

The Budget—Mr. Hansell

was minister of northern affairs and dam sites. Hon. Mr. Ellis was minister of salt mines and technical surveys. Hon. Mr. McCullough was minister of socialization and confiscation, but there was one thing they would not allow him to socialize or confiscate, and that was the very pretentious farm he owns. Then there was Hon. Mr. Argue, minister of agriculture and bull raising.

That did not make up all their cabinet. They wondered where they could get a minister of citizenship, so they drafted Hon. Mr. Pickersgill and made him minister of citizenship, immigration and birth regulation. There was no minister of welfare because there was no welfare to administer. There was no minister of trade and commerce because they had planned and priced themselves out of the market and could not sell anything. One thing they have always said they would do when they got into office was abolish the Senate, but they did not do away with the Senate. I found that they had elevated Hon. Mr. Harold Winch as leader of the Senate.

Mr. Knowles: He would see that it was abolished.

Mr. Hansell: There was another thing I saw and then I shall be through, Mr. Speaker, because I know you must think I am wasting a lot of time. There was one man in their party they thought should be used for something lest they might lose him, as they have lost others in the past. Yet they did not want him in an official position where he could upset the appercart. So they decided to make Hon. Mr. Clarie Gillis speaker of the house, and Hon. Mr. Coldwell came to him and offered him that position. Mr. Gillis said, "Oh, M. J., just a minute, now; I don't know anything about the rules and regulations of this house. I have not studied those." Mr. Coldwell said, "Just a minute now, Clarie, my boy; you won't have to worry about that. You will have our friend Stan sitting beside you all the time, and he will be able to help you. A wink of the right eye will mean to decide Yes, and a wink of the left eye will mean that you are to decide No. The only reason we are putting you in this position is that we have looked around, and we believe you are the only one who can wear those robes with authority and that tricorne hat with any degree of dignity." And so Clarie was put there.

I know I should close on a serious note. I do say this, that it will always be a problem for this government to find a solution to the difficulties confronting the country. They will always have difficulty if they do not alter the basic principles of their financial policy so those principles reflect the physical

facts and physical possibilities. That can be done. We are not going into all the technical arguments on the subject, because we have done that on occasions over the years. But if this government does not alter its basic principles in finance, then the people of this country are going to arise and change the government.

I say once again that I believe the only party in this country that has a solution for that problem consists of those of us who believe in the financial reforms the Social Credit party has presented to the house for a good many years.

Mr. A. J. Brooks (Royal): Mr. Speaker, I am sure we all enjoyed the speech of the hon. member for Macleod, who has just taken his seat. I might say there was just one disappointment in his description of his nightmare and that was that, in my view, he did not complete it. To complete a nightmare such as he described, the Social Credit party would have to be Her Majesty's loyal opposition, with the hon. member for Macleod the leader of the opposition. I think that would just about complete the sort of nightmare or dream he had.

When the hon. member rose to speak this evening he apologized, and I almost feel I should follow his example, because I know a great many members are getting pretty tired of this debate. I would point out to them, however, that I have sat here a good many hours and listened to some tiresome speeches, and I think perhaps I am justified in speaking for a few moments this evening. Perhaps I should add that I do not intend to speak for any considerable length of time.

However, one subject was touched upon in the debate which appealed to me, as did many others. This one in particular, however, had to do with the recommendation made by the government in connection with the appointment of a royal commission. At page 2740 of *Hansard* the Minister of Finance said:

The government intends, therefore, to appoint a royal commission with instructions to look ahead and examine carefully our future economic prospects. The sort of study we have in mind would include probable developments both in our productive capacities and in our external markets.

Not only does that appeal to me, but I am sure it will appeal to the people in my province. I would say, before this commission is appointed, that I am sure when they visit New Brunswick, as no doubt they will, they will find there is one thing in particular we require, and one thing to which I hope this government will pay more attention. The commission will find that the great need in New Brunswick is the development of cheap hydroelectric power.