

Mr. HANSELL: But the people always lose. He is the man who is chosen to accompany the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) as one of his chief advisers at the biggest poker game the world has even seen. While I am on that subject may I say that the Prime Minister is leaving for the peace conference as usual without any instructions as to what to do. That is why I asked him the other day if an opportunity would be given to discuss external affairs before he left. The answer was that there was no time now. Of course a few items have been before the external affairs committee. It is the same old tale, the same old story; it can be San Francisco, it can be some other place, but never once does he go under instructions from the people of Canada. One of our press gallery friends labelled us on one occasion, and rightfully so, as the people's mouths. Did the people's mouths have an opportunity of expressing the views of the people, as their representatives, and sending our Prime Minister to perhaps the greatest conference the world has even seen or will ever see, with any instructions as to what to say and what to do on great and vital issues? No, sir. Furthermore, does the Prime Minister tell us what he is going to do or say? You see, this poker game is also surrounded with dark secrecy. There are vital issues to be discussed. Do we send our delegation there knowing they are going to make any pronouncements? We do not. The result is that they can make pronouncements when they are there, if they want to, without our advice, and commit the country to something about which we know nothing at all, and no one knows what is going to happen in this very complex world.

On such great issues, Mr. Speaker, as will be faced at Paris we should know what Canada's foreign policy is. Do we know it? I do not believe we do; there is no policy, so how can we know? I do not think there ever has been one. I often see that British statesmen have made pronouncements on certain issues. I often see that American statesmen have made pronouncements saying, "Thus far and no farther," or recommending this or that. But when did any such pronouncements come from Canada? When we want to find out what our foreign policy is, can we do so? Well, I am inclined to think the present government and the present Prime Minister have a greater power of evasion than power of pronouncement.

To get back to this dark secret about money, I said I often likened it to a huge poker game the rules of which are always against you so you cannot win. Under the present orthodox system of debt-creating money the rules are against you, and you cannot win. The rules

[Mr. Johnston.]

are against the people, and you will never come out on top until you change the rules. That is one thing the Minister of Finance refuses to do—see that the rules are changed. I believe Canada's total net debt to-day is approximately \$13 billion. Somebody has been losing in the poker game over the years. Sometimes I wonder at the people giving men power to deal the cards and handle the chips when every time they come back for more chips because they have lost. The Prime Minister bids for power to run the country. What does he actually say? Give me a chance, he says, to go to Ottawa again and play this poker game: if you give me one more chance I think I might be able to win. But he never wins; he comes back and wants more chips.

Mr. MACKENZIE: You had better raise the ante.

Mr. HANSELL: Instead of bringing us his winnings he brings us a sad story of having to sign a lot of I.O.U.'s to somebody else. Then at the next election he says: Well, give me one more chance; you see, I am getting more experience all the time, and perhaps I shall still be able to win.

Mr. MACKENZIE: You will never find a better man.

Mr. HANSELL: The Minister of Veterans Affairs says we shall never find a better man, but I want to know when we are going to start winning. Then, you know, a great man appeared upon the scene. His name was R. B. Bennett. He said to the people of Canada: If only you let me play that game, I think I can win—and he came out with a slogan which I remember reading. I was not so much interested in politics at the time, but the slogan stuck. He said, "It's time for a change."

Mr. MACKENZIE: The trouble is you put \$25 a month into the jackpot.

Mr. HANSELL: The trouble is the present government will not permit us to put \$25 into the jackpot.

Mr. JOHNSTON: They stole the ante and call it a family allowance.

Mr. HANSELL: So Right Hon. R. B. Bennett said, "Give me a chance. Of course you will have to give me some chips, too, but I think I can win." What did he do? He came back for more chips, but he brought the I.O.U.'s too. The I.O.U.'s were beginning to pile up; and they were I.O.U.'s somebody else held against us. So the people said, "No, Mr. Bennett. We guess we shall not be able to do it. We will try the other fellow again;