

benches was that the moneys voted by the federal parliament were intended for wages. The other evening I pointed out to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gordon) that there was also another intention of the federal government, so stated by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Labour himself, and in fact the regulations themselves provide for it, and that was that the moneys should be expended in a non-partisan manner. I pointed out to the Minister of Labour the other day where it was shown in the public accounts for the year 1931 that in the town of Kenora there were two hardware stores, one operated by a Liberal and the other by the president of the Conservative association. They were both good citizens; I have no complaint against either of them. In the Liberal store there was spent during the year the magnificent sum of \$125, and in the store owned by the president of the Conservative association the sum of about \$30,000.

This afternoon I received the public accounts for Ontario for 1932, and I believe the figures I am about to disclose will open the eyes of the Minister of Labour. I am not blaming him any more than that I believe he should have evolved some method whereby federal moneys should be spent in the way the federal government stated they would be spent, namely in a non-partisan manner. In the store owned by the Liberal only \$373.76 was spent whereas in that owned by the president of the Conservative association \$176,652.06 was spent. That is not fair; it is not right. If there is anything which would make me vote against this bill, it is the fact that I know the moneys are being spent by the government of Ontario in a partisan manner. We find the proof of it when we review the amounts spent in the stores of these two gentlemen. The Liberal has been in business for years, and his father was in business before him. He got only \$373.76 because he was a Liberal, and it is quite evident that he had something the Conservative store could not supply, or he would not have got that much. On the other hand the store owned by the president of the Conservative association got business to the extent of \$176,652.06. I ask the minister if he thinks that is fair, and if he is going to take steps to see that a square deal is given by the provincial legislature.

Mr. GORDON: For what year are those figures?

Mr. HEENAN: These figures are in the public accounts for 1932, which I just received to-day. I am not suggesting the money was

not spent properly, or that proper value was not given. Other times in this House of Commons I have taken up the case of the ordinary labourers against whom there had been discrimination. I have stopped talking about them because I find that there are now hundreds of men in different parts of the country pleading their cause. I drew their case to the attention of the country, and the result is that others have taken the matter up, and consideration is now being given to it by the Ontario legislature.

However, the condition has spread to businessmen. We find that while in one store owned by the Conservative over \$176,000 was spent, only \$373 was spent in a similar store owned by a Liberal. I do not believe it is right to punish a man because of his political beliefs. The regulations under which the provincial legislature got this money were to the effect that it would be spent without either political or religious discrimination.

Mr. GORDON: There has never been any complaint.

Mr. HEENAN: What is the use of complaining? He would not have got the \$373 if he had complained. I know there have been complaints, because time and time again the provincial government has been approached. Further, I would not mind if the workmen were getting what the government promised. Let us take, for example, the general work on the trans-Canada highway. We find that there was spent the sum of \$10,839,688.74. Out of that amount \$3,817,820.73 was spent for wages. The other amount is for the purchase of supplies, and one thing and another. Then, \$12,622.56 was spent for police patrolling the highway. We paid the provincial police department a share of that amount of money. Surely the federal government ought not to pay the provincial legislature for policing of provincial highways.

I could go on, but I do not wish to be accused of being too narrow. In connection with the supply of provisions I shall refer to two Conservatives, because I do not believe there is a Liberal supplying provisions. Of the two Conservatives in question, the one who I believe is on the executive committee of the Conservative party supplied \$17,565 worth of provisions, whereas the other one, who is not on the executive, supplied only about \$2,000 worth.

Mr. GORDON: I understand camp supplies are arranged by contract.

Mr. HEENAN: I am only going by the record shown in the public accounts under the heading "provisions." I am satisfied the