoy dominating people through the disastrous economic measures that we know.

Unemployment, bankruptcies, plant shutdowns, price increases are as many facts which bear testimony to the weakness of governments in the area of economics.

Why does unemployment rise in Canada, and why do our industries close their doors or pass into the hands of foreigners? Why a price rise with such a steady increase in unemployment?

What is the reason for the unprecedented disaster in the field of agriculture and the wheat surpluses in western Canada?

These are four obvious indications of a serious economic uneasiness which should put us on the alert, bring home to us the weaknesses of our economy, and prompt us to eliminate their causes before the people have to suffer even more.

Let us stop wondering about the soundness of these assertions, because everyone has to suffer those ills, all newspapers mention them every day, all sociologists proclaim that the rich get richer and the poor poorer, and this is true of all countries.