

*Family Allowances*

us to believe; they want us to believe, that they have given up all their old Tory ideas of preference for the rich and the like. What do we find? Yesterday their leader came out and denounced the measure as opposed to the basic principles of social justice because it treats everyone alike.

Mr. HOMUTH: The hon. member ought to be fair. If he is going to quote any part of that particular clause he ought to quote it all. Let us be fair about it.

Mr. CLEAVER: I will read the entire sentence.

Mr. HOMUTH: That is a good idea.

Mr. CLEAVER: "This scheme lumps them all together and gives the same grant to all."

Mr. HOMUTH: Go ahead and read the rest.

Mr. CLEAVER: What do you think of that? It does not give preference to the rich; it treats everyone alike; therefore it is opposed to social justice.

Mr. HOMUTH: The hon. member puts an interpretation upon it that is not fair. Let him read the whole clause.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member will have his opportunity and he may review the arguments which the hon. gentleman is making.

Mr. HOMUTH: I certainly will.

Mr. CLEAVER: Then we come to the next argument, that the parents cannot be trusted with the money. There is nothing new in that argument.

Mr. HOMUTH: Who said that?

Mr. CLEAVER: That argument has been advanced many times.

Mr. HOMUTH: Who said it?

Mr. CLEAVER: I say that it has been advanced many times in opposition, that you should not increase wages because the man would spend the money unwisely.

Mr. HOMUTH: Oh, nonsense!

Mr. CLEAVER: It certainly is nonsense.

Mr. HOMUTH: Nonsense!

Mr. CLEAVER: My hon. friends in the opposition have a right to their opinions. If they distrust the parents of children in this country, if they do not believe that the father and mother of children think more of those children than anyone else, I am not to blame. They are to blame for so thinking.

[Mr. Cleaver.]

Mr. HOMUTH: You are raising the bogey, not we.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. CLEAVER: My hon. friend says that I am raising the bogey. I say that my hon. friend's party—

Mr. HOMUTH: Where?

Mr. CLEAVER: —have expressed their opposition to this measure because there is no assurance that the money will benefit the children; it may go to the beer parlour.

Mr. HOMUTH: Will you please prove that.

Mr. CLEAVER: I will.

Mr. HOMUTH: All right; prove it.

Mr. CLEAVER: I shall be glad to give a quotation. Bracken House, you know, has been very busy.

Mr. HOMUTH: You can't find it; I may have it here.

Mr. CLEAVER: Does my hon. friend disown the *Ottawa Citizen*?

Mr. HOMUTH: The *Ottawa Citizen*? I never owned it.

Mr. CLEAVER: Let me read from an editorial of July 4, which states in part:

But the family allowance scheme of the Prime Minister will not benefit them.

Referring to the children.

It contains no guarantee that a single nickel will go to improve the lot of the children.

Mr. HOMUTH: Where is that quotation from?

Mr. CLEAVER: I am reading from an editorial that appeared on July 4.

Mr. HOMUTH: In what paper?

Mr. CLEAVER: The *Ottawa Citizen*. All I have to say in reply to that argument is this. If my hon. friends of the Conservative opposition think that this money will be spent unwisely by the parents, that it will go to the beer parlours and that the money should go into social services, they have a right to their opinion. But I have a right to mine. I trust the parents of this country. I know that at least ninety-nine per cent of them will spend the money wisely on additional food, proper clothing and better housing conditions for their families.

Mr. HOMUTH: I believe in a hundred per cent of them.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. CLEAVER: I wonder if I get any credit for the interruptions?