

Old Age Security

paying \$10 immediately after the election, without any relationship to the Canada pension plan?

Mr. Woolliams: I think some of my colleagues can. I can only say this was in the newspapers. It may have been another misquote, as people on the opposite side of the house are always being misquoted.

In brief, here is the government's position, that while the resolution was in suspension they argued, they submitted and they alleged that adoption of the Conservative resolution would wreck their ill-conceived and ill-planned contributory pension plan. I say it is ill-conceived and ill-planned because, if implemented, it would stretch out like an octopus into those financial institutions in which private interests invest their money. The illustrious minister said herself it would place \$2 billion in the hands of the government and therefore give the government tremendous political power so that those institutions that encourage private investment would become eroded and be mere puppets and servants of a grandiose government.

In fact, here are her exact words as quoted in the *Globe and Mail* of September 27 last, and she has not yet said she was misquoted on that occasion. She gave a press conference, and this is what she said:

The danger of having that much money sitting around is that political pressures would develop to spend it on increasing flat rate pensions, and that would throw the whole system out of balance.

Miss LaMarsh: On a point of privilege, Mr. Chairman, I have never had a press conference with the *Globe and Mail* at any time.

Mr. Woolliams: The lady minister is becoming very sensitive, but it does seem to me that on page 7 of the *Globe and Mail* for September 7 there is a beautiful picture of the minister. I am sure she will not deny that is her picture. In fact there is a whole page there and it is headed "Judy LaMarsh talks on pensions." Are we to take it that she has been misquoted and that the *Globe and Mail*, which supported the Liberal party during the last election, would print a whole page in which she has been misquoted?

Miss LaMarsh: Read the rest of it.

Mr. Woolliams: I leave it to my good friends opposite to read it—those capable of reading. The minister says she is the mother of pensions, and that she is going to rock those pensions, like a baby, to sleep. However she may suffer some miscarriage. The Liberal pension plan was conceived in haste and delivered in confusion. What has been the position as far as the provinces are concerned? Let us look at that position. First of

[Miss LaMarsh.]

all, the minister said it is all right for Mr. Lesage to oppose the contributory pension plan because he said he would challenge its constitutionality in the courts. Therefore, because Mr. Lesage put it on a high intellectual level—

The Chairman: Order. I am sure the hon. member who has the floor will admit that the Chair has exercised considerable indulgence and leniency in allowing him to deal with the contributory pension plan. This subject is, to my mind, obviously beyond the restricted terms of the resolution now before the committee.

Mr. Woolliams: I appreciate the Chair's remarks but I am only answering the argument made by the minister herself on this particular resolution. The same arguments were made and replied to by other hon. members on both sides of the house. With the greatest respect, Mr. Chairman, I would like to finish my remarks on this subject because this is the whole point. At one time—

The Chairman: Order. I am sure the hon. member will want to abide by the ruling the Chair is now making. If he will read the resolution that is before the committee I am sure he will know he is going beyond its terms by continuing the remarks he is making at this time.

Mr. Woolliams: I am only going to say this, Mr. Chairman. We are dealing with the question of old age pensions, and when we are considering pension plans there must be some kind of agreement with the provinces. My point is that Mr. Lesage placed it on a high intellectual level. But because the premier of Ontario said he wanted to study and examine the plan and compare it with the plan as far as the province of Ontario is concerned it is said that Ontario should accept the plan without a word. Therein lies the great difference. Let us see what she herself had to say about this matter.

Some hon. Members: Order.

The Chairman: Order. I will have to ask the hon. member kindly to comply with the ruling which has been made that he is out of order. The hon. member is clearly out of order. He must realize that I have, as I said, exercised as much indulgence and leniency as I can in allowing him to complete the short remarks he was making a moment ago. I would appreciate it very much if he would now find it possible to get back to the essential subject of the resolution.

Mr. Churchill: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. The minister, in introducing the resolution on September 30, dealt with the proposed Canada pension plan in the first