

## Family Allowances Act

we begin to use that source of revenue we can go much farther in the matter of family allowances, old age pensions, health measures and educational support measures than we have even dreamed of doing in this house, and we can do that without adding to the taxation burden or the debt of this nation.

**Mr. Harris (Danforth):** Mr. Chairman, I hope that I shall live to see the day when we shall have all these things without adding to the burden of taxation, as the hon. member suggested in the last sentence of his remarks. Debt-free money, money without taxation—that is something the theorists may write about in books but surely anyone in this honourable chamber who has had any experience of any consequence knows that we will not have those things in our day and generation. They are not designed for our present economy. We will have to get right down to the grass roots and to ordinary common sense and produce in order that we have something with which to extend ourselves and be able to provide social services from the surplus of that which we produce.

I am unable to remain seated and listen to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre put words in our mouths in regard to our action in connection with social services of this kind. There are not many here who can go back with me for two and a half decades and remember some of the things that were said with regard to social services when the Hon. Mr. Forke was sitting over here leading the Progressive party. After some years of real production, after making a good record in the war, our hon. friends who control the government affairs of this country find it possible to more or less change their ways and come along with some social services.

For what reason? We all know why. Something is going to happen shortly, whether it be June or October.

**An hon. Member:** Not June.

**Mr. Harris (Danforth):** That is the first bright light we have seen from an hon. minister. If I could use a vulgar expression I would say "We care not when it comes or from whence it comes, we are ready; let it come whenever you want, we are ready." May I say to my good friend who is sitting with the Minister of Labour: We do not care how much you—not bribe—entice the people to vote for you because you are giving these social services. We do not mind how much you hand out to them or how soon it comes, because perhaps the people of Canada will see that you get your deserts and someone else may be charged with the responsibility of carrying on with declining markets in

difficult times in an effort to pull the country out of the difficulty you have got it into. The same thing has happened three or four times since confederation.

Getting back to the subject which I rose to speak about, may I first thank you, Mr. Chairman, for not calling me to order. I know I was out of order, but I was interrupted. I do not mind repeating what I said 23 years ago from the back rows. I am in favour of helping any movement that will see to it that large families are taken care of in Canada in a like manner as families without children. You may look up the record of *Hansard* and you will find what I said. There were nine members in my own family; there were eleven in the family of one uncle; thirteen in the family of another and seventeen of another. In that day and age they did not know that they could come to the government where money was available and get some help with which to raise their families.

It was families like those that made up the backbone of this Canada of ours. They worked hard and they asked for nothing. I take second place to no one in this chamber in my appreciation of those members of our community who raise large families. When the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre put words in my mouth a few minutes ago, when he said that we objected to this, may I say that the member for Danforth did not object.

I realize that conditions have changed from what they were 25 or 30 years ago. Perhaps in this new generation, perhaps with this new philosophy of helping others, it may be that those who are helped will not feel that they are being subsidized by the government. They may feel that it is their inherent right to have some assistance from the government, when they are bearing their full responsibility as Canadian citizens in raising families whereas many others enjoy life and do not do their duty towards the country which gives them the finest existence any country in the world can offer. Therefore if any government proposes to help out those of our citizens who are family men and women I am not going to sit idly by and have my hon. friend, the member for Winnipeg North Centre, say that I oppose any such resolution.

I am thoroughly in favour of these social services in the present day and generation. No one in this chamber knows that better than the Minister of National Health and Welfare. I challenge him now to name any other member of the House of Commons who is more profoundly sympathetic at heart towards anything and everything that has to