

*Distribution of Goods and Services*

Therefore, that distribution must be fair and equitable. So, distribution of the profits from capitalization, of the yield from the labour capital, and the financial capital, that is, purchasing power.

I am sorry that the Minister of Communications left the house. Maybe this would have turned on his light that is using only a 60 watt bulb. In the capitalist system, capital, one element of private property, plays a more important part than material and labour.

Those are the real facts. The result is, that inevitably private property is dominated by the undue importance attached to capital compared to labour.

In time, through the incentive provided by this system and with the present governments, we find that capitalism becomes a huge socio-economic organization in which capital, and especially money, plays a leading part and an abusive one. Since this government supports capitalism, labour agreements, salaries, working conditions, private properties themselves come against open competition on the market, while the government takes care not to intervene.

Such a system is abusive because the legislator, being in the pay of capital and high finance, is unable to check that competition, in order to distribute more fairly the fruits of capital and labour.

The government tells us about control and stabilization of costs and prices. Now, its only achievement is to establish commissions. And what will such commissions settle? Absolutely nothing.

The government says, opportunely or not, that we should increase productivity and continue producing, that our production is insufficient. However, on our side, we say that the problem is not one of production.

The problem is that the people do not have enough buying power to use up our production. Should we emphasize the need to produce? Certainly not, Mr. Speaker.

What about the hard work done by the worker or the farmer, the white or the blue collar worker?

The big capitalists, in collusion with the government, be it Grit or Tory, for, in fact, there is nothing to differentiate them from one another, have created that situation and the ordinary people, the poor, and the humble are the ones who are made to suffer.

Capitalism, as it is now viewed, becomes abusive and wrong. Big business, from the increasing omnipotence of its financial means, ends by monopolizing trade and small businesses, by absorbing the production and the sales. Unemployment follows and grows. It becomes a chronic ill, a necessary evil, fostered by the governments. Gradually, big business controls prices and sales for its own advantage. That is why we say that the newly-formed commission can only consider the problems and will bring no solutions.

The result is the subjection of the working class to the joint-stock companies, the fantastic opulence of some, the extreme poverty of a great many, contempt for the dignity of labourers, for work, for the common weal and for the very social aspect of economic activity.

Créditistes contend and rightly so—the situation proves it quite clearly—that there is poverty amidst affluence. That is a fact. It is a race between prices and salaries which is called inflation and which is due to the human, legitimate and deep desire of each individual to get his just share of life, happiness, security, economic, social and political freedom. Everyone is entitled by his birth and as a man to a vital minimum, to a guaranteed minimum income, in other words, to a national dividend, as advocated by the Créditistes.

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Unfortunately, the abuses of the capitalist system deprive the individual of that guaranteed minimum income since it fails to ensure it. It is a blow to private property. This is the doing of socialism and it is just the contrary of what was said earlier by the Minister of Communications who is misleading people in that regard.

This is why we are perfectly justified, owing to the situation of Canada and of Canadians, to bring in a motion of censure against this government which has not taken effective measures to stop the abuses of such a system but also has taken steps to worsen the problem: tax increases, removal of ceilings regarding interest rates on agricultural loans, on loans to fishing operations, etc. The bills this government has proposed and passed since the beginning of the session, taking advantage of its arrogant majority, have pushed Canadian families and small enterprises deeper into debt and more quickly still. There again, private property is being attacked.