

Social Credit Man from Mars

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Aberhart: To what constituency does Big Valley belong?

Manning: To Stettler

Aberhart: How many votes were cast in that constituency at the last election?

Manning: 3842

Aberhart: Now, tell me how many straw votes have be asked for in this district?

Manning: We have mailed out 2340 and have had requests for 1473 more.

That makes a total of 3813.

Aberhart: What have you to say about this?

Manning: Evidently the SCors of this constituency are on their job and there will likely be a 90% straw vote from the Stettler constituency.

Aberhart: What was the report you had from Red Deer?

Manning: North Red Deer went 98% for Social Credit.

Aberhart: That's very splendid indeed. The Executive Council for Red Deer constituency are to be congratulated. I hope the whole constituency goes that way. They tell me that our good friend C.B. Dunn was at the UFA Convention.

Manning: Yes, he was, and you should have heard him talk after the meeting they had on Social Credit.

Aberhart: What was the matter? Did he not like the decisions?

Manning: I should say he did not.

Aberhart: Someone was telling me the Man from Mars dressed in civilian clothes and mingled with the delegates at the Convention.

Manning: Yes, and I was told that he is more perplexed than ever.

Aberhart: I do not wonder at that. I was informed that the whole purpose of the leaders of the Convention was to create as much confusion as possible.

Aberhart: They tell me that one of the Officials said the “Social Credit was no use whatever.” Another said, “We are all favorable to some form of Social Credit.” Another said he favored Social Credit for the Dominion, but not for the one Province. And then they all agreed (get that word), agreed to invite Major Douglas to draw up a plan of financial reform and to advise the Government to what extent his proposals are practical within the Provincial jurisdiction.

Aberhart: Can you tell me which way the leadership of the UFA is going? And if they do not know where they are going, where can we expect them to land.

Manning: I do not believe the rank and file of the farmers are as hopelessly confused as all that.

Aberhart: I’m glad to hear you say that. But what makes you think the farmers are not confused over this matter?

Manning: I talked with many of them and they are determined to have Social Credit.

Aberhart: But Manning, you could not consider the evidence of even 20 men sufficient to form a definite conclusion. I believe that the Straw Vote is the only method.

Say Mr. Dunn, I understand that you were at the UFA Convention.

Dunn: Yes, I’ll say I was, and say, I was never so disgusted!

Aberhart: Why, what was the matter?

Dunn: Well, do you know what they did? It makes me mad whenever I think of it. They decided to go to the Federal Government for Social Credit, through the CCF. [\(Canadian Commonwealth Federation - Socialist Party in Canada\)](#)

Aberhart: That’s not good business. If we have to wait until Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, Ontario, and Quebec all become Social Credit minded – until they are able to elect to elect a majority in the Confederation. Ho, we may just as well reckon on 10 to 15 years waiting. How about that mortgage of yours C.B?

Dunn: Yes sir, that’s what I told them. It’s tomfoolery, that’s all it is. We can’t wait for 10 or 15 years for a Just Price for our produce. And every farmer knows it. I told them they had turned down everything! What do you think of it Mr. Aberhart?

Aberhart: Now Mr. Dunn, I am satisfied whatever way it goes. However, I'm afraid the UFA has lost its support. The Farmers will now back the 100% Social Credit Candidate.

Manning: Did you hear the speakers on Thursday night Mr. Dunn?

Dunn: Oh, I was down there alright, but I was so disappointed I couldn't listen - Looka here, you fellows, what is to be done?

Manning: The speaker said that once the CCF gets into power in the Federal Government it will exercise the same rights as were exercised in 1917 during the Great War. In 1917 the Federal Government conscripted the liberty of our manhood to put down the war. The Government decided to pay \$1.10 a day and after the war they would decide if they would pay anymore.

Manning: He therefore believed that when the CCF went into power they would be justified in confiscating the wealth and industries of the country to put down all poverty. The prices to be paid would be decided by the Government.

Dunn: Oh, was that what they clapped about so much? I didn't get it all.

Aberhart: That sounds quite autocratic to me. I would hope that the slaves of our present financial system would think twice before they applauded another form of enslavement.

All over this land, people have protested that conscription for war purposes shall never again be allowed. If one is bad, surely the other which is compared to it must be equally unfair. Personally, I'm against conscription or confiscation of any sort. Let those who wish to lose their individual freedom and enterprise applaud to their heart's content.

Dunn: And think of it! Having to wait 10 or 15 years afere there will be any change. Holy Mackerell! We can't wait.

Manning: Are they sure, Mr. Dunn, that they can bring about a Federal change in 15 years. What happened in British Columbia. After a valiant fight only a very small representation was secured. What happened in Saskatchewan? Not a single CCF

member was secured. They boast of Alberta's progress and attribute it to the UFA members in the Dominion. Ho!

Dunn: They know better than that. They know that we all heard about Social Credit from you fellows. Why looka here, I'd never have heard of it if you fellows hadn't come to Stavely.

Aberhart: But Mr. Dunn, what if Ontario or Quebec, even after awakening, suggest as Major Douglas intimated would be done, that Canada is too small a unit to isolate itself from the rest of the world, and that the proper method is to attempt to arouse the whole British Empire? It might mean succession for Canada if she attempted Social Credit alone.

Dunn: Ho ho! That would mean 25 years! I tell yer, they are starting us on the way to the Bush and I'm against it. What are you aiming to do for us Mr. Aberhart?

Aberhart: I'm going to do nothing more until the Straw Vote comes in and I get the opinion of the people.

I wonder if the people out in Radioland are applauding as we picture the future rosy scene of the good times coming. Look out your window at those broad fields upon which you have slaved for years and consider what you have to show for it. Oh, I forgot, your windows are all frosted up and it is dark outside. The snow is piled high. It is bitterly cold. The Cry of hungry children can be heard on every side. The distress of women and men can be seen in the midst of plenty.

But we can't do anything. The people must starve. We dare not even attempt to remedy the abominable prices. A Just Price! They wouldn't allow it.

Isn't that the Man from Mars coming?

Manning: Yes, that is he! See he has a paper and some notes. He is trying to understand.

Man from Mars: Money is credit and all credit is money. Money must have a basis of goods and services. The Just Price for your goods which this man Aberhart proposes is not the same as Douglas suggests. Aberhart is a nice fellow, sincere

and all that, but more or less of a nut.

Douglas is a clever man. We shall ask him to make a plan, give us suggestions for Financial reform. But we have clever men. They must reserve the right to reject his proposals. ...

Oh, good evening gentlemen.

I was just reading the notes I had taken at this big Convention downtown. – This is splendid weather you have down here. Makes me think of Mars! Grand old land!

There it gets so cold it freezes the expression right on your face.