

people. There is no doubt that that will be done, so that under the circumstances it seems to me the measure as proposed meets the situation up to the present time. There will be occasion, no doubt, to take it up, for another reason. If we begin taxation upon a heavy scale on incomes in this country, it is hardly within the bounds of probability that the Canadian Patriotic Fund can expect to receive the liberal contributions which have been made to it from private sources in the past, and therefore there may be occasion, on that account, for the Minister of Finance to take the matter up from that point of view, with the intention of making provision for a need which otherwise cannot be met. The hon. member for St. Antoine has, if I remember correctly, spoken of the possible necessity that this may have to be done in another year, and the splendid organization which has been built up by those responsible for the direction and management of the Canadian Patriotic Fund would insure the effective and useful expenditure of any moneys which might be devoted by the Government for that purpose. However, these are all matters which will have to be considered at some later stage. In the meantime, I venture to submit with a great deal of confidence that the measure proposed by the Minister of Finance is one which meets the situation for the present and will lend itself to such amendment as may be found necessary in the future.

Mr. PARDEE: May I ask the Prime Minister a question? As the member for St. Antoine, whom he has quoted, practically said that but a very small proportion of the Patriotic Fund came from the rich man, and the contributions came largely from the poor man, might it not be that this measure of taxation was still taking from the poor man more than he ought to pay, at the same time leaving the rich man practically immune?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I did not hear the hon. member for St. Antoine make the statement referred to, and I am not aware of the statistics. I would point out to the hon. member for West Lambton (Mr. Pardee) that this measure exempts unmarried persons in respect of an income of \$1,500 or less, and it exempts married persons in respect of an income of \$3,000 or less. Therefore it does not seem to me it would bear very heavily upon the class of persons he has in mind.

[Sir Robert Borden.]

Mr. PARDEE: Might I say that the Prime Minister's answer is not a reply to my question?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Then I did not understand the question.

Mr. PARDEE: The member for St. Antoine said that the rich man contributed about one-quarter of the Patriotic Fund, and the rest of the people contributed the balance. My question is this: Under the present Bill, if you take the incomes from \$6,000 up, which I think will be considered by any man in this House as a fair income, irrespective of what may be his circumstances, he may—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. gentleman is proceeding to make a speech.

Mr. PARDEE: I was just going to ask a question, your Honour. Is it not fair to suppose that under this Bill the poor man is still being mulcted, whilst the man with an income of over \$6,000 is being practically left alone?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The terms "rich" and "poor" are relative terms. I do not know what my hon. friend has in mind. I can only repeat that no married person will be "mulcted" under this Bill unless he has an income of more than \$3,000, and no unmarried person will be "mulcted" under this Bill unless he has an income of at least \$1,500. Therefore, it does not appear that the evils my hon. friend has in mind can possibly occur.

Mr. McKENZIE: The Prime Minister seems to call us severely to task on this side of the House for even suggesting that it was ever the intention of the Government to put an end to the War Profits Act at the end of this year. The Prime Minister was not in the House, I believe, on one of the days when it was discussed, but, if we can rely upon what the Minister of Finance says—and we ought to—he stated emphatically and clearly, in unmistakable English, that the War Profits Act terminated by virtue of its creation or length of existence on the last day of this year, and that it was not the intention of the Government to continue it. I will read the statement to the Prime Minister, and he will excuse us for thinking that the Minister of Finance meant what he said. Speaking in this House on the 25th day of July, as will be found at page 3915 of Hansard, the Minister of Finance said:

My hon. friend from Wright very properly asked as to whether those who are paying a