

until he is a year old or maybe older. What will happen if his parents have not the money to buy the stuff indicated on his "formula"?

When a family allowance is given to every child in the country, and when the family allowance is definitely earmarked to be expended exclusively and solely for the benefit of that child, these basic inequalities disappear. Some children may still enjoy the luxury of a private child specialist, while others have to go to the baby welfare, but they will both be weighed on the same kind of scales and both will be able to get the foods and formulae that the doctor advises, because they will both have a little monthly allowance specially earmarked for that purpose. There may still grow up a generation of men and women—

Mr. HOMUTH: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Is the hon. member reading his speech? I ask because much objection was taken last night to an hon. member of our party reading his speech. It looks as though the hon. member is reading his speech, and, if so, I object strenuously to it.

Mr. FAUTEUX: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that my hon. friend interrupted me. Because I am speaking in English—it is very hard—I am reading my speech. As my hon. friend knows, I am a French-Canadian, and I believe that in spite of the fact that we can speak both French and English in this house, I must talk English to be understood, so that I talk English.

Mr. HOMUTH: I still rise to a point of order. Regardless of whether the hon. member speaks French or English, there is a rule for everybody in this house, and I would ask Your Honour to decide whether or not the hon. member is reading his speech, because last night one of the outstanding members of the Liberal party who is always ready to criticize others rose in his place in this house and criticized one of our members for reading his speech. I told him last night that from now on, when anybody on the other side of the chamber reads his speech, I am going to object to it.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Go ahead.

Mr. FAUTEUX: I will obey the rules of this house and I will not read my speech any more. I will, however, ask the house to be generous enough to let me continue in French, and I may be able to sell a few ideas to my hon. friend which it will be too bad that he will not understand, but which he can see tomorrow in *Hansard*.

(Translation): Mr. Speaker, in order to comply with the rules of this house, I shall

put aside the speech which I had carefully prepared for the benefit both of this house and of the constituents whom it is my privilege to represent. However, I shall revert to my mother tongue for I admit frankly that I shall thus express myself with much greater ease and, if I may say so in all modesty, my speech will be more forceful than if I were to speak in a language with which I am not thoroughly conversant. However, I shall be compelled to set aside the arguments which I had started to expound.

Since the present measure has been submitted to the house, we have heard very interesting arguments. The various political groups have approved with some qualification the principle of the bill. With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this opportunity of challenging some of the uncalled for remarks which were made during this debate. A moment ago, I touched upon the subject of national unity. I take the liberty of bringing it up because it is with deep regret and dismay that I have heard certain remarks made by the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Bruce). I am sorry those remarks were made for, as I have stated previously in this house, I prize more highly national unity than the seat which I hold or my political career or even the party to which I have the honour of belonging.

Before broaching this subject, I am anxious to take all necessary precautions because I much prefer winning over my opponents with a smile to insulting them. I wish to be cautious, as I am fully aware of the fact that the hon. member for Parkdale is a prominent medical practitioner and that he has played an outstanding part in the civil administration of his province, nevertheless I deem it my duty to challenge at least some of the remarks which he made in this house yesterday in regard to my province. I wish to quote the part of his speech to which I take exception:

Mr. Bruce: I would ask, Mr. Speaker, whether it would be improper to suggest that it may have some connection with an election in an adjoining province, when it is hoped that this bill will assist the return of a Liberal government. That province because of its large families will derive the greatest benefit from this measure, at the expense of the other provinces, particularly Ontario, which pays one-half of the taxes of Canada.

And further on he stated:

I am afraid that if these cash payments are to be made on this basis they will not fulfil their objective, for the money will not go to the provinces which did most of the fighting and suffered most of the casualties.