

(c) Veterans Charter:

No one can under-estimate the incalculable value to Canada and to Canadian veterans of the expenditures under the legislation of the Veterans Charter which now total more than one and one-half billion dollars in gratuities, re-establishment credits, training and rehabilitation, pensions, treatment services, and settlement under the Veterans' Land Act.

(d) Support for Farm and Fish Prices:

There are also many Liberal measures in recent years to increase the security of farmers and fisherman. For example, the Agricultural Products Marketing Act in 1939; the Prairie Farm Assistance Act in 1939; the Agricultural Prices Support Act in 1934; the Farm Credit provided under the Farm Improvement Loan Act; and the important provision made for the support of fish prices under the Fisheries Prices Support Board Act of 1945.

(e) Family Allowances.

Let us come now to the provision made to raise the income of Canadian families and to equalize opportunity for Canadian children. We are all familiar with the reception given in certain circles to the Family Allowances Act in 1944. This measure, called by a British statesman, "the finest single piece of social legislation in our time" was referred to in phrases such as "an outrageous bribe offered to the people of Quebec", "not worth the paper it is written on", "This iniquitous bill", "unsound and unworkable", by the then Premier of Ontario, Mr. Drew. At the same time the then Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party referred to this Act as a "political bribe" and a Tory M.P. called its implementation a "piece of callous cynicism".

In the end, it is true, after "the tumult and shouting" had died, the Tories dared not vote against this measure that this year will bring \$285,000,000 to more than 4,000,000 children in nearly 1,800,000 families. I am sure that the people of Canada were glad that the Tories did change their attitude. Certainly, we have not forgotten the pithy phrases used by Mr. Drew in 1944, such as the one I quoted: "this bill is an outrageous bribe offered to the people of Quebec". I am sure that the people of Quebec were amused this spring to see Tory money wasted on newspaper advertisements claiming that

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