

The Address—Mr. Blackmore

The important thing for those out in the country who may be reading these remarks to realize is that while Britain had those investments in all those different countries, she was able to draw the interest on them in goods produced in those countries. Thereby she obtained very precious raw materials, without exporting goods to pay for them. And with the wide variety of material, and the great quantity she was able to obtain thereby, she was able to trade with the United States for American dollars, and then with those American dollars she could pay Canada for goods she bought from Canada.

The bald fact Canadians have to face is this, that Britain no longer has available to her those sources of supply. Now, where is she going to get American dollars to pay for Canadian goods? We have to ask ourselves that question. Suppose she cannot get dollars, what are we going to do about it? Are we going to allow our vast production machine to lie more or less idle? Or are we going to supply Britain with our own Canadian dollars to buy our surplus Canadian goods? Are we by that means going to stimulate our production to the optimum and build a mighty power out of Britain—the mighty power she once was, and can be again? Are we going to encourage the British dominions to do as we do and, as the result of the activities of all of us, build up that mighty force for good in the world, that force which God evidently intended the British commonwealth to be?

The problem is right here before us, right here in the parliament of Canada. We are able to make the deciding move; it lies within our power, if we are just equal to the occasion. We can do it, if we just have the statesmanship, if we just have the ability to make what Graham Towers called in the quotation to which I referred last Thursday night, page 846 of *Hansard*, unprecedented adjustments—adjustments of “unprecedented magnitude” in our ways of thinking and doing.

And now for some further details. These details show how Britain, despite the difficulties confronting her at the close of world war II, did not shrink from doing more for her neighbours than her neighbours did for her. I hold in my hand a document containing many details. I am sure it will constitute a revelation—and once again, I hope it gets right home to people in the United States, as well as right home to everyone in Canada. This shows what Britain has given and received from the end of the war

to December, 1949. She has built a considerably greater record, may I say, since that time. This table states:

A. Given by Britain	£ million
(i) Gifts (about)	400
(ii) Loans and recoverable aid about	493
(iii) Drawing rights exercised on U.K.	65
(iv) Withdrawals from sterling balances	319
(v) Colonial loans	65
Total	1,342
(vi) Military expenditure overseas..	860
Grand total	2,202

B. Received by Britain	
(i) Monetary gifts	38
(ii) Loans	1,199
(iii) E.R.P. aid from U.S.A.....	393
(iv) Drawing rights exercised by U.K.	17
Total	1,647

That is, £1,647 million as against £2,202 million, giving Britain a tremendous edge over all other nations put together in this matter of helping the world. It is a little difficult to see why Egypt cannot get this fact into her head—and Iran, and a whole lot of the people who go running around in those countries, fomenting trouble. Then I go on:

A. Post-war relief and similar aid by U.K. (up to end September, 1949)

(1) Gifts	£ million
U.N.R.R.A.	155
I.R.O.	11.2
Civil affairs (not recoverable).....	49
Greece, armed forces initial equipment, maintenance, etc.	31
Greece, surplus stores and relief supplies	2
Poland, welfare and social services June, 1946-March, 1947	5
Poland, surplus stores	6
Austria:	
Before 1st April, 1946	10
Post U.N.R.R.A.	7.5
Surplus machine tools	0.125
Hungary: Surplus machine tools..	0.2
Italy: estimated value of surplus stores in excess of payments under financial agreement	55
Netherlands: Military equipment and surpluses, estimated portion in excess of payment under debt settlement	16
Roumania: Medical supplies and surplus army foodstuffs	0.02
U.N. fund for Araby refugees in Palestine	1
Ex-Italian Colonies: Cost of administration	12
Burma:	
Cancellation of debt	15
B.M.A. expenditure (cancelled claim)	23
Total (say)	400