

Robert Fair (SC) Battle River advocated parity farm prices, a long-term agricultural programme, farm debt adjustment, exemption of farmers from income tax, removal of tariffs on farmers' needs, abolition of the Senate with old-age pension for those Senators who could qualify.

Expects
Post-War
Industrial
Movement

J. A. Gregory (L) Battleford pictured a new industrial expansion for Canada after the war with the transplanting of many bombed-out European industries to this country. Advocated a post-war immigration policy favouring hand-picked artisans and industrialists from Europe. Proposed an organized national planning for post-war development of Canada in four economic regions.

Wants to
Retain St.
John Train-
ing Centre

D. K. Hazen (C) St. John-Albert protested at length against the suggestion that the R.C.N.V.R. Training Station at St. John might be closed.

Mr. Macdonald assured him that the Station would be continued at St. John, if possible.

Suggests
Stabiliza-
tion is
Cloak for
Wage Freez-
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J. W. Noseworthy (CCF) York South thought the freezing of prices and wages had created injustices with adjustments only where labour was well enough organized to force them. The Government sought to avoid 'piercing the ceiling', but in his view, any policy that depended on keeping the incomes of millions below an acknowledged minimum standard of living was socially unsound.

He suspected that the threat of inflation was being used as a bogey to prevent wage adjustments; found it hard to believe that the Government's wage and price policy was designed exclusively for prevention of inflation.

J. J. Kinley (L) Queens-Lunenburg felt that the Budget Debate had produced little real criticism, except from those who desired to change the whole economic system. He argued that this was not the time for revolutionary change.

He hoped that the wartime expansion of naval and shipbuilding activity might lay the foundation for a new era in Canadian shipping.

Suggested finally that tax exemptions extended to the Armed Services should also be granted to merchant sailors and deep-sea fishermen.

Asks
Royal
Commission
on St. Law-
rence De-
fence

J. S. Roy (I) Gaspé thought the controversy over the St. Lawrence sinkings might be attributed to a discrepancy of the boundaries used to define St. Lawrence waters; stated that a total of 37 sinkings had been computed but it might include ships sunk beyond the Gulf. He protested, however, that St. Lawrence defences were not well-organized; described two off-shore engagements with submarines, witnessed by the local population.