

*Establishment of New Departments*

**An hon. Member:** Spying.

**Mr. Caouette:**—spying.

I shall proceed with my remarks, pointing out that I am not displeased with the appointment of a minister of manpower, but this does not provide a solution to the problem now facing us.

I maintain that the minister will have to come up with other solutions than the ones he offered when he was a very well known labour leader in the province of Quebec.

Mr. Chairman, I said earlier that the increase in prices meant inflation. I maintained that including in the price of goods the salaries paid to workers replaced by machines did not provide any solution at all to the problem. But we, members of the Ralliement Créditiste, and we, supporters of the Social Credit doctrine, believe that there is a way to correct the situation, and that is to increase personal incomes without increased prices being included in the cost of goods.

How? By using the Bank of Canada and by distributing a general dividend to every Canadian citizen. This new credit, based on Canadian production, would not be included in the price of goods but would increase the purchasing power of Canadians and restore economic order in Canada.

However, when we speak of this alternative, we hear good Liberals, good Conservatives retort that it is utopia, that it would be utopian to use the Bank of Canada and that it would be dangerous for inflation. But we are now in the midst of inflation. Not one Conservative, not one Liberal dares raise his voice against that system.

Mr. Chairman, in matters of labour-management relations, we see many union leaders now in Canada—I will name none—going all across Canada to rouse workers, labourers, their members against bad employers. That is why wherever I go, in the province of Quebec and outside Quebec, I say to workers, to labourers, to farmers: Instead of striking against those who pay you, strike against those who tax you. Those who levy taxes are here, in the federal parliament and in the Quebec parliament, in the political organizations of their respective provinces. They are the ones who are responsible for the misunderstandings between employees and employers. And certain union leaders, instead of trying to extol conciliation between employers and employees, try by all means to distribute boxing gloves to both sides in order to create conflicts, so that they may devour one

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another, they tear one another to pieces. That is the vile role pursued by certain union leaders throughout Canada. The government says nothing about that.

We are informed that a manpower department will be created. We will soon hear the new minister of manpower preach to us that employers and industrialists will henceforth have to pay workers replaced by machines and science, salaries which they will pay for their replacement. This is entirely illogical and unthinkable in a so-called sovereign and civilized country. I repeat: civilized.

Mr. Chairman, there is only one way to help and respect automation. We should ask ourselves as members of parliament, as federal members, whether machine was invented and created to punish man or whether it was invented and created to serve man?

● (6:30 p.m.)

If it was invented as a punishment, let us continue as we are going; we are following the right direction. If machines were invented to serve man, however, we who are responsible to the people must find ways to give men replaced by machines the financial means to buy products made by machines in Canada. Then, we will be able to say that we have worked to balance the Canadian economy, to give the consumers buying power and access to their products.

Mr. Chairman, we may establish as many departments as we like. This will not deal with the situation which is more serious. The solution lies deeper than the appointment of new ministers or the creation of new departments. We must go deeper to reach the source of the economic, political and social ills with which we are afflicted today.

There is talk of separatism in Quebec. There is talk of separatism in British Columbia, in Toronto and in Ontario. Why? Because these people are dissatisfied with the turn of events in parliament.

We are going to appoint new ministers and establish new departments on the pretext that this will conform to the wishes of the people. Let us not delude ourselves, Mr. Chairman; this is not the way to deal with Canadian problems nor to promote understanding between the provinces.

The member for Red Deer (Mr. Thompson) rightly said earlier that a department of federal-provincial affairs should have been established first, to assess the causes of dissatisfaction or disagreement between Canadians. This is not restricted to the province of Quebec. It also exists in British