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Production Tax Designed To Relieve Alberta Farm Lands

Respectable Central Banks Dislike Government Policies Which Differ Says Bank of 'Canada' Spokesman

Attitude of central banks toward their governments was made clear in Ottawa last week, when J. A. C. Osborne, deputy governor of the Bank of "Canada" addressed a junior board of trade meeting.

No respectable central bank would accept a policy from its government with which it differed fundamentally, he told the rising generation.

"In every country the most important decisions on monetary policy rest with government in the ultimate resource," he stated, "whether the central bank is in form independent or not."

But he qualified this typically ambiguous banker's utterance by adding, "The policy of the government IS THE POLICY OF THE CENTRAL BANK, and no respectable central bank would accept a policy from its government with which it differed fundamentally."

Further light on the attitude of the Financial Institutions toward government of money and credit by THE PEOPLE was thrown later in Mr. Osborne's address. He said and we ask you to read: "The view is that a government should appoint a good governor and then take his advice."

WHAT POLICY?

This, of course, is exactly what the Mackenzie King government is doing today. Dominion treatment of Alberta's legislation to curb the evils of banking is proof (Continued on page 8)

WORLD LEADER



Premier William Aberhart who, among democratic peoples, is counted a world leader of progressive thought and action. The British Empire has taken heart, as hundreds of messages indicate.

DEBT CANCELLATION DEBATED IN HOUSE

Debating amendments to the Debt Adjustment Act, the House on Wednesday approved in principle the cancellation of all private debts after July 1, 1940, unless the debtor and creditor reach a new agreement in the interval.

Cancellation would apply to debts incurred before July 1, 1936, said Hon. Lucien Maynard, who sponsored the Bill. He said "the principle of outlawing debts had been operating in the British Empire for centuries."

SESSION ENDS WITH MAJOR ENACTMENTS DESIGNED TO RELIEVE WEALTH PRODUCERS

1938 session of the Alberta legislature was remarkable for the very definite steps taken by the government for the relief of debtors in the province, and social legislation generally.

Perhaps the most important Bill brought down was the Production Tax Act, regarding which more information will be found in this issue.

The session opened in dramatic circumstances, with J. H. Unwin, Member for Edson, being jailed the first day. At this week's sittings an amendment to the indemnity law was passed by which Mr. Unwin will receive his full indemnity, including the time he spent in jail in the cause of democracy.

WILD LANDS AND MINERALS

With a view to distributing the burden of taxation now carried by food producers and real wealth producers of the province, the Wild Lands tax was brought into being, and the Minerals Tax established.

These two measures will affect primarily those holders of huge land tracts for the purpose of selling them at Calgary and the C. P. R. have protest has yet been registered by the farmers within the (Continued on page 8)

\$6,000 A Year For Each Family Is Possible, Says S.C. Board

Capital assets of the province of Alberta, if exploited at the rate of one-half of one per cent per annum, would increase the standard of living for Albertans eight times and would assure an average family of four persons an income of \$6,000 a year, declared the Social Credit Board in their report tabled in the House Wednesday.

"Deliberate opposition of the banks and financial institutions supported by the federal government" is all that stands in the way of dividends and drastic reduction in taxation, the report continues.

"The abundant resources of power at the disposal of the province in its natural assets of coal, oil and water power render it ideal for industrial development. Besides, in the main, the majority of the population is in want of the very products which could be supplied from the limited development that

has taken place at the present time," the report continued.

Recapitulation of Board activities since its founding was a feature of the report, which will be reprinted in full in this paper.

Agricultural Land Relief Tax

HILDE'S

Probably the most revolutionary enactment ever brought down in the interests of tax-ridden Canadian citizens, the Agricultural Land Relief Act, which provides for a production tax to replace the presently hated tax on land and property will be hailed by farmers in all Alberta as a sensible and timely piece of legislation.

Since the distant days of the tithe, under which form of taxation the producer of real wealth delivered to his

Elevators.

heads of church and state one-tenth of his production, there has been a steady drift away from that simple method of taxation. Land and property taxation today, besides being unjust in its application, is both unwieldy and expensive to administer. Reversion to the simpler form will reduce costs of administration and collection, which in turn will tend to reduce the amount of the tax levy.

Under the existing system,

the more an individual labors to improve his property the more he must pay in taxes for doing so. Land and property taxation is one of the greatest restrictive influences in civilization today. Not only does this vicious system encourage restriction in land and home improvements; it forces restriction by eating up needed capital for expansion, and in lean years it marks its brand on the future earning capacity (Continued on page 6)

EXTEND MORATORIUM FOR A YEAR AND MAKE IT STATUTORY, TOO

A Bill suspending any action for collection of private debts until March, 1939, and applying to debts incurred before July 1, 1936, was introduced by Hon. Lucien Maynard.

In effect, the new bill will extend the existing moratorium.

Previously, a moratorium had been declared by order-in-council. The bill will make the moratorium statutory.

First effective on February 23, 1937, the moratorium was brought in under terms of the Debt Adjustment Act. Ordered for 60 days, it was later extended to July 1. At the special summer session the Postponement of Debts Act was brought in, which gave government the right to declare a moratorium over all or part of the province at any time. This bill provided for a moratorium on private debts until March 1 of this year.

The new bill extends the moratorium for another year.

Debt and Exemptions

"Debt" is defined to mean any obligations to pay any money which is in the nature of a liquidated demand created by or founded on or arising out of any contract, (Continued on Page 3)

IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RADIO TALK BY THE HON. D. B. MULLEN

Mr. Mullen: Ladies and gentlemen: Alberta is essentially an agricultural province. Within our borders we have almost 100,000 occupied farms, and more than half of the population is classified as rural people, making their living directly from the land. Moreover, a great number of our people depend on the prosperity of the farmer for their well-being. It is apparent, therefore, that the improvement of agriculture is a matter of the greatest importance to the people of Alberta generally. The total value of agricultural products in Alberta exceeds \$190,000,000 (annually?) and the prosperity of the farmer largely determines the purchasing power of the people in an agricultural province. In the short time allotted, it would be impossible to review all the policies designed to improve Alberta agriculture. However, I should like to speak of a few progressive measures which are planned to promote better live stock in Alberta, and a few recent enactments which have been introduced to improve the position of the man on the land.

In a recent radio talk I stressed the importance of placing on the market high class finished cattle, and I deplored the practice of sending so many unfinished cattle to slaughter houses in the province. I maintain that with an abundance of feed our farmers should finish their cattle within the province, and thus obtain the benefits of this system of raising and finishing beef cattle.

Mr. Manning: I heard that radio talk, Mr. Mullen; and I understand that the points you brought out were appreciated thoroughly by your live stock raisers. Now, you mentioned some progressive measures which have been introduced for the improvement of agriculture, since you assumed the office of Minister. Would you indicate some of these measures for the benefit of our farmer friends?

Mr. Mullen: Certainly, Mr. Manning. It is both a pleasure and a duty to keep this great industry enlightened and informed. The first progressive measure I bring to your attention is the Horned Cattle Purchases Act, which is designed to promote part of the many improvements in agriculture which we have in mind.

That sounds interesting. How is it to be done, Mr. Mullen?

Mr. Mullen: Well, at the present time the buyers of cattle in Alberta deduct \$1 per head for animals with horns. Originally, this deduction was intended as a penalty against horned animals, on account of bruising and injuries to other animals during transit and in stock yards. Under the new measure, the \$1 deduction is to be diverted from the buyers' pockets into government hands; and the revenue drawn from this source is to be placed in a separate fund, definitely ear-marked, "to be expended in the improvement of live stock in Alberta."

Mr. Manning: That seems to be fair and just to the live stock producers, Mr. Mullen. It is well in line with the policy of progress which you have brought to your department. But if you wish to set up a fund in this way, why did you supply all of your district agriculturists with cattle dehorners?

Mr. Mullen: That is a good question, Mr. Manning. Dehorners were supplied to District Agriculturists for loaning to farmers, to encourage them to dehorn their cattle, to prevent bruising and injuries and thus avoid the \$1 penalty. The policy is an educational one, designed to eliminate the horns which have in the past caused great losses to live stock producers.

Mr. Manning: Yes! Education and progress go hand in hand. And the farmers and ranchers of this province will welcome measures which, by sympathetic approach to their problems, educate them both to eliminate losses and increase their returns. That is progress, Mr. Mullen. And now, what other measures do you propose for the improvement of live stock?

Mr. Mullen: An act has been introduced which is known as the Bull Exchange Act. This measure provides for the exchange of inferior bulls for better bulls of improved type and breeding. The large number of inferior

bulls maintained by farmers in the province is one of the greatest hindrances to the improvement of live stock.

Under the Act, we propose to take the inferior bulls at a fair market value, and allow the producer the amount agreed upon as payment on a bull of better quality. By paying the difference, the producer will obtain a high class animal for the improvement of his herd. We have been successful in locating the type of animals desired, and distribution of these better class bulls will take place in the Fall of the year. The majority of these future sires will weigh about 500 pounds, so that, with careful wintering the owners will have a bull ready for service in the following spring.

Our people are beginning to realize that we have in Alberta the finest foundation stock that can be found anywhere in the North American continent; and it is the intention of this department of government to take advantage of present values, and distribute this better class of bulls the length and breadth of the province of Alberta. I am hopeful—and may I say confident—that several hundred of these better quality bulls will be sent out to our live stock producers this fall.

Mr. Manning: If you do that, Mr. Mullen, you will raise the quality of Alberta live stock in a single season. That, again, is progress. There is no doubt that our farmers and ranchers will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to improve both their herds and their returns at the same time. You are to be congratulated. And now, your department operates farms in connection with the Agricultural Schools. What have you done to improve the livestock on these farms?

Mr. Mullen: The first action taken was to have the cattle tested for tuberculosis and placed under the Federal Accredited Herd system. This means that only healthy animals can be retained. I felt it my duty to maintain only healthy animals on these Government Farms. I would not ask private breeders to eradicate tuberculosis unless the cattle on our Government farms carried a clean bill of health. I am looking forward to the time when the whole province of Alberta will be known as an area where all the cattle are free from tuberculosis.

Mr. Manning: That is a commendable outlook, Mr. Mullen, and one that is shared by every progressive citizen in Alberta. It is poor economics for either farmer or government to waste time and money on diseased cattle. Now, with your elimination of diseased stock, I take it you have been busy building up the foundation stock of our government farms?

Mr. Mullen: I have already stated that, Mr. Manning. First, I purchased three Shorthorns from Mr. Claude Gallinger of Tofield including a Shorthorn bull which stood second in a very strong class at the Royal Winter Fair, and is an outstanding specimen of the breed. Also, we have a Shorthorn cow which was purchased in Nebraska by Mr. Gallinger, and is a championship winner. Also another of splendid type and breeding, and two excellent calves of the same breed. This foundation herd of Shorthorns is considered to be a valuable asset to the live stock at the Olds Farm. I have also purchased a number of high class Ayrshire females to rebuild the Ayrshire herd. Naturally, I am very much interested in maintaining good herds of dairy cattle as well as beef cattle throughout the Province.

Mr. Manning: You show action, as well as interest, Mr. Mullen. That is what our farmers and ranchers appreciate. Definite, courageous action by your department cannot but reflect favorably on the industry as a whole, and raise the standards of that industry. For the enlightenment of our listeners, will you tell me if the demand for horses is improving?

Mr. Mullen: Yes, there is an increased demand for good horses and my Department has adopted an aggressive policy for the improvement of the horse breeding industry. The Stallion Loan Policy, is perhaps one of the most successful live stock loaning schemes carried on in the Department. This year I expect to see a large number of stallions placed under this policy. In connection with the distribution of stallions, I may state that arrangements have been completed whereby one of the most outstanding Percheron Stallions in Canada will be stationed at the Olds Farm during the present year for the benefit of Percheron breeders in Central Alberta. Arrangements have also been completed to have the Clydesdale Stallion "Winsome Lad," owned by the Vermilion Clydesdale Club, stationed at the Vermilion School Farm for the benefit of the Clydesdale Breeders in Northern Alberta.

Mr. Manning: Alberta is already well-known for our production of high class horses. With our producers taking advantage of your policies in regard to horses, I believe

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agreement, covenant or stipulation to which the legislative powers of the province extend. It includes the liability of any person under any guarantee for the payment of any debt.

The exemptions are:

1. Any debt which was originally created at any time after July 1, 1936.
2. Any debt owing by or to the crown in the right of Canada or the crown in the right of the province.
3. Any debt owing to the Canadian Farm Loan Board or the Soldier Settlement Board.
4. Any indebtedness for assessments, rates or taxes payable pursuant to any statute or pursuant to the terms of any agreement providing for the consolidation and payment of taxes, rates or assessments.

Municipal Debt

5. Any debt owing by or to any city, town, village, municipal district, irrigation district, drainage district, municipal hospital district or the board of trustees of any school district.

6. Any debt the payment of which is guaranteed by the crown in the right of the province.

7. Any debt owing by a company other than a family corporation.

8. Any debt owing by or to any society within the meaning of the Alberta Rural Co-Operative Credit act.

9. Any debt in respect to advances made in the year

1936 pursuant to any of the provisions of the Seed Grain and other Advances Security act.

Hospital Debt

10. Any debt owing to or by any hospital which is an approved hospital for the purposes of the Hospital act.

11. Any debt due and owing to an insurance on the sole security of a policy of insurance issued by the company.

12. Any debt being an advance made after July 1, 1936, by a mortgagee or a vendor of land or his respective assigns or successors in title for the payment of taxes, seed grain, fire insurance premiums, hail insurance premiums, improvements or repairs to the land or other expenditures which the vendor or mortgagee is entitled to make under the sale creating the debt.

Outside Province

13. Any debt owing or due by a debtor who is domiciled and resident outside of the province other than a debt owing by a debtor under any mortgage, charge lien or encumbrance upon any land in the province or under any agreement for sale of any land, if and so long as:

thereof under the Land Titles Act is either domiciled and resident in the province or is a body corporate carrying on business in the province, or

b. Such land is in the occupation or possession of a person resident and domiciled in the province or a body corporate carrying on business in the province who is the transferee of the land or the purchaser thereof under an agreement for sale thereof or is for the time being entitled to exercise the rights of the purchaser under any agreement for the sale thereof.

14. Any debt due or pay-

able pursuant to any judgment or order made in an action for divorce, judicial separation, alimony or in any proceeding under the Domestic Relations Act.

15. Any debt due and owing by a person against whom a writ of attachment may be issued pursuant to the rules of court relating to absconding debtors.

16. Any debt owing for the purchase money or for rentals or for royalties payable in respect of the right to win, work or get any of the following minerals, namely: coal, petroleum, natural gas and bitumen, and any debt the payment of which is secured by any mortgage, charge, lien, encumbrances or other security however created, upon the right to win, work or get any of the said minerals.

Fraud Exception

17. Any debt in respect of which an order of the court has been obtained on a summary application by the creditor, wherein it has perpetrated or is about to perpetrate a fraud on the applicant or any other creditor.

18. Any debt secured on any chattel in respect of which the creditor has proved to the satisfaction of the Debt Adjustment Board that the chattel has been abandoned and a permit has been issued by the board pursuant to the provisions of the

19. Any debt being a claim for of the Debt Adjustment Act, 1937.

Individual Debt

20. Any debt owing by an individual to an individual.

(b) "Family corporation" means a corporation of seventy-five per cent of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by members of one family, one or more of which members reside in Alberta, and take an active part in the business operations of the corporation, or a corporation, eighty per cent of the stock of which is owned by persons actively employed in the business of the corporation or by such persons and their families.

(c) "Individual" includes a partnership, a family corporation and a corporation acting as an executor of the last will and testament of a deceased individual, as administrator or trustee of the estate of a deceased individual, or as a trustee for an individual, and a corporation incorporated under the provisions of the Co-operative Marketing Associations Act but excludes all other bodies corporate or politic.

No Process Issued

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any contract and notwithstanding any rule of law or equity to the contrary until after March 1, 1939, no process

J. J. MALONEY NOT CONNECTED WITH SOCIAL CREDIT

It has been rumored that J. J. Maloney, formerly well known in Edmonton, is making statements that he has interviewed certain cabinet ministers with a view to obtaining official backing to support the Social Credit movement in Saskatchewan.

JOHN GUILD NOW CONSTITUENCY HEAD

At the regular meeting of the Edmonton Social Credit Constituency Association, J. Guild, who has been vice-president, was elected president of the association, following the resignation of Mr. O. Kennedy, who is leaving to attend the sitting of the Federal House at Ottawa.

Mr. E. East was elected to fill the position of vice-president of the Association.

Other officers are L. W. Heard, treasurer, and J. J. Magee, secretary.

An intensive campaign for the coming year is being planned, officials said this week.

shall be issued out of any court in the province in any civil action for the purpose of enforcing the payment of

any debt, or any action or matters which are at the time of the coming into force of this act pending in any court in respect of any debt are hereby stayed until after March 1, 1939.

No proceedings by way of distress repossession and no extra judicial proceedings of any nature whatsoever in respect of, or for the purpose of enforcing any debt shall be commenced until after March 1, 1939, and any such proceedings now pending shall be stayed until after that date.

Time of Stay

Any time during which the payment of a debt is stayed under this act shall not be included in the time within which any action or other proceedings is to be commenced under the Limitation of Actions Act, 1935, or under any other statute or law for the time being in force in the province limiting or prescribing the time within which actions or proceedings are to be commenced; and any party to an action or other proceeding which has been prohibited by this act shall have the same time for continuing such action or proceeding after the expiry of the said period as he would have had if the action or proceeding had not been prohibited, and shall not be prejudiced by reason of the delay.

Mr. Maloney is in no way connected with the Social Credit League and will receive no recognition or support from any of the cabinet ministers.

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LIBERAL POLICIES ENDORSED BY ELECTION, SAYS 'BULLETIN'

Possibly the most extraordinary explanation given of the election to date is contained in the Edmonton Bulletin of a few weeks ago.

Says the Bulletin:

East Edmonton for the time has to be placed in the list of radical constituencies; the more certainly so because, all the way from the tariff to maintaining the National Railways, the policies of the Government have the undoubted approval of its voters.

And so! Not content with being decisively defeated, the Liberals still attempt to see the byelection result a vindication of the "policies" of the Dominion government. In spite of the fact that only 7,935 electors voted in support of the policies, whereas a total of 12,400 voted against them!

How can anyone say that this result is an endorsement of Liberal "policies"? No one but a Liberal would ever attempt it.

The real surprise consists in the fact that so many did vote the Liberal ticket. It is

inconceivable that 7,935 electors in Edmonton East could have intended by their vote to support the failure of Mackenzie King and his cabinet to return to the government control of money and credit and issue credit in terms of public need.

The only explanation that can be advanced is the fact that many of those who cast their vote for the Liberal candidate did so on the strength of the headline that appeared two days before the election in the Liberal daily organ of this city suggesting that if the Liberal won the election, Alberta would have a "Liberal" minister in Mackenzie King's government.

Many people vote for the candidate of the party in power for the sole purpose of being on the winning side, and naturally the offer of a cabinet minister for Alberta to replace the present Alberta representative from Saskatchewan in the Dominion cabinet was a great vote catcher and assisted tremendously in piling up votes for the Liberal candidate. There

were however 12,400 intelligent people in Edmonton East who did not bite!

No, Mr. Edmonton Bulletin, the people of Edmonton East by their vote, did not support the policies (we should say lack of policies!) of Mackenzie King! Nor did they support "Wot-a-Man" Gardiner in his attempt to run the Province of Alberta for the Liberal party. Nor did they approve of your own vote catching tactics! But they did condemn the rank discrimination practised by the Dominion government that you support against such an important part of Confederation as Alberta. They did condemn the fascist tendencies of the Lapointe-Mackenzie King combination in interfering with the will of the people of Alberta! They demanded

economic security for themselves and children and the end of financial dictatorship in Canada.

POWELL AND UNWIN

Since this was written another clemency resolution, this time moved by J. H. Unwin, has been passed by the provincial house. Again the Opposition voted against it—with the notable exception of Dr. Campbell, Unity member who cast his lone vote against the government when the rest of the opposition walked out some weeks ago. He voted for clemency Wednesday, and was applauded by the government side.

Now that our friend, Joe Unwin, is out of gaol and our friend, G. F. Powell is still in gaol, with little prospect of being out for some time yet, we wish to let our readers have the opinion of independent people on this whole affair.

To do so we must of course ignore the press under the domination of financial interests, but we are pleased to reproduce an article which appeared in the North West Review of Winnipeg, the leading Roman Catholic newspaper of Western Canada. Here it is:

Answer to Winnipeg Tribune

"On Monday evening, the 14th instant, the Winnipeg Tribune published an article headed 'Wilful William' which I have no hesitation in saying was the most unfeeling and fanatical exposition of unfair and uncalled for comment that has appeared lately even in our bought and paid for, subsidized, press. To readers who sympathize with the only government in Canada that is making any effort to rescue the common people from the financial despotism which the Tribune serves with loyal devotion—and such readers are more numerous than, perhaps, the Tribune imagines—it was a most offensive display of modern journalism. After some stupid references to Premier Aberhart's attempt to enlist official consideration for the victims in the Alberta political libel suit the editorial stated—presumably as a justification of the prison sentences—'Powell and Unwin committed a felony.' Well, if that is the case—if the libel they were charged with is technically called a felony—we all know that there are many journalists now enjoying freedom, and the opportunity of posing in print as guardians of the public welfare, who most certainly should be placed under control. I recall that in the days of fanatical prohibition it was made a law in some of the United States that to be found in possession of a small quantity of liquor was to be guilty of a 'felony,' with the prescribed punishment of imprisonment for life. The fanaticism of the prohibitionists brought its own revulsion of public opinion, and so will the overbearing, dominant, tactics of the money interests who are desperately fighting what they fear is a losing battle in Canada. The Alberta proceedings will not help them—neither will such editorials as that of the Tribune. I expect that surely the imprisonment of the two victims will be

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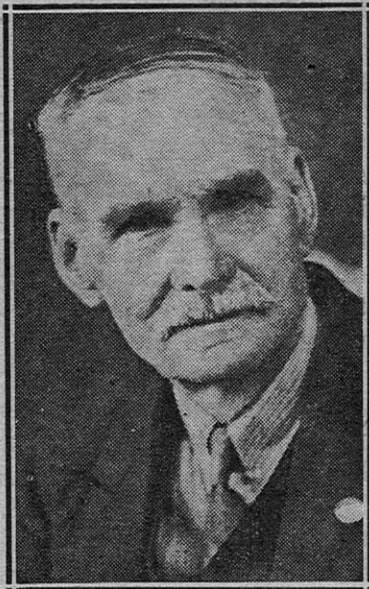
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prominent Social Creditor of South Edmonton, who came to Alberta 45 years ago and will be 86 years old on May 26. He operated a general store at Bremner for several years. He is a member of the Old Timers' association and an enthusiastic supporter of Premier Aberhart.

Fifty-five years ago a brother in law, Mr. Nathan Miller, astounded the medical world by his recovery from an accident in which he suffered a broken back. He hovered between life and death for many months, but finally recovered to serve as

caretaker at Collingwood, Ontario's largest school.

He was a keen sportsman, and he never missed a ball game. Considered a good luck mascot by the players, he once was refused his old place on the players' bench by a new policeman. The players immediately came to his rescue and had his seat restored. It is said that a game was never lost while he attended.

His wife died recently. She was a sister of Harry Horton and was born 79 years ago. Six daughters and two sons remain. They are: Jennie, Mrs. J. Thompson; Charlotte, Mrs. Ernest Gidley, both of Collingwood; Agnes, Mrs. George Page, St. Thomas; Mary, Mrs. C. Armstrong, London; Pearl, Mrs. John Glover, Owen Sound; Ethel, Mrs. Ernest Dickson, London, Ont., and John and Henry both of Collingwood. A daughter, Sadie, Mrs. Fred Maw, died some years ago.

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POWELL AND UNWIN

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of short duration—I hope it will be ended by the time this note reaches my readers.

Vindictiveness of Money Powers

I wonder what they will be thinking in London of this unsavoury incident. I understand that Mr. Powell is well-known there, widely and highly esteemed, and with a sound record in business circles. And his fellow "felon"—Mr. Unwin—is, we are told, one of the most estimable citizens of Alberta. They will retain the unsullied respect of all thoughtful citizens, who, with a love of British fair play, resent such exhibitions of anatical vindictiveness as the money power have injected into the political arena of Alberta.

Unethical Journalism

The movement against unethical journalism is, I see, spreading all over Canada. People in every section of the Dominion are aroused and are making themselves felt in their protest against the falsification of news, the deliberate lying, and the absolute faking, of which we have repeated evidence nowadays in our secular press. I have just read in an Eastern journal of a demand that something like the Stevens Committee should be appointed to probe the conduct of newspapers, and there is no doubt a wave of public indignation is beginning to sweep the country which will force the press to clean house or submit to governmental control. We have had more than our share of this kind of thing in Winnipeg and it has had a lot to do in bringing about our present unsatisfactory conditions. I wish the Tribune—with its London correspondent's despatches, and its lurid headlines, in mind—would explain why there should be a law against the adulteration of food and drugs, and no provision in the criminal code to deal with the far more harmful deception of the people by those who control the press. As an eastern writer asks—"Why should the press be the only business allowed to sell goods to the public under false pretences? And what kind of ethics is it, under these circumstances, that allows a modern editor to pillory as "felons" two citizens who have been trying honestly to help the people they serve.

NORTH PARK GROUP

Whereas the three Acts recently passed by the Alberta Government known as the Bank Taxation Act, the Press Act and the Credit Control Act are legislation enacted in accordance with the mandate given by the Alberta electorate in 1935; and

Whereas the disallowance of this Legislation has been by the Dominion cabinet and not by the Federal parliament and obviously under pressure from the Financial dictatorship, and

Whereas this legislation has been declared "ultra vires" only by a reference to the courts wherein the judges saw fit to go outside the terms of reference and base their judgment on that about which no legal argument had been advanced, for or against, and therefore the judgment was only a legal opinion and not a court ruling, which later could only be obtained in an actual test case, and

Whereas the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Alberta are both supposed to uphold the principles of Democracy, and

Whereas in a democracy the will of the people CAN NOT be illegal, and

Whereas the people of Alberta are determined not to allow bankers, bankers' toadies or any others to stand in the way of Alberta's attempt to overthrow the financial dictatorship;

Now therefore be it resolved that the North Park Social Credit Group No. 824 hereby places itself on record as being of the opinion that the Alberta Legislature should at once proceed to enforce the Bank Taxation Act, the Press Act and the Credit Control Act.

* * *

Whereas the Federal parliament saw fit in 1937 to put the indemnity of Federal members back on the old pre-depression scale thereby increasing the indemnity to \$4,000, and

Whereas the Alberta Legislature only followed this precedent by increasing the indemnity of the M.L.A.'s by \$200 to put it back on the pre-depression scale, and

Whereas we consider the M.L.A.'s, if earnest and sincere, to be well worth \$2,000 a year;

Therefore be it resolved that this group approves the action of the Alberta Legislature in thus increasing the sessional indemnity of its members.

* * *

Whereas in the opinion of this Group Messrs. G. F. Powell and J. H. Unwin were never guilty of publishing any libellous statement about anyone, and

Whereas the pamphlet public, and upon which the libel charge is now at liberty, and ed was based, was never, so far as this group is aware, distributed to the general (Continued on page 8)

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- DRUMHELLER -

The city of Drumheller, with a population of 2911 (1936 census), is situated eighty-five miles north-east of Calgary, and was named "Drumheller" by the post-office department in the year 1911, following the opening of the first coal mines in this district. Mr. N. S. L. Brownjohn was the first postmaster. In 1913 the settlement was incorporated as a village; this status was changed in 1916 when Drumheller became a town, and still later, in 1930 this busy coal mining point became a city. What is frequently termed Greater Drumheller takes in immediate residential districts and comprises a population of about 5,000.

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available in Drumheller, there being one of the most up-to-date electric light and power plants in the west, situated on the south bank of the Red Deer river, from which the city draws its water supply through three natural filter wells. From the wells the water is pumped into a 125-foot-high water tower and tank, which has a capacity of 175,000 gallons, with pressure to provide adequate streams of water from fire hydrants, when the need arises. Water and sewer mains cover almost every block in the city and only a few homes are without some of the modern facilities to be had.

Thirty-three school classrooms are operated to serve the public, intermediate and high grades, with the recent addition of a technical school, at which students are taught general shop work and household science.

A municipal hospital with 130 beds serves the city and a large municipal district area.

Noted as a sports centre, Drumheller has a large hockey rink, situated at the northern end of the Athletic Park where all types of sport are patronized. There is also a four-sheet covered curling rink adjacent to the park. Those who spend their spare moments at golf during seasonable weather have an excellent nine-hole golf course at their disposal. This course is situated at the top of Twin Hills and from the clubhouse one can obtain an excellent panoramic view of a great part of the Drumheller Valley—from Midlandvale to Rosedale.

One of the finest open air swimming pools in the province is situated adjacent to the Athletic park, and during the summer months is liberally supported by followers of the aquatic sport. Surrounded by landscaped lawn and gardens, the actual pool is 105 ft. by 45 ft. with water three feet deep at the shallow end and nine feet at the deep end. It is equipped with three diving boards. There are also twenty-eight lockers and facilities for hot and cold showers. The pool was built through the efforts of Rotary community service.

Twenty-three producing coal mines are located in the Drumheller Valley in the following districts Nacmine, Newcastle, Midlandvale, Rosedale, Wayne, Willow Creek, Rosedale Ferry and East Coulee. Coal from these mines is shipped to varied points throughout Canada, but chiefly to Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

From the Red Deer Valley, through which the Red Deer river flows, and of which the Drumheller Valley is a part, many splendid specimens of petrified dinosaur skeletons have been removed and placed in the leading museums of the world. Among the badlands are to be found quantities of petrified wood, oyster shells and other fossilized relics of an ancient period.

There is a treat in store for the visitor to Drumheller who stays at the Whitehouse, Alberta's newest and most up-to-date hotel. It is the last word in modern improvements, air-conditioned, very latest plumbing, finest of furniture, and beds unsurpassed for comfort, even the doors of the large airy rooms

are fitted with rubber plugs at top and bottom to prevent banging, which shows the thoughtfulness of the management for their guests. The Waldorf and Alexandra are also two fine up-to-date hotels with all modern improvements, among which the Walford has a Turkish bath. One of the favorite drives of Drumheller people in the summer, is to the village of Munson, 8 miles distant where they can enjoy a first class meal in the delightful fresh air of the country. The Munson Hotel is famous for its cooking.

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of the real wealth producer.

More Restriction

This, in turn, means more restriction; for in the common event of the producer's being able to supply the levies of both the present and the past, his home or his land has been taken away from him, and in many cases has been taken out of production. Thus more restriction is brought about, while the victimized producer becomes a charge on those who are still allowed to produce.

A Production tax, such as the new bill proposes, will change the entire picture. In his introduction of the Bill, Hon. Lucien Maynard stated that should the Bill become law all tax arrears would become non-existent. In the event of crop failure, limited crop insurance will be provided for; thus the food producer is given a real break for the first time in Canadian history.

Complaints have been made by those who have not examined the new measure in its full scope. It has been stated that the Production Tax will encourage laziness on the part of individuals who, knowing that their lands can carry no taxes in the event of no crop, simply idle away their time.

Such arguments are flimsy, to say the least. No man in his sense is going to deprive himself of his whole livelihood in order to avoid paying a small tax levy. And apart from all other con-

siderations, it is obvious that if land is purposely allowed to lie in a state of non-production, it becomes, for all to see, wild land. As such, it naturally will be taxed.

Seven One-Hundredths

Under terms of the new production tax, seven one-hundredth parts of agricultural produce must be delivered to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Agricultural produce means wheat, oats, rye, barley, flax, peas, beans, hay, alfalfa, sugar beets, potatoes, grass seed, clover seed, alfalfa seed, eggs, honey, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, geese, dairy produce and wool.

It was pointed out by Hon. Mr. Maynard when he in-

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IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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within a short time Alberta horses will become famous. Alberta stockmen will undoubtedly benefit by this improvement in their industry. Now, to revert to the dairy industry, is it not true that Alberta is making great strides in dairying, Mr. Mullen?

Mr. Mullen: Yes, Mr. Manning, our dairy industry is making very satisfactory progress. We have now approximately 450,000 milch cows in the Province of Alberta and the total value of all dairy production for 1937 amounted to more than \$17,000,000. Of this, a tremendous volume of fluid milk meets the requirements of our rural and urban people. The largest proportion, however, is converted into creamery butter.

Mr. Manning: Our dairy farmers must be proud of that record, Mr. Mullen. By helping them in their efforts and improving their industry, they will be encouraged to achieve even greater successes. I am sure. Just what showing has our butter made at the competitive exhibitions?

Mr. Mullen: Alberta butter made a remarkable showing at the ten large exhibitions held in Canada during 1937, winning a total of 1,035 prizes, or 49% of all prizes awarded in the butter competitions at the large exhibitions from Vancouver to Ottawa, and including the Royal Winter Fair. I can assure you it gave me a thrill to see 108 boxes of print butter at the Royal Winter Fair, representing 108 creameries from several Canadian provinces, and observing an Alberta creamery placed in top position. I want to say that these results have been obtained through the policies of the Dairy Branch, and the splendid co-operation of the producers, creamery-operators and butter makers. Campaigns have been carried on to improve the quality of cream; cream grading standards have been enforced, and premiums for quality cream are assured to the producers under the regulations. Officers of the Dairy Branch are Inspectors, and also Instructors in the most up-to-date methods of manufacturing. The Department encourages butter makers to exhibit at the large Shows, duplicating the prizes given at the Royal Winter Fair, and donating a trophy to the winner of the highest award.

Mr. Manning: This has been a most enlightening discussion and I am sure our farmers, ranchers and those interested in the agricultural industry are convinced that your department is very definitely engaged in the improvement of agriculture. Your progress to date has been to the advantage of the industry as a whole. I am convinced that this progressive policy will be maintained and enlarged for the improvement of agriculture.

Mr. Mullen: It certainly will, Mr. Manning. And to speed that progress, I cordially invite all live stock associations, and individuals to assist me in the progressive policies which I am determined to put into effect. Agriculture is our greatest asset, and as such, it deserves the best that I and my staff can give. This we are doing, and with the help and cooperation of our producers, we are going to make Alberta the finest agricultural province in the Dominion of Canada. Our motto is "Progress" and our watchword is "Action." We are determined on both progress and action to achieve the improvement of agriculture, our greatest industry.

At some future date, I should like to review other policies dealing with field crops, poultry, honey production and fur farming. All of these are important branches of agriculture and consideration will be given to them in another broadcast.

In the meantime, ladies and gentlemen, I bid you all good night!

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troduced the Bill, that provision was made for reference to the Supreme Court on the validity of the legislation. He also stated that it was not expected to operate the bill for a year, as it was government's desire to have full and open expression of opinion by the people themselves on the provisions of the new enactment.

The Production Tax would result in a lowering of taxation, because there would be no more arrears of taxes.

Asked why the production tax was not applied to other industries, the Minister replied that it was first necessary to establish the principle. Once that was done, all other industries could be embraced.

It had been indicated that with the production tax operating, education tax would be abolished. In addition, provision is made for modified crop insurance in the form of seed for the next year's crop.

One marked result that the new basis of taxation is bound to accomplish is the opening up of more homestead lands in the better crop areas. At the present time, many farmers on non-productive land are prevented from moving to other parts of the province because of fear of the tax burdens while they are placing their new lands on a production basis.

Low Tax Levy

The natural low production of new lands will, as a matter of course, mean a low tax levy with the production tax operating. Homesteaders will thus be encouraged to go ahead with their building without fear of tax arrears or fear of losing their lands after years of hard work.

In districts where crop failure is suffered, the food producers will start the next year with a clean slate. No tax arrears will haunt them, and they will be assured of seed for the spring operations.

This is by far the most important legislation brought down in many years; and with the ultimate successful establishment of a Social Credit system in Alberta, all of the hindrances now restricting the agricultural industry will be wiped out.

Together with the Wild Lands Tax, the Minerals Tax, and the Mortgage Tax, the Production Tax will do much to shift the burden of oppression from the shoulders of our food producers, and distribute it more equitably and humanely than has hitherto been possible.

Text of the Act follows. (Continued next week)

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—P. H. Ashby.

MADDEN

A meeting of the Madden Social Credit Group was held at Banner school. Mr. C. J. Aarsby was in the chair.

It was proposed that a zone meeting be held at the Madden Hall on April 15. All Social Credit Groups are invited to attend. We will try and secure a good speaker for that night.

The Group is going to form a library of Social Credit books to be available for the members to study at their convenience.

A small program was enjoyed. Vocal selections being rendered by A. Brown, Miss Valerie and Miss Opal Aarsby, Miss M. Osmond, Miss E. Powers, Roy Cameron, Bert Howell and Norman Eggleton. Community singing was enjoyed by all. Miss Eleanor Powers presiding at the piano.

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province, and it must be remembered that the farmer is the greatest asset Alberta has today. Any legislation which tends to better his living and his working conditions is bound to reflect favorably on the province as a whole.

Social legislation naturally figured largely in the sessional activities. Hon. Dr. Cross won praise for his courageous tackling of the polio menace by having all victims of this disease made state charges, both for medical and hospital care, and for rehabilitation. About 80 persons within the province will be cared for at this time, the Minister of Health stated.

Agriculture

In the agriculture sphere, Hon. D. B. Mullen made further strides toward the betterment of conditions within the industry. His legislation dealing with Grain Overages, Horned Cattle, Grade Bulls and Stallions help the industry in the best manner possible under the present financial set-up. The first two bills give government power to assume certain monies which formerly went into private pockets. The monies received will be placed in special funds, specially earmarked "For the betterment of agriculture."

Debt

Important debt legislation, which affects practically every producer within the province, was brought down at the session. A move to slash debts horizontally was delayed for a year, in order to test out the workings of the legislation already brought down.

Government, realizing as no other government, the enormity of debt in a country bursting with plenty for everybody, is determined to abolish that anachronism through time. Until the full plan of Social Credit is in operation, relief will be given to all debt-sufferers, as the legislation shows.

Labor

Labor was not forgotten during the session. Amendments to the Compensation Act, following as closely as possible under the present system the recommendations of labor men, were made after the extensive work by a special committee. Minimum wage laws were strengthened, and Alberta has steadily forged ahead to first place in many branches of labor legislation.

Complete outlines of the various enactments will be published in this paper from week to week.

CONDOR

(100 Paid-up Members)

Whereas through the aid of science and technology production has increased enormously even with less human labor; and

Whereas there must be an increase in our means of exchange to meet the increase of production; and

Whereas the legislation of 1867 covering currency fails to meet the present situation, is outgrown by the advancing age and a hindrance to progress;

Therefore be it resolved that we demand the immediate implementing of Social Credit by our Provincial Government; and

Be it further resolved that it is better to have an immediate show-down with our Federal Government than to continue to suffer under outgrown legislation;

Be it further resolved that we refuse to recognize any law at present in force covering currency that overrules the will of the people in this Province and causes needless suffering to our people.

Moved by H. Meeres; seconded by R. Prendergast; carried by the Condor Group.

J. Hornby,
Secretary.

NORTH PARK GROUP

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having "published a truth, knowing the same to be true," provided it was shown that the pamphlet had actually been distributed, we can well believe that any intelligent jury might have declared them guilty;

Now therefore be it resolved that this group goes on record as demanding that Mr. G. F. Powell be immediately set at liberty and that no deportation proceedings be instituted against him.

And we request that the Alberta government, on our behalf, tender him an apology for the ill-treatment he has suffered here.

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Whereas the Dominion of Canada is supposed to be a Democracy and to believe in the principle of government only by duly elected representatives of the people who shall at all times be responsible to the electorate;

Now therefore be it resolved that this group requests the so-called Upper House known as the Canadian Senate be abolished.

H. E. Carran, Sec.,
North Park Group, 824

Respectable Central Banks Dislike Government Policies Which Differ Says Bank of 'Canada' Spokesman

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of that. But if the policy of a government is the policy of the central bank, as Mr. Osborne's statement tells us, then it is reasonable to assume that government's choice of a governor will also follow the policy of the central bank. The central bank, of course, has for its policy the policy of the international banking fraternity.

Here we have the argument against the proposition that Alberta form her own chartered bank, and go ahead with the issue of dividends for all. Social Crediters never at any time have proposed the nationalization of the banking system, or the setting up of a provincial bank. It would be useless to set up a banking system which is subservient to the present monopolistic one; and when Mr. Dunning stated in the Commons some days ago that he would be willing to assist Alberta set up a bank and let her win all the glory, he was simply talking nonsense. Mr. Dunning knows perfectly well that the mere setting up of a bank, without the needed control of currency and credit, would not satisfy the demands of Alberta's people.

MADNESS

Albertans differ entirely with Mr. Dunning, with Mr. Osborne, and with Mr. King as to the methods of achieving the monetary reform desired. Osborne, of course, does not represent any kind of monetary reform. Dunning and King believe that prosperity can only be accomplished by producing more wealth to send out of the country. Social Crediters assert that this is madness, while people at home need the goods.

It is madness. And Albertans are prepared to take Mr. Osborne at his word, as he gave it to the junior board members: "In the case of a difference between the government and the central bank, everyone must be satisfied provided a proper opportunity is given for public opinion. The public should be aware of the facts."

Here in Alberta the public are aware of the facts. We demand control of our own currency and credit. And nobody will be satisfied until we are given that which public opinion demanded in August, 1935.

We intend to force the central bank—whether respectable or not—to accept the policy of one government with which it differs. This is the will of the people—and the will of the people always prevails.



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