

Man from Mars Broadcast Script 13 – likely Tuesday Jan. 8th – 1935

Clifford Willmott as the Man from Mars

(Aberhart begins) Ladies and gentlemen,

Six months is a very short space of time. We are given to understand that the Provincial Election will take place in June, (probably before.) This is January, February, March, April, May, June – how soon these months will fly along, and then what?

We would therefore suggest to you that we have already entered a critical period in the history of this Province. The problem that must be settled one way or the other, is now on your doorstep. Must our bonafide, respectable, honorable, willing citizens starve, remain under-clothed, or lack shelter in a province such as Alberta, the second wealthiest province per capita in the Dominion of Canada?

It seems to me ridiculous for us to admit that with wealth recorded as \$2,406,000,000 we cannot provide for our own citizens. If we cannot do it for ourselves, who do we expect will do it for us? We are compelled to do it. In 1931, one of the leanest years, when the bottom had fallen out of Credit, we were able to produce 10 per cent on our wealth. This could easily be made 20 per cent by the use of our modern machinery and modern up-to-date processes..

Twenty per cent of our wealth would mean an income of \$481,200,000. This is enough to give every man, woman and child in this province \$25 a month, and still have \$270,000,000 over to distribute to those enterprising enough to want to pay income tax. And with all this, our wealth would be but slightly impaired in volume. We would simply be using the natural increase.

I would like to say to the objectors who claim this is impossible, please explain if you can, why the Government allows or favors all this sabotage, or suggests quotas. I mean all this willful destruction of goods and goods and services? Why dump the fish into the ocean, the fruit into the lakes, the coffee into the sea? Why burn the

wheat and flour or allow the clothes to become shop-worn or moth-eaten? Why not let the people have them?

No sane or reasonable person can uphold such inhuman, unprofitable actions! So I repeat that we are face to face with our problem. It is right on our doorstep. The time for our decision has arrived. When a problem camps in your way in such a fashion, you cannot say, "I am not prepared to deal with it...I have been too busy to give it much thought."

One of the first stages in our procedure is to ascertain our strength. Are we able to do what we believe the proper thing to do?

Our strength to solve our present problems lies in the unanimity of public opinion that has been secured. We have plodded on for nearly three years now, to get our citizens to consider intelligently the economic situation. The Social Credit Remedy has been presented in argument, in illustration, in demonstration. We have bravely faced the prejudiced or biased protagonist. Now the time has arrived when the people should reveal their definite support or rejection

We are therefore calling for a straw vote. This is the way the ballot reads.

1. Have you a vote in the next Provincial election?

We appreciate the support of many of our friends, but unless they are Canadian citizens who have lived in Alberta for twelve months, they cannot assist us at the polls except by getting others to vote for Social Credit.

Young people whose fathers were naturalized, will have no trouble in getting in the Polls when they become 21, without even having to pay \$5. Those whose parents are not naturalized, when they become of age 21, will have to make application and pay \$5 just as others.

The second question on the ballot is:

2. Do you desire to have Social Credit introduced into Alberta?

This is a general question not requiring you to decide in what manner this introduction can be accomplished.

The third question is more specific:

3. Will you vote 1 (ie. Preferential ballot system) for a 110% Social Credit Candidate?

This question gives the voter the privilege of stating how far he is prepared to go. If he will support those definitely pledged to introduce Social Credit, he should leave 1 after the word vote, and mark a cross under Yes. If he intends to vote 1 for his party, but will give 2 to Social Credit, he should change the 1 to 2 after the word vote, and mark a cross under Yes. In the cities, the voter should show for how many candidates he is favorable.

Well the first move is in progress. Let everyone be sure to cast a straw vote. Remember if in any constituency there are not sufficient voters to warrant a candidate, this will be your last chance to indicate your wish. We shall not put a Social Credit candidate in the field. We want all votes in by the last of January. If you do not have someone call on you before that time, write to the Alberta Social Credit League, 516 - 8th Ave. West, Calgary, for a ballot.

Animal Noises in background

Aberhart: What have you in the crate?

C.B. Dunn: (for Can't Be Done)

Oh, a few chickens, a couple of turkeys, and a dandy big gobbler. - Do you want to get one?

Aberhart: No, I think not.

Dunn: **Imitates chicken or gobbler**

Aberhart: But look, Mr. Dunn, I'm sorry but you can't have those birds in the Studio.

You had better put them outside.

Dunn: All right sir.

Imitates dog being stepped on. Get out fido!

Aberhart: Glad you came in again, Mr. Dunn. I wanted to see you.

Dunn: Well, I'll tell yer, it took 4 dozen eggs, two turkeys and three chickens to

pay for my trip to town today. If this present system keeps up, we will not be able to raise enough things to get away from the farm.

No, sir, I'm telling yer something has to be done

Aberhart: You see this broadcast is dedicated to the Farmers and Farm women who contributed to our Social Tea and Sale some two or three weeks ago. It was the finest spirit and the finest Tea we have seen in Calgary. All afternoon the Institute building was packed to the doors. Talk of success. It was a real humdinger.

(Manning not present at this broadcast, new secretary called George.)

Aberhart: George, you read the names off for me, please

George reads off names and ends

"Here's a special note at the bottom.

Aberhart: Yes, I want you to read that

George: We are especially grateful for Christmas Trees donated and loaned by Allan Stewart next door to the Institute, and for flowers for decorations, given by W.J. Steele, Campbell Floral, Stanley Henderson, W. Whitburn, and James Morris.

Aberhart: Yes, and this broadcast is dedicated to all those who have generously helped to make this function such a huge success. To attempt to mention all the Calgary members of Groups and Business Firms who stood behind the whole effort, would take too long to read individually. We thank you...

Aberhart reads contributions to broadcast...

Dunn: Say, boy, I'm thinking you'll never keep up this broadcast if that is all the contributions you are going to get. Will ya now?

Aberhart: Now, Mr. Dunn, you are right, but the people must surely know that evident fact. I have heard that some have almost collected \$30 to pay for one broadcast. We are hoping this will soon come in.

George: Mr. Manning told me to tell you that the Hanna Businessmen and Workers are taking the next broadcast.

Aberhart: Good for Hanna!

Mr. Dunn, you had better listen to this.

On Monday next, January 14th at 7:45 o'clock sharp, a special entertainment and reception is being held at the Bible Institute, 516 - 8th Ave. West, to welcome the U.F.A. Delegates and their wives and friends to Calgary. The central section of the lower floor of the auditorium will be reserved for the Delegates until 6 o'clock.

The SCors and friends in Calgary will be admitted to the Gallery and side sections. We are hoping to be able to broadcast the whole program. The Man from Mars will be present, and Mr. C.B. Dunn will also say a few words . Special music will be provided by the Calgary Social Credit orchestra and others.

Dunn: Now looka here, Mr. Aberhart, you shouldn't have said that about me. I can't make a speech.

Aberhart: C.B., you're not going to let us down are you? Promise me you'll be there.

Then they listen in to an interview between the Man from Mars, Manning, and a lawyer, Mr. Conn.

They discuss unemployment -

Manning explains how machinery has caused unemployment.

Manning: You see, all the great advances in machinery have left manual workers with far less jobs.

Lawyer Conn (complaining): The people have lost confidence. They are hoarding their money. If we could encourage them to spend, the depression would cease in 24 hours.

Man from Mars: Why that viewpoint is so similar to what one of your Financiers would say.

Mars: What I'm anxious to know is where the rights of the Dominion Government ends and the rights of the Provincial Government begins?

Conn: I see you want to know something about Provincial autonomy, is that it?

Mars: Exactly so, Mr. Conn. What is the name of that act which defines this?

Manning: The British North America Act , Mr. Mars

Conn: Yes,, clauses 91 to 95 of the B.N.A. Act deal with the autonomy of the Provinces.

Mars: Thank you, Mr. Conn, now could you explain to me just how far provincial autonomy goes?

Conn: In general, Provincial autonomy is a constitutional fact.

Just a minute, I came across a case in the Ontario law reports the other day. Here it is,, Ontario law reports, 1908 page 279. Florence vs. Cobalt. Justice Reddell, in delivering judgment said – The Provincial Legislature within it’s jurisdiction can do everything that is not naturally impossible and is restrained by no rule, human or divine.

Manning: That is a fairly strong statement is it not?

Conn: It is well established by cases before the Privy Council in quite recent years that the provinces have a definite jurisdiction over property and civil rights. I remember reading a statement by the same Justice Reddell something to this effect,

That our provincial legislatures have the undoubted power to take private property, for public use, or for any use whatever, public or private and without an compensation.

Manning: I heard a prominent lawyer say not long ago that the Dominion Government could not enact such legislation as President Roosevelt’s National Industrial Recovery Act.

Conn: That’s right. Section 91, clause 2, gives the Dominion Government the power to regulate Trade and Commerce but not the Trades. Generally speaking, the Dominion Parliament may not legislate upon wages, hours, of labor, working conditions, employment agreements, etc., except in connection with projects under it’s own jurisdiction. The general authority rests in the Provincial Legislature.

Mars: Ah, I am beginning to comprehend. I was reading the Calgary Evening Paper last night and it said, ‘Some years ago, in the case of Snider vs. the Toronto

Electric Commissioners, the Privy Council held that, by reason of its operation being local, the Dominion Government could not compel arbitration in a particular labor dispute.

Conn: Of course, Mr. Mars, you understand that Alberta has been given full control of her natural resources.

Mars: Now, sir, I find a very interesting feature here that you call money. It seems to be a very scarce article. It is this scarcity, The Orthodox Economist told me, that cause the lack of purchasing power. Tell me, which government has control of this money?

Conn: That is very clearly defined by the Act. The Dominion Power has exclusive power to make laws governing banking, coinage, also legal tender. That is, it is the sole arbiter of what shall be the nature, function and operation of banking, credit and the money system of Canada. All this is declared in the Bank Act which is to be renewed this year.

Mars: The Financier mentioned a strange and peculiar thing that we never have in our land. He called it interest. Under whose jurisdiction does interest come?

Conn: The Dominion Parliament has exclusive power to make laws governing interest, bills of exchange and Promissory notes. These latter powers are outlined in the Bill of Exchange Act.

Manning: It is rather strange when you think of this, and realize that the prices of goods and services have been lowered so greatly by the depression, that some action has not been taken to reduce interest rates by the Dominion Government with such powers....

Dunn: Looka here, Mr. Aberhart, that lawyer showed them fellows mightily clearly that our provincial might clearly that our province can introduce Social Credit if we wish it, didn't he now?

Aberhart: Yes, sir...

Aberhart talks to Mars on phone:

Aberhart: Mars, we have a reception next Monday at the Bible Institute for the U.F.A and we would like to confirm your attendance. ...Mr. C.B. Dunn is going to

Speak.

Dunn: Now hold on – I'm not going to..

Aberhart: Keep still, C.B. Don't let him hear you – Yes, he will be on the platform too. We're going to have an orchestra and some good music. You'll be there?

What's that? Yes, come dressed just like you do on Mars. – What – Broadcast?

Yes, we'll be broadcasting next Tuesday at 9 o'clock. I hope we can broadcast

Monday night too. We want all our Radio Friends to hear it. I? did you say. Yes Mr.

Manning will be in the chair, and of course, I shall want to say a few words.

Thank you. I'm sure they will all be glad that you have promised to come with your Martian clothes on.