

us. That is true, but they are exceptions; it does not mean that Canada at large is not a prosperous country. I remember years ago, in 1908, when Sir Lomer Gouin succeeded in having the vast territories of Ungava in the Northwest Territories annexed to the Province of Quebec he said, "I want my province to be the largest, the most beautiful and the most prosperous." This is the language that he used, and it is the language of a real statesman.

Honourable senators, how is it possible to come to an understanding with regard to federal-provincial taxation? In the first place, there should be a meeting, with very few technicians but with men of good will, with exact figures, to inform the Government of Canada of the various sources of revenue of each province. They should put it on the table, to inform the federal authorities from where they are getting the money to meet their needs. Ottawa should do likewise. Then the provinces should come with their plan for expenditures, so that the whole thing could be settled once and for all.

How about the progressively increasing expenditures out of the federal exchequer? We have only to look at the tabulation that has been tabled in the House of Commons and in this chamber to see that the money that will be given by Ottawa to the provinces will be always more considerable. Each year the payment by Ottawa will be higher, and what happens? With that system Ottawa has the odium for collecting the surplus in taxes given away to the provinces. Ottawa is taxing the people, and then there are complaints that the taxes imposed by the Parliament of Canada on the people of this country are too high. But the provinces get all the benefit of that taxation.

I sincerely believe it is in the interests of Canada and of the provinces themselves that, as Senator Crerar said so well, each province should expend only the money it receives from its own taxation. If in special cases they are unable to make ends meet, there should be a definite and final understanding for a period of at least five years for a breathing spell. At the present time there is a great uncertainty; nothing is ever finished. The more money they get the more they ask for, and there is no end to it. What is the result?

Let us consider education. What is the money given by Ottawa being used for in certain provinces? It is used to preach separatism. Who is responsible for the separatist propaganda? Who is responsible for the talks we hear so much about and all the violent deeds which have occurred? If it is not some university professors, it is some provincial ministers who arouse the people. It is to be

noted too that those who have been arrested for the crimes committed in Montreal were university students; and not only that, but I have been told from a very good source that there are teachers, male and female, who teach separatism to children in schools not too far from this house. It has happened in schools in Hull. You may ask people who have children attending schools in Hull what the situation is there. You will get the information.

Every one of you is against separatism, but who takes the means to stop it? One of the means to stop it is to control education and see that the money given away by Ottawa to the provinces is not used to encourage separatism in the schools and universities of this country. This is what I wanted to tell you and this is why I came back. If you want to stop an evil you must stop it at the root. In this case the root is the money that is so much craved for and sought after.

What about the rights of the provinces? What about their right to legislate? They pay no attention to that as long as they have money. They pay no attention to the formal text of the Constitution which obliges them to follow certain patterns in their dealings with legislation. My conclusion is obvious: it is that the Government of Canada should be extremely careful when dealing with the provinces and should tell them to wait before giving them more than they have now. There should be a sensible agreement between Ottawa and the provinces so that each one gets money from its own field of taxation and spends no more than that.

Was Ottawa consulted for all the foolish expenditure made by some provinces? I shall not name them, but you know them. The sky was the limit. It makes no sense at all. In my view Ottawa has been too lenient. What would you think if somebody incurs a bill and calls upon you to pay it when you have not authorized it? At the present time the provinces have a blank cheque to spend so much money and to use it to their own liking. It makes no sense at all.

How could we come to a satisfactory agreement? In the first place if it is true that the Province of Quebec is different from the others, then the Province of Quebec should tell the whole country what her needs are and what her understanding of Confederation is. She should say in black and white what she considers her dealings with the Government of Canada should be.

During the last general election campaign, on March 17 last year, at Blue River in Temiscouata County, I said in the first place that a constituent assembly would be of no purpose because the more people we had to