

The Address—Mr. Mandziuk

would have been obliged to reach the conclusion that if it had not been for the Liberal party there would be no pensions in Canada. According to him, the Liberals originated them; we dare not deprive them of that honour. Similarly there would be no family allowances and no unemployment insurance. In fact, Mr. Speaker, there would be nothing. That is the kind of performance to which the Canadian people are being treated. I should like to warn the opposition that the Canadian people are not only watching our party; they are watching the performance of the official opposition and of that little group in the corner. The Canadian people are intelligent. They read. They listen to the radio; they watch television. They are going to weigh the performance of the present government and its supporters against the performance of the opposition which consists of filibuster tactics and the spreading of doom and gloom, the dragging through the political mire of every measure we introduce, and then, in the words of the Prime Minister, voting for it, like lambs.

Hon. gentlemen opposite are fond of statistics. I hear that Mr. Grimm who wrote the fairy tales is to have a modern competitor who will write the book of our promises. But why not make a list of the measures introduced by this government to which the opposition had objected and which they voted against? I think the Canadian people would be anxious to have a list of these various measures which have been criticized. I think they would be anxious to have a list of all the measures that we have passed and that the opposition intends to repeal if given a mandate. Contrary to Liberal hopes, the Canadian people have long memories. They do not have to go too far back. I intend to comply with the request made by the Leader of the Opposition that we should look ahead, but I beg his indulgence if I look back a couple of years because, as I have indicated, the hon. gentleman and his friends are doing it every day, going further and further back into the past.

The Canadian people will not forget the do-nothing policy of the Liberal government which disregarded the warning given by their experts that a recession was imminent. That is in the record. Yet what does the country hear? "The Tories brought it along; Tory times are hard times; we left a full kitty, and look what they did". Yet all the time the advice which was given them by the economic experts was ignored.

Canadians will not forget that in 1957 the Liberal party said tax cuts were impossible.

[Mr. Mandziuk.]

Not more than \$6 could be given to the pensioners. Yet in 1958, within a year, the Liberals promised tax cuts of \$400 million in addition to \$178 million of taxes which this government had reduced. What a sudden transformation. The Canadian people will not forget the tax exemptions that the Liberal party promised to newly married couples. What has happened to that today? Why do we not hear anything about it? Furthermore, the Canadian people will not forget that the Liberals when in power, fought against adequate pensions. They followed a policy of too little and too late. Now, as an alternative, they advocate a nebulous policy of contributory pensions which is not supposed to cost anybody anything. Even the spokesmen of the Liberal party are not clear as to what this program proposes to do. I wish to apologize to the Leader of the Opposition for not having looked ahead. If anything, I have looked just back a few years.

According to a pamphlet I have here, the Liberals have the answer. Oh yes, the Leader of the Opposition logged some 28,000 miles in a journey over the length and breadth of this dominion of ours. He made two trips across Canada and back, but despite what this pamphlet says he did not have a single answer to give the Canadian people.

May I call it five o'clock?

Mr. Speaker: The hour for private business does not intervene.

Mr. Mandziuk: Then I shall continue.

After logging 28,000 miles, the Leader of the Opposition has told the country quite a lot. The smear campaign kept on going, and in October of last year the hon. gentleman made his key note speech in the constituency of Marquette in Manitoba during the first Liberal nominating convention. Marquette is a constituency which is strictly rural. It has good farms; it is dotted with small towns and villages. The largest of the towns has a population of around 2,500. As I say, it is an agricultural area and my people are interested to know what answers the Leader of the Opposition might have. They still have problems. We do not say we have solved them all.

I have two reports from the daily papers. The *Winnipeg Free Press* contains the headline "Trade is Keynote to Growth—Pearson". He used such phrases as "inefficient and desultory methods" in reference to the Conservative government and "the country has ceased to go ahead".

An hon. Member: Carried.

Mr. Mandziuk: Oh, do you know what the Liberals will do, Mr. Speaker? Again I quote from the newspaper report: