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Other Criticisms Answered

My hon. friend criticised the dismissal of an official in the School Supply Department. I wonder if he like to meet and discuss the family history and the social standing and conditions of some of our employees that we had when we came into office? We had justification, and very great justification, in many cases for dismissing officials. If he wants to deal with the School Supply Department, I may tell him about the conditions we found when we went in there and took charge; that the invoices and records were destroyed in that department under the man whom we dismissed. We could go over to the shelves that were open to the street, the slush and trash that he had placed there for the edification of the children. I need not go further into the matter here. We made the change, and we did wisely and well.

A Fair Question

Would the Leader of the Opposition be satisfied if at the end of the year we took up our sinking funds, sold the bonds, took the money over to the bank to wipe out our over draft, and showed our financial condition to be a couple of hundred thousand dollars better than we have it now and put in O. U. for the amount that we depleted the funds? We don't intend to do it, because we don't believe in it; but if you pursue his argument to its logical conclusion that is just what we could do.

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Valuation of Farm Lands

It has been said that we tried to increase the taxes on farm lands. The Leader of the Opposition is always ready to draw that inference because the valuation in a few cases has been raised. It is a most unfair argument, for one has to take the other side of it. The valuation of farm lands today is the valuation that should remain for years to come, with all the agricultural advancements and improvements that have been going on and are still continuing. Have not the farm lands increased in value? And if in districts where the valuation has been found too low and was changed last year, is it a fair argument to say that the Government is increasing thereby the taxes on land? But the people know the record of the Government just as well as the Leader of the Opposition, and we have no doubt upon that point that they will judge properly and correctly.

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Attention of this Government is now being dealt with. I need not have taken up the time of this House at such length; it should not have been necessary. So much of these matters have been dealt with before that it must be wearisome indeed to have the same thing repeated year after year. So many of them are so abjectly plain that they have been settled by the people themselves, and there should be no need of going over them again. But so long as the Leader of the Opposition comes into the House and takes up those matters, we will answer them. He may sit on his ground and often as he wants to; he may take them from any angle he wishes, but he always gets the same answer every time.

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