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SHOULD HANG HEADS IN SHAME SAYS McLACHLAN OF GRIT POLITICS

"This is the scurviest political trick ever played in the Dominion of Canada, and one that should make every liberal hang his head in shame," declared Glen L. MacLachlan, M.L.A. for Coronation, when he rose to support Dr. Robinson's amendment to the Liberal motion on drouth conditions. Liberals charged that the Alberta minister of Agriculture had failed to contact Hon. J. E. Gardiner, Federal minister, during his overnight visit on election business in Edmonton.

Earlier in the week, Mr. MacLachlan has supported a liberal move to have the rules suspended in order to deal with what Mr. Gray termed "a matter of public importance." The motion was defeated. Reason for this became evident at the Tuesday sitting, when Hon. Mr. Mullen proved that the matter of agricultural relief in the dry areas had been effectively handled before the Gray motion was framed. The whole was laid bare as a political trick to discredit the Alberta government.

Mystery

Prolonged argument centred on the "failure" of Gardiner to receive a letter addressed to him asking for an interview which was delivered at the Macdonald Hotel personally by Mr. Mullen's deputy. In addition, Mr. Mullen claimed, he had endeavored to contact Gardiner by telephone several times, and each time was told Mr. Gardiner could not be seen.

Liberals produced a voluminous telegram from Mayor of Hanna, who is proprietor of the Capitol theatre there, which condemned, on the part of Hanna Board of Trade, the "failure" of the Alberta minister to relieve feed shortages.

In addition, Mr. Shaker asserted that he had arranged an interview with the federal minister, and that Mr. Mullen refused to take advantage of it.

Mr. Mullen denied this. "I told them I preferred to arrange my own interviews," he stated. "And I invited Mr. Shaker and his friends to come along, and to bring with them anyone else they knew to be interested." He was supported in this assertion by Hon. Dr. Cross, formerly of Hanna, who said that other witnesses were present at the meeting. "When Mr. Shaker says we refused to interview Gardiner he is telling a deliberate lie," said Dr. Cross.

Mystery of the missing letter was cleared up when a telegram was read from Gardiner saying it had been received by mail, having been forwarded from the Macdonald hotel.

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New Amendments Planned For The Summary Convictions Act

Amendments to the Summary Convictions Act are projected in a bill which Premier Aberhart introduced this week. It is provided that a prisoner who has been confined to jail in default of paying costs and fine and then raises money to pay all or part of the amount must pay all costs instead of a proportion, in accordance with the unserved part of his jail sentence.

At present, the fines and costs of the case are lumped for consideration when a

prisoner decides to pay instead of remaining in jail. Thus the fine and the costs are paid for the time not served.

Under the amendment, all costs, including those of taking the prisoner to jail, must be paid off before release of the money paid in excess of these costs is to be considered as a pro rata payment of fine, the prisoner being released when the amount of time spent in jail, in proportion to the amount of the fine paid, is reached.

SOCIAL LEGISLATION ENGAGES ALBERTA HOUSE DURING WEEK

Patterson S.C. Official Agent

Guy Patterson, Edmonton barrister, has been appointed Official Agent for Orvis A. Kennedy, Social Credit candidate in the Edmonton East byelection.

Mr. Patterson is an ex-alderman of the city of Edmonton, and is well known in political and legal circles as the champion of the rights of the people. Mr. Patterson was also one of the nominees as S. C. standard bearer, and his acceptance as Mr. Kennedy's Official Agent is an indication of the unity that exists in the ranks of the Social Credit supporters.

Baker Campaign Manager

Floyd M. Baker, M.L.A. Clover Bar, will assist Mr. Patterson as Mr. Kennedy's campaign manager. With these two able people directing the Social Credit forces in the byelection, Mr. Kennedy is bound to make a strong bid for success.

No Funds Spent On Social Dynamics

No government funds are being spent to finance the course of twelve lectures on Social Dynamics, now being sponsored by the Social Credit Commission, Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer, told Dr. Walter Morrish, liberal.

Dr. Morrish had asked in the House for information regarding the number and names of civil servants employed as teachers in the school and how much had been collected in fees, together with the names and addresses of all students. He also asked what expenditures in addition to salaries were being made by the Provincial Government.

Mr. Low declared, "No government funds are being spent on the School of Dynamics. Hence, it is not a matter which concerns members of this House. It would not be in the public interest to supply the information asked for."

Consider Bills Designed to Ease Lot of Farmers and Stockmen, Industrial Workers, Debtors and Invalids

Social legislation figured largely in Alberta House deliberations during the week. With the amended and consolidated Workmen's Compensation Act now through committee of the whole, the way was paved for other important legislation designed to improve the living and working conditions of Alberta citizens. The Compensation Bill, while ready for third reading, will be kept in committee for some weeks to allow interested parties to make further recommendations.

Chairman Fred Anderson announced that the special committee which worked out the amendments to the bill over several months will meet at 10:00 a.m. Monday next in order to receive expected representations from reorganized labor bodies. Copies of the bill, with copies of the special committee's report, will be available to all interested parties, he added.

POLIO

As forecast by Hon. N. E. Tanner at the Calgary convention of the Alberta Social Credit League in January, Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross introduced his bill to provide free treatment, hospitalization and vocational training for all persons in the province stricken by poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, as it is generally known. This important step in the direction of state medicine has been hailed by all factions as a timely and courageous one, in view of the increasing number of those maimed and rendered helpless by the disease. Already government has assumed care of all tubercular cases in the province, and the inclusion of polio cases as a state responsibility has received wide acclaim.

Explaining the purpose of the bill, Dr. Cross stated that government would provide free treatment and after care for victims of the disease, including those now in hospital and those who should be in hospital. In addition, training in suitable occupations would be provided, so that the victims might be placed in a self supporting position. About 80 persons within the province will be affected at this time, Dr. Cross revealed. (Continued on Page 3)

Lethbridge Creditors Rap Herald Of That Ilk On Campaign Rot

Condemnation of the tactics employed by the Lethbridge Herald is expressed in a letter forwarded to that sheet by the Lethbridge Social Credit League constituency executive. The local democrats point out that a recent editorial appearing in the paper "was very misleading." Dealing with expenses in the byelection held to fill the vacancy caused by Hans Wight's resignation, the Herald attempted to show that Alberta taxpayers footed the bill for the Social Credit campaign.

"Had you not brought up the subject," says secretary

Leon John Palate, "we might possibly have let sleeping dogs lie. But since your editorials for months have had a tendency to distort the facts it might be advisable at least to take exception to some of your points."

"For instance, your articles have always raved about the taxpayer's money. For your information I would like to advise that all expenses in connection with speakers here in the byelection campaign were taken care of by public spirited citizens who put up these speakers and government

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GOOD HEALTH IN ALBERTA

A Radio Address by
Hon. Dr. Cross

Announcer spoke of the tremendous support for Alberta's progressive health policy, both in preventive and curative medicine, and gave a word of thanks to the sponsor, a friend from London, England. Mr. Aberhart began the discussion:

Aberhart: Yes, sir, and I too want to add my word of thanks for bringing this special address to the hearing of our people. You have done a real service for them which I am sure they will greatly appreciate.

I believe that good health is one of the greatest blessing of life. Without it we grovel along miserably, too often wishing we had never been born.

It is surely evident then that any discussion on the problem of good health should at once command the attention of every person old enough to realize its value.

We have reached, in our progress down the centuries, the age when the general good health of our people has become the interest and the business of the Government. Your present Government is vitally and whole-heartedly interested in this great problem, and no one more than the present Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. W. W. Cross.

From the very moment of taking office in September, 1935, Dr. Cross has given much attention to the problem of securing good health for all our citizens.

During his term of office, in spite of the financial handicaps that faced him, he took definite steps toward the final goal of state health, or state medicine. We may hear of these at another time.

His enthusiasm and splendid leadership along this line have secured the live interest of many of the Ministers who have accompanied him tonight to hear what he has to say.

I am satisfied that Dr. Cross is well qualified to speak on this subject owing to his careful training, his long experience, and his sympathetic interest in this everyday problem.

I shall not detain you any longer, but turn the microphone over to Dr. Cross.

Cross: Ladies and Gentlemen: It is true I have a definite interest in the great problem of the general good health of the people and the growing need for some form of State Medicine.

Someone has said, "Give me health and a day and I shall make the pomp of kings look ridiculous." He meant—give him health and a little time to enjoy it, and he would be better off by far than with all the luxury of a king without health.

We all know the value of good health and none more than those who lack it.

I am persuaded that it is the business of the State to see to it that this most valuable asset is made possible to our people.

Fallow: But, doctor, is good health possible for most people? Is it not the exceptional one that can hope for continued health?

Cross: I admit, Mr. Fallow, that under the present financial system, good health for most people has not been possible. I maintain, however, that good health is possible for the vast majority, if they desire it and are afforded the basic means of obtaining it. A great many people fail to have good health because they do not know the way and means that lead to it, and they are prevented from obtaining it by financial difficulties. I am persuaded that the prevention of sickness is quite as important as the remedy. But this, in its completion, requires a change in the present monetary system, before any great number of our people can take advantage of what medical science has to offer.

Maynard: Well, if there was nothing else at stake than the opportunity for our people to have good health, the fight we are putting up to change the monetary system would be well worth while.

Aberhart: Yes, Mr. Maynard, and I am sure that the people everywhere would support it. Think of what it would mean for the children.

Cross: The statistics regarding the physical condition of the children and adults of this Province have been

widely published, but your allusion, Mr. Aberhart, to what it would mean to the children, recalled to my mind the fact that physical examinations of the school children of this Province have shown that over 50 per cent often as high as 75 per cent of the children in local districts suffer from conditions of the teeth requiring dental attention. The effect of this condition on the child's health is surely evident. Then, too, approximately 20 per cent of the children have enlarged or diseased tonsils, which, we know, affect not only their health but their progress in school. Ten per cent of them have defective vision; five per cent have poor hearing; and others are afflicted with ailments, often more serious, that should have immediate medical attention.

Aberhart: And all of this could be greatly improved and much of it entirely eliminated by a proper system of health prevention and cure! It seems ridiculous that this condition is permitted to go on merely because the present financial system will not allow the remedy.

Maynard: How about the health of the adults of the province?

Cross: This is a longer story, Mr. Maynard. Sickness and death have shadowed the pathway of man all down the ages. In spite of the remarkable achievements of medical science in the prevention of disease and in the reduction of the death rate, we still face the fact of a vast amount of unnecessary sickness and thousands of unnecessary deaths occurring year in and year out.

Fallow: You mean by unnecessary sicknesses and unnecessary deaths that they might have been avoided or prevented if taken in time?

Cross: Yes, that is what I mean, Mr. Fallow. In Canada, with a death rate which compares favorably with that of other so-called enlightened countries, we find many thousand preventable deaths recorded—not fewer than 25,000 yearly.

In Alberta, where we have the second lowest death rate in the Dominion, it is quite conservative to say that we lose by death from preventable diseases not fewer than 1,200 persons a year.

Aberhart: Dr. Cross, these statistics are astounding. 1,200 persons a year could be saved by a little special precaution and skilled care?

Cross: Yes, Mr. Premier, but that is not all. We know that the infantile mortality rate of Alberta will bear comparison with the rates of other Provinces, but it is claimed that our present infantile death rate could be reduced by at least one third if we were making full application of the methods of prevention which science has given us. There were 940 deaths of infants under one year of age in Alberta in 1936. On the basis claimed, that would mean that 300 of these deaths were preventable.

Maynard: All sacrificed to the phantom of an outworn money system which will not allow the remedy!

Cross: You are exactly right! And further, the death rates for such ailments as cancer, diseases of the heart and arteries, diabetes, etc., are on the increase, due principally to the strain and financial worries under which people are compelled to live. It has been estimated by many authorities that more than half of these disabling and distressing sicknesses could be prevented if taken in time.

The Health League of Canada has published statistics to show that a portion of the entire population of Canada is continually suffering sickness. The average duration of each illness is seven days. Of this number, 60 per cent are adults, fairly evenly divided between men and women.

The statistics show that this amount of illness means a loss of 16,200,000 working days for men and 4,800,000 days, of which it is estimated that at least 50 per cent is preventable. The Health League of Canada has pointed out in one of its bulletins that the resultant cost must be reckoned not only in terms of loss of pay to employees, but in terms of lessened output, disorganization of industry, and other economic disturbances.

Fallow: That is the financier's way of looking at it! That does not take into consideration the pain, the misery, the resultant crime and the sense of frustration that falls upon the people, and gives the Government a problem to handle of very grave magnitude.

Aberhart: Yes, Mr. Fallow, and the problem is made more difficult by the Money Barons who, with countless costless money, gang up many lawyers, journalists, and politicians against every effort of the Government to solve it.

Cross: But, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is not all by any means.

In the field of mental hygiene, the need for more adequate service, such as will make possible the earlier recognition and treatment of mental cases, is very pressing.

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LABOR LEGISLATION

True to its reputation as the most progressive government in Canada today, the Social Credit administration will place more labor legislation on the statutes. Introduced by Hon. E. C. Manning, Minister of Trade and Industry, a bill to amend the Industrial Standards Act will provide for closer inspection of industries for violations of minimum wage agreements. Queried by N. B. James, as to enforcement of existing labor legislation, the minister replied that shortage of inspection staff caused difficulty. "We have at present five men and two women inspectors and we should have fifteen. However, it is a matter of getting the money to pay the staff we should have," he said. "Arrangements are being made to have the co-operation of the Liquor Control Board," he continued. "Liquor Board inspectors will act for us while inspecting hotels in the ordinary course of their duties."

The minister revealed that he is havng prepared a booklet containing the gist of all labor legislation. This booklet will be placed in the hands of eevry policeman in the province. "In case of violation of labor agreements or legislation, the officer will be able to recognise it and deal with it," he said.

Regarding the Industrial Standards legislation, Mr. Manning said "I do not think you will find among labor bodies a more popular piece of legislation within the province."

AGRICULTURE

Welfare of the agricultural and livestock industry is at bottom of the new measures introduced by Hon. D. B. Mullen, Minister of Agriculture. In an amendment to the stock Inspection Act, the minister proposes to reduce the number of stock inspections on cattle entering the stockyards. At present three inspections are necessary. Mr. Mullen would eliminate one of them and thus cut down on fees.

"The bill does not reduce government inspection of cattle," he explained. "It eliminates one inspection in three which farmers are now obliged to pay for. This, we feel, is unnecessary."

Stock will be inspected at point of shipment and again at its destination, the minister stated. The stockyards inspection will be discontinued. "The bill further provides that persons shipping stock out of the province may obtain the necessary permit from the local brand inspector instead of having to apply to the department in Edmonton."

A move to take possession of overages in certain elevators was made by Mr. Mullen in his Overages Bill. The purpose of the bill, he stated, was to enable government to assume ownership of grain overages. "Proceeds of these overages will become the property of the government instead of reverting to private companies. These proceeds will go to a fund devoted to the betterment of agriculture."

Diversion of monies now going to packing plants by "deductions of \$1 per head on cattle with horns" into a fund for the betterment of agriculture is also projected by Mr. Mullen.

EQUITABLE TAXATION

Introduced by Hon. Lucien Maynard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Wild Land Taxation Act and an Act to Impose a Tax upon Minerals are expected to shift the burden of land taxation to shoulders best able to bear it.

"How much revenue do you expect to raise by this taxation?" Mr. Duggan wanted to know. "That depends on the amount of land coming under the act," replied Mr. Maynard. He stated that it would be impossible to estimate the revenue for some time to come.

The Minerals bill provides for the imposition of a tax on minerals "others than minerals held under lease or license from the Crown in the right of the Dominion or the Province," at a rate of three cents an acre on the surface area of any parcel of land containing the same, payable by the person who has the right to search for, win and get the minerals. Certain exemptions are noted.

Surrender of any minerals by the owner to the province brings exemption from taxation in respect of such minerals.

Huge tracts of land held by powerful corporations
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SI PERKINS ADDRESSES AN OPEN LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ABOUT G. F. POWELL

Your Grachus Majesty

My old paw used ter say the name fer British FAIR PLAY wuz spread over th' seven seas and five Contynents, an we folks in Alberta is hopin' it ain't agoin ter be wiped out.

When Bonar Law—th' Canadian wuz made Prime Minister o' Great Britain nobuddy sed, "Git rid o' th' high paid Canadian immigrant,"—the Britishers wuz glad to do him honor fer helpin th' Empire. Same with Nancy Astor, th' Yankee born member o' parlyment fer England. Same with Disraeli th' Jew. Same with Lord Reading th' Jew who wuz viceroy of India.

If they hez th' goods John Bull sez "Good luck an' God bless ye."

But in this country sum folks is gittin in th' way o' th' will o' th' People.

Th' People of Alberta is gettin' ter know th' power o' Social Credit, an WE INVITED Mister Powell ter cum an help us bring it about. We hed our guvment fer a speshul purpose, an when Mister Powell did cum we thanked him frum th' bottom of our hearts fer takin' on a job thet didn't look easy.

I wuz glad ter see him in particklar, coz fer sum yars I lived with thousands of English emmigrants at Lloydminster, who hed cum with ox teams an' wagons hundreds o' miles west o' th' railways across the prairies.

It is with deep sorrer, your Grachus Majesty, I hev ter report that many men who shud a knowed better showed exceedingly bad manners which will be a hard thing fer em ter live down,—if yer know whut I mean.

My old paw, who wuz better book-larned than I am uster say that way back in 1603 James th' Fust sed he wuz ordained ter searve th' weal o' th' PEOPLE. BUT THE MAN WE INVITED TO HELP US GIT SECURITY AN' FREEDOM has been put in jail, an those critters who has usurped th' will o' th' people is a-workin by hood or by crook ter hev him leave Canada before his work is done.

We kinder figger that th' Power o' Money hez cum between you an' your people like a slimy snake, an its gittin high time you stepped on it with your Royal boot.

Do whut ye ken your Majesty, coz with your help we wanten git Mister Powell an' th' People of Alberta free, an ter put th' Big Shots whar they belong.

Your Grachus Majesty,

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AND ANOTHER TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING ABOUT JOE UNWIN

Joe Unwin is in prison.

Joe is a good fighter fer th' underdog. He wuz a-hopin' ter help th' coal miners in pertickler,—coz he knowed that sum of 'em live in old board shacks not wuth th' price of a dog-kennel.

Joe knows that millyuns of dollars goes out o' the country every yar frum th' coal mines ter men who live in plenty while your faithful people live in poverty.

It aint long your Majesty when we wuz a-listenin' ter th' Coronashun Ceremoany, whar you wuz anointed under the blessing o' th' Great King. Maw cried a bit at th' time, an said you wuz a good man an' th' father o' your country,—which is quite a big family fer a young man.—We kinder hope you is Joe's father too.

In this yar province we voted in a Socal Credit guvment, wich wuz ter kerry out whut your Alberta people asked fer. We figgered thet wuz Democracy. But at evry turn we is stopped by men wich cums between your Grachus Majesty, an' us fellers thet do th' work.

I'm a-askin' you your Majesty ter look kindly on Joe Unwin who hez worked hard fer us agin them thet is BLOCKIN' th' WILL of YOUR PEOPLE.

You wuz ordained th' same as a priest, an' though I aint in th' habit o' confessin' I confess ter you that Joe Unwin who is in jal, is aimin' ter brng in a better day fer th' poor people in your Majesty's Common-wealth,—WHAR WEALTH SHUD BE MORE COMMON.

Sum fellers is livin' in big houses and livin' high, while pore folks n Alberta is short o' grub an' a decent home. Joe Unwin wud give th' shirt offen his back to a pore feller whut is up agin it, but whle th' other fellers

Sponsor Broadcasts Until June Next

Sponsorship of northern midweek broadcasts is assured until June, stated Premier Aberhart Sunday, in complimenting Northern Albertans on their splendid backing.

Tonight Hon. N. E. Tanner will speak on "The Backing of Our Credit." His sponsors are the Lindbrook and New Norway Social Credit groups, to whom many thanks are tendered by the league.

feast amid famine JOE UNWIN'S IN JAIL.

Th' big shots say th' King kaint do nuthin, but known' WHO YOU REPRESENT, we know diffrent, an I'm a-askin ye kindly ter take a few minits ter figger on th' case of OUR FIGHTING FRIEND JOE UNWIN.

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will come under the minerals and wild land tax provisions, it is stated.

Doubling of surtax and unearned increment tax is projected by Premier William Aberhart in bills introduced by him.

TAX SALES

Aiming "to stop banks and mortgage companies from doing through tax sales what they cannot do in other ways," Hon. Lucien Maynard introduced amendments to the Tax Recovery Act which should prove a boon to debt-ridden farmers in municipal districts. Under provisions of the amendments, no tax sales will be final, and no title will be transferred, without the written consent of the minister. "I am against the assumption of more power," said Mr. Maynard, "but in this case it must be assumed to protect our people."

While it is the fixed policy of the government never to evict farmers through tax sales, the minister said that in certain municipal districts where the local authority is not up to the general high standard of humanity, farmers have been driven from their homes. "Banks and mortgage companies have found a loophole in the municipal tax sales. As a result, they have been able to do through these sales what they cannot do in other ways. That is going to be stopped."

The act provides that "every parcel offered for sale by public auction by any municipality except a city, shall be offered upon the express condition that no sale effected thereat shall have any force or effect unless and until the same has been approved in writing by the minister."

Greater opportunities for redemption of lands by former owners will be created by the act, Mr. Maynard stated.

CREDIT UNIONS

An act respecting savings and credit unions, introduced by Hon. E. C. Manning, paves the way for inauguration of baby banks in Alberta. Following recommendations by interested parties in various parts of the province, the act was drawn up and introduced. Credit Unions, first brought to America in 1900, have grown in numbers until now about 4000 are in operation. In Nova Scotia and in Quebec these cooperative savings and loan societies have become a major community enterprise.

"Credit Unions are cooperative societies dealing in money and credit instead of goods," Mr. Manning explained to Mr. Duggan, who asked for information regarding them.

While no provincial guarantees will be forthcoming, it is pointed out that all credit unions operate under the paternal guidance of the Credit Union National Association, in Madison, Wis. An insurance plan in which all member unions participate effectively disposes of all danger of loss," it is said.

Objects of the credit union movement are to promote thrift, industry and education among members, with study of credit and its manipulation.

"Members are shareholders, depositors and borrowers," it was stated. "Shares may be purchased in very small installments, and there is usually no limit to the number any member may purchase."

Grist for Groupers

by Spotlight

RAFFLES rapped by synod, says a headline. Appears someone suggested to churchmen raffles and chance games as means for raising means. Before the wrath of the Calgary clergy, however, the plan went bingo.

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STRANGE, the demise of the peep-bulls and the disunited kanaka bush-leagues should pass unnoticed in the un-buyased press. MacFarlane steps into their shoes—and can you imagine a million-aire fighting for shoes for you?

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SHOULD say not. In Mac's case, imagine it goes against the grain. And he's bound to support the uppers. With the help of a heel or two.

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CREDIT UNIONS will be a welcome change after those finance-inspired creditors unions.

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BUT it is certain the financier will have his knife in the baby banks.

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OLD ADAM entered the Gray-Shaker-Mullen controversy in the House, report hath it. Serpent too, it is whispered. After this, the Gardiner must feel like Eden.

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ALBERTA leads again. Back in Ontario they contemplate mining for heat. Out west we find plenty of it on the surface. And in the air, thanks to banks.

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TORIES Prepare Pick Candidate, states one of Canada's grating newspapers. For the Edmonton East byelection, of course. Crediters are preparing a working man too. Only he represents working folk.

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HORROR stories are unpopular, a trade magazine reveals. Noticed that the Edmonton Chamber of Horrors has lit out like a blue streak, and Dr. Shekel and Mr. Dyde is going on the shelf.

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GOOD HEALTH IN ALBERTA

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A large percentage of such cases, unless recognized early and properly treated, will eventually break down and subsequently find their way into our mental institutions.

One of the outstanding authorities in the field of mental hygiene has made the statement that 4 per cent of the children now in school will eventually become problems for the home, the community, and the state, unless discovered in their early years. In mental hygiene, early detection and proper treatment are of the most vital importance, particularly among children both of pre-school and school age.

Aberhart: Doctor, you are once again dealing with conditions relative to the educational progress of our children. It burns me up to think that this most necessary work cannot be done because of lack of money, through the power of the money monopolists. Have we not sufficient medical skill and equipment?

Cross: The Report of the Committee on the cost of medical care in the United States, which was based upon a five-year study of the problem, brought to light the fact that the men and women in the medical profession are prepared and equipped to render valuable service in both the prevention and treatment of sickness to a far greater number of people and to a much higher degree of benefit to them than now prevails.

I hold that every individual born into the world has a right to enjoy life and health, so far as governments and science can make it possible. An equal opportunity for health is the right of all citizens of a community or Province, regardless of their financial position. Statistics reveal to us today that one-third of all the people in the Province of Alberta are ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-clothed, and ill-cared for in sickness. We find not over 40 per cent able to pay for the attention they require, and the numbers are increasing.

May I say in conclusion that no matter what form of Health Insurance may be worked out to meet the needs of our people, it is essential that consideration be given to the need of a full time preventive health service in all rural districts and smaller urban centres. Already we have the Red Deer Unit and the Foothills Unit in this Province and they have demonstrated that by grouping rural municipalities with the included towns and villages to form a health unit, manned with a full time thoroughly qualified public health staff, we may have a modern scientific preventive health service available in these districts to all the people.

This could be made to provide also close coordination between preventive and treatment services.

At another time, I may be able to outline for you the steps we have taken and propose to take to help our people to good health in the face of the difficulties caused by the present money system.

In the meantime, I wish you all GOOD NIGHT!

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ONE HUNDRED BABY BANKS

By KEVIN PADRAIG

One hundred baby banks in Alberta are envisioned by those cooperative souls who preach the gospel of the Credit Union. Now that a bill which provides for the setting up of Credit Unions within the Province has been introduced by Hon. E. C. Manning, cooperators are at work forming the nuclei of Alberta's first baby banks.

Great things are predicted for the Credit Union in Alberta. Great things have been accomplished elsewhere, it is pointed out. In Quebec and in Nova Scotia, in 43 of the 48 American States, the Credit Union has become a powerful force for uplift in community life. From extremely humble beginnings, many of these Credit Unions have become wealthy organizations. Their shareholders are working folk who combine the virtues of thrift, industry and study with the blessings of security and freedom from usury.

Baby Banks

Credit Unions are aptly named baby banks. Composed of at least ten members, each of whom is a shareholder, the Credit Union is actually a cooperative society. Shares are usually bought on the instalment plan at a maximum cost of \$5.00. Shareholders may make deposits and issue cheques against them as in ordinary procedure. It is understood that the Alberta plan places no limit on the number of shares any member may purchase. Interest on loans may not exceed one per cent per month. Loans are made only to members, and only members make deposits. Loans are made only for provident or productive purposes, and members are encouraged at all times to develop habits of industry and thrift. In this way, personal credit is built up, and is kept in the community for the use of those who created it.

Main objects of the credit union are three:

1. To encourage thrift among the members by a weekly savings plan.
2. To encourage study among the members—especially in the field of credit and community endeavor.
3. To issue credit to members based on the funds built up by industry and thrift on their part.

Levis Caisse Populaire

America's first Credit Union was founded at Levis, Quebec, in 1900. Alphonse Desjardins, the founder, had studied similar organizations in Italy for some years previous to this. Moved by the improvidence and hopeless attitude of the poorer workers in Quebec, M. Desjardins worked out details of a plan best fitted for Canadian conditions. For several months he persuaded poor workers to put aside nickles and dimes, and when the Levis Credit Union (Caisse Populaire) was eventually founded, the total subscribed capital amounted to \$26.40. Today the Levis Credit Union has assets valued at \$1,500,000. In the Province of Quebec there are now 300 credit unions.

From Quebec the idea spread to the United States, where it quickly caught on. It returned to Nova Scotia in the depression years, when Rev. Fr. J. J. Thompkins, shocked at the plight of his parishioners in Little Dover, determined to teach them to work out their own economic salvation. Here in Little Dover the shore fishermen had sunk to the last stages of poverty and idleness. It was not the fault of the shore fishermen. Deep sea boats, released by the armistice from their wartime work, had driven the shoremen from their markets. Now the men were listless and were rapidly deteriorating.

Little Dover

Fr. Thompkins persuaded the men of Little Dover to work for themselves—to spend part of their days repairing the decrepit streets of their village, and part of their evenings in study. There was no money and no credit, but the man of God believed that if the fishermen would pool their idle hours for the improvement of themselves and their community, money and credit would be forthcoming.

This was no easy task. Yet, within a few months the streets were in good condition and a sawmill was providing lumber from adjacent forests. With this lumber the men of Little Dover built new homes and a cooperative cannery. Money—and credit began to appear. The Credit Union idea saved a community.

Today there are 117 Credit Unions in Nova Scotia.

Earl Gray Supports

Earl Gray, Governor General of Canada from 1904 until 1911, was an enthusiastic supporter of the Credit Union.

On March 26, 1907, he gave evidence before The Special Committee of the House of Commons in support

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LETHBRIDGE CREDITORS RAP HERALD

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officials in private residences to get away from hotel expenses.

"Further, since you mention the fact that the premier no doubt drew his salary during that time, it would make no difference whether he were here or in Timbuctoo his salary would no doubt be due just the same. As far as the salaries of any of the M.L.A.'s including opposition leaders, are concerned, it makes no difference to the taxpayers' burden.

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"And I have been further informed of certain individuals who made a special effort... knowing that these parties were already engaged to support the Social Credit party.

"These amounts are not shown in the Abstract. However it all boils down to one thing, the political hodge-podge which your paper dishes up in its editorial is neither enlightening nor refreshing. We will leave this matter to the people of this constituency who are well aware of the tactics which have been used in the past to breakdown the confidence of the people.

Perhaps the Lethbridge Herald will now prepare an editorial similar to the one dealt with dealing with the advent of Gardiner and MacKenzie to Edmonton East. We are sure such a public spirited sheet will not fall down THIS time. Think of the taxpayers!

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Nickles and Dimes Are Power Behind Candidate For Democracy

No slush funds, levies or contractors' contributions will assist Orvis Kennedy in his campaign to win the East Edmonton byelection for Social Credit. While other parties are not worrying about where the money comes from, the democrats of Edmonton are once again relying on their nickles and dimes, backed by their determination not to be hoodwinked by finance in the guise of party politics.

Interviewed Tuesday, Mr. Kennedy expressed appreciation to all who have volunteered to help him in his great fight. "I cannot find words to express my feelings," he said. "I think I am right in saying that I am a real PEOPLE'S candidate, in that I represent the best interests of the common people, and not the hidden interests who manipulate the political party men once they are safe in a seat.

Bourcier Resolution Held Up Pending Reply from Ottawa

Second resolution relating to the Powell and Unwin conviction, to be introduced by A. V. Bourcier in the legislature, is held up, pending a reply to the first resolution passed by the House, urging remission of sentences.

Mr. Bourcier, in his second resolution, would have the House ask for an immediate favourable reply to the first. Mr. Speaker Dawson informed the House that a communication had been received from Ottawa, reading as follows:

"I have, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution passed by the Alberta legislature on 11th inst. regarding G. F. Powell and J. H. Unwin and telegraphed to you on the same date, to the Right Hon. E. Lapointe, minister of justice. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant."

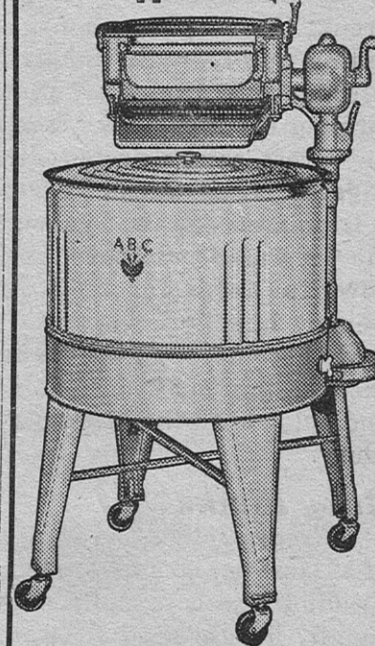
On that being read, Mr. Bourcier stated that he would not press the second resolution for a little while.

Organization Of Enlarged School Unit Praised

Advantages of the enlarged school unit are detailed in the article (page 8) by the secretary-treasurer of Lac Ste. Anne School Division No. II. Coming as it does from the heart of one of the new school units, readers will do well to read this article thoroughly, and to use it in group discussion.

A number of citizens, anxious to have the younger generation receive the best that Alberta can afford, are convinced that the enlarged unit provides the key to the difficulty under the present financial setup; others, just as progressive, do not understand the plan well enough to endorse it to the limit. To both classes we commend this instructive and informative article.

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THE WEEK IN OTTAWA

by
RENE PELLETIER, M.P.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION

Tuesday of this week, saw the stormiest Session I have ever seen in this House, since the beginning of this Parliament. The House was in a turmoil, and bitter words were hurled across the floor by various Party Leaders. It all started, when your humble correspondent moved an Amendment to a motion that the House go into committee of supply. The Amendment called for a complete investigation of charges of political graft and corruption referred to by the Leader of the Opposition during the debate on the Speech from the Throne. After stating the reasons why this should be done, the Prime Minister replied that there were no definite charges upon which he could base an investigation; the Leader of the Opposition skilfully attempted to prove that he had made no definite charges, but I well remember his words to the effect, that: "I KNOW of levies being made in connection with the Canadian National Railways' Contracts."

Beauharnois

Many times during the debate, the Beauharnois scandal was resurrected, and more than once the famous episode of the valley of humiliation was vividly brought back to life. But after having listened to all that was said, I fail to see why this Parliament should permit one of its leading Members to make allegations, and to state that he knows of corruption in connection with Government Contracts, and to let him get away with it. The very best reply that could have been made to my Amendment, was to appoint a committee, and either make the Leader of the Opposition prove his charges, or make him admit that they were groundless; in my opinion, things of this nature tend to undermine the political life of our country. Even, if one is not an idealist, it can readily be agreed that the very fact that corruption is known to exist, will produce in the public mind, disrespect for the institutions of our country.

The words that are said in the House of Commons are carried across the country, and reach the homes of all the people in Canada and, after all, if we allow such shadows to cloud the House of Commons, great then, will be the wonderment of our people, and not a few of them will slowly, but with deep and mute conviction, begin to wonder at the pureness of our institutions, and to ask themselves if we, in this present parliament, will lose the traditions of those who came before us, in a cloud of personal fear, and thus darken their last glimmer of faith in our political life. The best way to clear things up, is to get a select committee of the House, busy on this question.

COAL

Your correspondent was very much interested in finding out that last year 150,000 tons of coal were imported from Russia. Just try and imagine the amount of coal that this means: It means that a train-load of coal, made up of 5,000 cars, and stretching all the way from Grande Prairie to Hythe, would be necessary to haul this coal. No less than 50 railway engines and 300 employees would be required to handle this train, and we, in the Province of Alberta, with 17 per cent of the total coal reserves of the world, just waiting for a market.

Strains and Stresses

No matter what else we might think about, I have often felt that in the face of such things, it is no wonder that Confederation is sometimes subject to strains and stresses. This is one product which we possess in vast quantities; it is one product which other Provinces in Canada could very well obtain from the Province of Alberta.

Why is it impossible, under our present system, to live like brothers as we are supposed to do under Confederation, and help each other out. This one item is only what has been brought in from Russia, a country many thousands of miles further away from Eastern Canada than is the Province of Alberta. Add this to the hundreds of thousands of tons of coal imported from other sources, and then, ask yourself why Canadian coal miners are jobless, why railway employees are on the spareboard, and so on.

ARMAMENTS

The Debate concerning the Bill to ban Japanese migration to Canada, has brought back to my mind once more, the dangerous question of Armaments. During the course of the Debate on this Bill, the Prime Minister stated that nothing could raise the indignation of oriental people more than an exclusion act. On this question, I am rather inclined to agree with the Prime Minister, but I believe that eventually China and Japan must be placed on an immigration parity.

It is true that we, in Alberta, have not yet been troubled very much by this problem; but talking with some of the Members from British Columbia, it seems that it is indeed a problem there. Owing to world's conditions at the present time, I do not think it wise that such a problem should be discussed just now; Japan being engaged in a war, would undoubtedly consider an act of exclusion in a very unfriendly light.

Japan and Hitler

I have never been of the opinion that Canada is in danger either now, and as far as I can see in the future, of being attacked by any nation. But the action of Japan, the speeches of Hitler demanding access to war material, should, in my mind awaken Canadians to the fact, that we have an immensely wealthy country, which is bound to be looked upon with envious eyes.

I do not believe in war, I do not believe in a policy of aggression. This world abounds with goods. I believe rather that it would be more human and indeed much more intelligent to exchange the things that we have a surplus of, for the things that other nations have a surplus of.

Until that happy day has arrived, I am inclined to think, that Canadians will have to adopt Woodrow Wilson's famous policy of watchful waiting, and be alert to the turmoil going on in this world at the present time.

DIDSBURY

Didsbury situated 50 miles north of Calgary on the C.P. R. is a thriving town of 800 people. It got its name from a town similarly called in England. First inhabited over 40 years ago, it has con-

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Lac Ste. Anne School Division No. 11

Whenever the subject of reform has become a live issue in our economic, political or cultural life, it has inevitably followed that at least two opposing camps have set themselves in battle array.

In the one camp we have those whose desire to hold what the old order has given them, and in the other we have those who have looked longingly, hopelessly, and often bitterly at the cherished possessions of the enemy, waiting for a reform leader to show the way out of the impasse.

One of the bright features of nearly all reform movements is the production of a few altruistic souls who have been willing to hold the torch aloft, guiding others to a brighter life, while through patient endurance and sacrifice, they themselves sink into obscurity.

The idea of larger units of administration for educational purposes is not a new one.

It is by no means new in the Province of Alberta, and in other parts of the world it has been in practice for many years, quite long enough for every weakness to be tested and removed and an institutional structure built up which bids fair to be an enduring one.

Live Issue

The large school unit is at present a very live issue in this province. Listening to the varied expressions of opinion, from the public platform, from the man in the street, and from the floor of conventions, there appears to be three main impulses which control the reactions of the individual. The big dollar sign stands out very prominent. The question is so frequently asked: "Will my taxes go up or down?" The relinquishment of local authority is a phase of the large unit plan which appears to hit many individuals below the belt.

Happily, however, there

are those who are able to lift their eyes to behold the larger vision. Those who see scattered through our fair province, communities which either through geographical location, impoverished soil, or unkindly elements, have been forced to see their families grow to manhood and womanhood with the barest rudiments of elementary knowledge on which to build a career, and in many cases reduced to what information could be imparted to the children in the home. Moreover, where it has been possible to operate our rural schools the facilities have been so limited, that many a brilliant scholar has been cut off at the eighth grade, just when the foundation of education had been laid, and denied the building of a superstructure which might have influenced the life of our Province, our Dominion, indeed of the world world.

Let us follow the establishment of a large unit, and for the sake of vivid illustration we will take the School Division of Lac Ste. Anne. Carved in somewhat irregular fashion out of the bush country north-west of Edmonton we have a rough rectangle some ninety miles long and forty-five miles wide at the widest point. Meetings were held at various points, and the scheme explained to more or less interested audiences. Delegates were appointed from each local district to elect Directors, whose duty it would be to supervise about fourteen schools each, representing a subdivision. Petitions were circulated for a plebiscite on the establishment, but plebiscites have rarely been of value to the introduction of reform movements, and the Government went ahead with the establishment of the Division. A temporary superintendent was appointed. The directors met and elected their chairman and appointed a secretary-treasurer. Offices were located at Sangudo, the most central point in the area. The turnover was accomplished with the minimum of friction, and the Division settled down to business.

Large Measure of Freedom

Apart from the brief provisions of the School Act, the Board was given a large measure of freedom in its operation, and the Divisional office was left to develop a system of administration which would meet the varied needs of the Schools in the Division. The Board, with the invaluable aid of the Superintendent, sought to hold the confidence of the local trustees, and more than once has been called upon to arbitrate in a neighborhood quarrel with satisfactory results.

(To be continued)

STRATHMORE

Incorporated as a town in July, 1911, Strathmore got its name from a district similarly named in Scotland. It has a population of 600, and is situated on the main line of the C.P.R., 30 miles east of Calgary. It is a C.P.R. town, and headquarters of the C. P.R. Irrigation System, which covers 220,200 acres of irrigation land. The Strathmore supply farm, also run by the

C.P.R., has a herd of over 600 Holsteins which supply milk for the railroad diners. Quite a few sheep are raised here. It is a rich soil and wheat and mixed farming are the principal pursuits of the people. There are three churches, Roman Catholic, Anglican and United, also an elementary and high school, two elevators, a volunteer fire brigade, and fire truck, two hotels and a number of fine stores.

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of a Credit Union Bill. It is interesting to note that his bill, although unanimously recommended by The Special Committee and unanimously passed by the Commons, was killed by THE SENATE on July 15, 1908.

Regarding this, The Instructor writes: "Every attempt that has been made to put a Credit Union on the Federal statutes has been killed by the Senate.

"The private money interests have always found it easier to get what they want at Ottawa than at the seat of any provincial government. They can always depend on the Senate to kill any legislation they failed to despatch on its way through the House of Commons. For this reason the Canadian people prefer to place their reliance on the single elected chamber of the Provincial governments than in the double-barrelled government at Ottawa. The money interests are doing all they can to transfer authority from the provincial governments to the federal government and the people are determined that such a transfer in jurisdiction shall not take place. That is the Big Issue at bottom of the effort of the money interests to have amended the B.N.A. Act."

At the time the Credit Union bill was killed by the Senate, a number of cooperative baby banks were ready to begin operations in Canada. One of these was the Ottawa Civil Service Credit Union. In spite of the Senatorial veto, the civil servants went ahead with their plans, and in fact, never received any charter until 1928, when they were granted one by the Ontario government.

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