

laughed at us. The Prime Minister said that was insulting to the provinces, to the premiers and to the government. During the last four years about \$32,000,000 was sent from Ottawa to Toronto for unemployment relief. I am not criticizing the amount, but a good deal of that money never reached the place for which it was intended, because there was no audit, no check.

Mr. ARTHURS: What about Quebec?

Mr. SANDERSON: I do not know anything about Quebec; I am speaking about my own province of Ontario. This government should have had an audit, a check on every dollar that went out from their treasury for relief, not only in Ontario but in all the provinces. Oh, they said, peace, order and good government, blank cheque legislation. Under this bill my good friend the Minister of Public Works, if he will let me call him that—

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Just temporarily.

Mr. SANDERSON: All right, temporarily—the Minister of Public Works wants to get control of the expenditure so that any amount not in excess of \$25,000 he can deal with in his office. Is that democratic government?

Mr. CASGRAIN: The pork barrel.

Mr. SANDERSON: Is that the kind of government the people of this country want? No. The only thing the people are hoping and praying for is that this government will have the courage to go to the country. They only want a chance to mark their ballots against it. I say to my hon. friends across the way: Watch your step, because the handwriting is on the wall and you are doomed.

Mr. MICHAEL LUCHKOVICH (Vegreville): I rise not to predict anyone's rise or fall—

Mr. J. A. BRADETTE (North Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege. I adjourned the debate this evening at six o'clock and I have not yet had a chance to speak.

Mr. MANION: I rise to a point of order. The hon. gentleman made the statement that he adjourned the debate at six o'clock. If therefore he did not go on at nine o'clock he has lost his position and cannot go on now.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): He did not adjourn the debate; he just saw six o'clock.

Mr. MANION: I was simply taking the hon. gentleman's own statement that he adjourned the debate at six o'clock.

[Mr. Sanderson.]

Mr. SPEAKER: The fact is that no one adjourned the debate at six o'clock. The hon. gentleman has the floor.

Mr. BRADETTE: I just want to give the northern Ontario viewpoint on this bill. For the last four years I have always been in favour of a program of public works rather than of direct relief. As far as northern Ontario is concerned, under the northern development branch of the province most of our settlers were given some employment. This is no time to discuss the wages they were receiving, but this bill is a step in the right direction. The only regret I feel at the present time is that it was not inaugurated four years ago and maintained since then. I have no quarrel with other sections of Ontario getting millions of dollars, or with the Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Manion) when he gets \$425,000 for his constituency; no doubt that expenditure was warranted in his section of the country. As far as Cochrane is concerned I am glad that the sum of \$55,000 has found its way into the program for that town, but when you realize that in that riding at the present moment there are at least 100,000 people it means that under this bill there is to be provided for the relief of unemployment there an average of fifty-five cents a head. Anyone will readily see that that is no cure for the present situation in our section of the province. The same applies also to South Timiskaming; there is only \$53,000 provided. I believe it will be absolutely impossible for the federal government to stop direct relief on the fifteenth of next month as far as northern Ontario is concerned, because in a population of nearly 175,000 people in the two Timiskamings there is only to be a total expenditure of \$108,000. We never were parochial in our section, but I want the house to be fully seized of this fact, that from the gold tax as amended the government will receive from the southern section of Timiskaming, represented by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gordon), and the northern section, represented by myself, some six or seven million dollars, yet these two ridings are receiving under this bill the small sum of \$108,000. Coming again to my first statement, I am very glad that the government are going to build a post office in Cochrane, my home town, which is really the hub of the the north country, being situated much the same as Winnipeg was some fifty years ago. All the development taking place in northern Ontario will prove beneficial to that section of the country, and more particularly to Cochrane, and its environs.