

take charge of our individual constituencies and relieve the government and the treasury of the cost and burden of the national registration? We have our bureau of statistics, and the chief electoral officer. I hope the bureau of statistics has the necessary cards already printed for the information required. The chief electoral officer could assist in that regard; between him and the bureau of statistics the cards could be prepared, and surely we members of parliament would be glad to step in and take charge of our individual constituencies. It might cost us something. Let us conscript the war chests of the parties in this house and use them to pay the cost.

Mr. GARDINER: The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation seems to have one.

Mr. HARRIS (Danforth): In like manner as income tax is not collected on an overdraft, of course those who have no chest will not be conscripted. But let those war chests be used as some of the funds to pay the cost. Some parties, I am sure, could subscribe a substantial overdraft, and the same parties that have the overdraft are the parties that will do a real job of work if the government asks us to assist in this regard.

I have a letter signed by James Labbett, treasurer of ward eight, central executive council, Toronto, stating:

I thought it would be a good time for the government to save some money by having each M.P. take over his riding and arranging to have the registration taken by his election organization, all work to be done gratis. The members should all have enough good men and women who would be willing to do this without pay. I know that I can get enough from our riding even if we have to man all subdivisions. By doing this the only cost would be the printing of cards, etcetera.

These are a few suggestions. In closing, I should like to summarize some of them. Tell the country that we in future are going to defend Canada. Let business make capital expenditures with confidence; we will continue to maintain, modernize and enlarge our defence system. Present contracts will be honoured, further contracts entered into, coastal defences maintained and modernized. In future all young men will receive military training. Equipment and clothing will be purchased continuously. Great Britain will be assisted to the utmost. The cabinet will be strengthened by the appointment of ministers to the Post Office Department, the Department of Transport and the Department of Finance immediately. An economic warfare division will be considered. Home defence and home security will be given immediate attention. A national war service ministry

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will be set up, and voluntary service registration put to use on behalf of Canada. Let us have a holiday on holidays and the spare time of our citizens be put to work on behalf of Canada. Winning the war is all that matters, all that ever mattered. Organize an "all out" war effort; think and act now for ourselves; give the signal, "full speed ahead." Gear all action to our war effort. Do not depend on the Monroe doctrine; do not expect that we can shelter ourselves forever under the wing of the British navy. And remember that the eagle's nest is rather crowded and that we should not be a cuckoo bird and try to crawl into that nest.

Every true Canadian is anxious to do something. The word "sacrifice," as the Minister of Finance well said, has a much nobler meaning than is given to it in common use. It is the contribution that our soldiers, sailors and airmen are making for us. All Canadians, from whatever race they spring, will not shrink from their fair contribution. New Canadians who came here in the last few generations to find freedom and liberty, together with French-Canadians who were Canadians long before some of the rest of us were, know no other place that would give them the same freedom that Canada gives them, and they will fight for it. Those who have their origin a few generations back in the British isles, will all rise with the others as one man and see that Great Britain and Canada shall not fail, that freedom shall not perish, that democracy shall survive. With reverence and humility I say: Fear God; with loyalty, honour our king; with sincerity serve our country. Canada, carry on. Carry on, Canadians.

Mr. E. E. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon when motions were called I endeavoured, under standing order 31, to move the adjournment of the house for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the action taken by the government to establish minimum prices for certain grades of cash wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur to December 31 of this year. After a little discussion you ruled that there might be other occasions on which this matter could be discussed. Finally the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) graciously suggested that I might follow the hon. member for Danforth (Mr. Harris), who has just taken his seat, and that I might say anything I desired to say with respect to this all important question during this budget debate. This puts me to some extent in an unfortunate position, because I had not intended to speak on the budget at this stage. I had expected to have the week-end to prepare something rather different