

# UNANIMOUS SUPPORT GRANTED ALLOWANCES BILL IN COMMONS

**Graydon Votes Yes  
Amid Great Applause;  
Final Tally 139-0**

Ottawa, July 29.—(CP)—Political affiliations were temporarily laid aside in the Commons yesterday while all parties joined to give their support to the Government's family allowances bill.

### Unanimous Support

The unanimous support was given when the Government, in an attempt to find out if there was any one who would oppose the measure, forced a vote on second reading of the bill, which will provide a cash grant to every family in respect of every child in Canada under the age of 16.

The House was tense with expectancy as the vote was being taken but the tenseness snapped when Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House leader, stood and voted for the bill.

"And that goes for John Bracken, too," said Mr. Graydon, amid applause from all sides. Some had expected his party to split their votes on the issue because some of its members had criticized the bill while others supported it.

When 139 voted for the bill and none opposed it, Prime Minister Mackenzie King smiled as seldom before in this session.

In a lengthy speech winding up the debate, he portrayed the enactment of the legislation as the culmination of a campaign for social reform begun by himself as a young man. He put forward the allowances as the foundation of a new social order for post-war Canada.

Speaking at times as a social reformer and at others as a political leader, he

### Before War Over

1. Served notice that a general election will be held before the end of the war, if the war does not end soon.

2. Lashed out at Government critics who sought to stir up prejudice as between the rest of Canada and the Province of Quebec.

3. Rapped men who, in the midst of war when men were needed, left posts in the public service to organize political parties.

4. Criticized men who travel about the country "seeking to destroy a Government that has been sent here to carry on the prosecution of the war."

At the evening sitting, the House devoted its time to disposing of a bill providing for several amendments in the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

To-day, the members will begin debate on another post-war measure—a bill to set a floor under farm prices.

Mr. King described the allowances bill as a measure for the establishment of social justice, justice as between those who have and who have not, between families with children and families without children, between children in poor families and children in better-off families.

The bill provides for the payment of allowances ranging from \$5 for children up to six years old to \$8 for children between 13 and 16. The rate of the allowance would be reduced for the fifth and subsequent children in a family of more than four.

The wage system took no account of families. One-third of the children of the nation received no benefit from the exemptions allowed on income tax and one-third only partial benefit. The families of the nation were performing a national service in rearing children.

John Blackmore, Social Credit House leader, speaking after the bill received second reading, said he was thrilled to see members who had ridiculed the \$25-a-month national dividend proposal of the late Premier Aberhart of Alberta voting for the allowances bill.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said that with such unanimity on the bill he could not understand why the Government had not introduced such legislation sooner.

Mr. King said it would not have been possible to obtain such an endorsement before.

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