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"PARLIAMENT AND THE PEOPLE"

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight it is our sad duty to record the death of William Aberhart, premier of the province of Alberta and national leader of our fight for economic freedom.

We had already prepared tonight's broadcast before Mr. Aberhart's death. In deciding to give the broadcast as prepared we felt sure that he would have wished us to carry on as usual, and we know that we can best honour his memory by re-doubling our efforts to bring to success the Cause for which he laboured with such unselfish devotion. We shall therefore defer until a later date a more adequate account of his activities on behalf of the people.

At this time we shall content ourselves with repeating the words of Mr. John Blackmore, leader of the Social Credit group in Parliament:

① "In the passing of William Aberhart, a great man has gone--a great man with a great message. He was an ardent Britisher, a tireless advocate of the principles of true British democracy.

"Of the leading statesmen of his time, some spoke of freedom from want and fear; some promised it. He alone pointed the way by which, without loss of individual liberty, such freedom from want and fear can be attained.

"He lighted a light that men must not allow to be put out."

William Aberhart

Fundy Fisherman

Death loves a shining mark, and on Sunday last, his arrow pierced the heart of one of Canada's most colorful figures, in the person of Premier Aberhart of Alberta, who passed on at Vancouver B.C. after a brief illness.

Premier Aberhart was a wholehearted and sincere man, with advanced ideas as to how to improve the lot of his fellow citizens.

If he erred in his methods he was not wholly wrong, for his motives were unselfish and his vision of brighter destiny for this Canada he loved so dearly, led him to attempt great things for his people and to dare to break new ground.

Perhaps it may some day be said that his was the noble error of being ahead of his time. He said what he believed and believed what he said, and in his adopted province of Alberta there will be wide spread sorrow at the passing of this truly great friend of man.

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