

The Government has organized an excellent marketing system: It has brought an unparalleled stability to all major primary industries; and it has replaced with feelings of joy and security the fear and worry that was present in many hearts. The major task ahead of the Government is to extend the security of the primary producer while at the same time determining the steps necessary to bring a like security to our manufacturers and to their employees.

And now, Mr. Chairman and honourable members, my task for this evening is almost at an end. The Government has reached an important stage in its policy of raising the average level of well-being of the whole community and of providing an adequate measure of social security against the avoidable misfortunes which have in the past been experienced in many homes. Much has been done, as I have attempted to explain, but more still remains to be done. The Government looks forward to being able to complete its policy of bringing happiness and prosperity to all and, as stated in concluding the 1936 Budget, takes inspiration from the words of a great religious leader:—

“Hard indeed is the task set before you and well we know that from this side and that, from the higher social classes and from the lower, very many difficulties and obstacles will present themselves for you to overcome, but do not for all that lose heart nor allow yourselves to be turned from your resolutions.”