

Mr. Drew was now in favour of Family Allowances. However, repentance is always commendable -- even when it is on the eve of an election!

Mr. Drew called the Family Allowances measure "unsound and unworkable", but it is now part of our history, how magnificently this measure -- recently amended and improved -- has already worked for the children of Canada. By June 1st, more than \$1,000,000,000 will have been paid out to help provide better food, better clothing, better health services and education and opportunity for the children of this country. The success of the Family Allowances measure has been so magnificent and has contributed so strikingly both to the welfare of our rising generation and to the stability of the Canadian economy that it has received the most enthusiastic praise from Canada's social welfare experts and it is now much talked of as a measure worth following in the United States.

In Newfoundland, this measure is already bringing some \$703,000 each month to 122,000 children in 45,000 families -- and these figures are not yet final. How better could we provide for the future than by this action to equalize opportunity for our children?

(f) National Health Program

The next great measure of social progress that has been brought into effect by the present Liberal Government has been the National Health Program inaugurated a year ago. This program, calling for the expenditure by the Federal Government of \$165,000,000 over the first five years, has met with almost unanimous support.

To provide for a provincial health survey, to encourage provincial health programs and to build new hospitals, the sum of \$923,000 is available under the Program this year for Newfoundland. The Liberal Government, in taking this action to strengthen provincial health care for Canadians and to clear the way for health insurance, is strongly supplementing what has already been done. By making available enough money to increase Canadian health programs by some 30%, it is already evident that this program will have immense possibilities for raising the levels of provincial health care for the citizens of this country.

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