

Mr. Nielsen: Forgotten.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Prime Minister said last session, "Wait till the next session". Now we are here, and nothing is said about it. What has happened to those scholarships? They were wonderful vote getters. Those who voted have not had the experience which some of the rest of us have had regarding similar promises made by the Liberal party on other occasions.

Mr. Nielsen: They will put them all in the youth corps.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Where are the plans to bring about new developments in Canada? Where are the policies?

Well, Mr. Speaker, for several months there was an indication that the Minister of Finance, now that he is the supreme stumbler of the cabinet, would be bringing about a reduction in taxation. This was one of the goodies which many anticipated. There is not a suggestion of that in the speech from the throne. He may well say that that matter should be dealt with in the budget, but in the past hon. members opposite have not been that careful. If they had something like that to promise they would have put it in the speech.

What about action to remove the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials and production machinery? Only recently, in so far as the steel companies are concerned, it was stated by the vice president of the Steel Company of Canada that there were two reasons for the increase in steel price, and the first of these was the 11 per cent sales tax. What is the government going to do about that? What action is going to be taken? We have always had from the minister that nonchalant laugh that those who do not understand and have no appreciation of poverty and its effects give in reply to those who do. They ridicule the idea. Yet now it is generally admitted that the 11 per cent sales tax was a serious blunder, irrespective of the fact that it brought in a tremendous amount of taxation. What are hon. gentlemen opposite going to do about this matter?

Well, Mr. Speaker, they just sat down. I can just see that cabinet sitting down and looking around. "Have you got an idea?", the Prime Minister would say. Then someone would say yes. "Well, all right, put it in". And so they went around gathering together the greatest collection and plethora of generalities ever generated and included in a speech from the throne.

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I have the list here, extracted from one of the morning papers, the *Toronto Globe and Mail*. When you go through it, Mr. Speaker, you find there are three or four matters of legislation which are practical, and the rest is simply designed to fill up the speech from the throne to lead the people to believe that if this parliament does not pass all these things, the reason will be obstruction. I was particularly struck, Mr. Speaker, with the first paragraph; and I shall now deal with some of these matters paragraph by paragraph. The speech commences:

We recall with pleasure the presence...of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

All of us will join in that. The speech also reaffirms—

—in the hearts of Canadians the cherished place of the monarchy in our national development.

Why put that in? Would not the proper idea be to express that sentiment to two or three Liberal members in the house who are already on the rampage to remove the Queen? Would it not be better to make it available to the university young Liberals associations of Canada, who want to abolish the Queen in Canada; or to the young Liberals association, the national meeting of which undertook as part of their policy to have a republic set up? Or to the young Liberals association of Toronto, who also came out with a policy to abolish the monarchy? Here is the Prime Minister putting these words on the lips of the Governor General, reaffirming "in the hearts of Canadians the cherished place of the monarchy". The only Canadians who cherish the monarchy are those who do not belong to the group who would abolish the Queen, including the young Liberals association and the university young Liberals of Canada.

An hon. Member: Shame.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Hon. members opposite should cry shame at those who would abolish the Queen, and to the members who sit here and constantly advocate the abolition of Her Majesty the Queen. But as far as Her Majesty's loyal opposition are concerned, come what may we stand for the monarchy as a necessary element in the parliamentary life of this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The next item deals with the international situation:

The international situation gives ground for concern...The United Nations is beset by conflicting political pressures which have seriously impaired its capacity for executive action.