

MILLIONS OF CASH READY FOR ALBERTA IF PREMIER SWINGS AWAY FROM LEFT

**Oil Capital Poised to Enter Promising Fields in
Province --- Cabinet Divided --- Left Wingers
and Right Wingers Both in Social Credit Group.**

EDMONTON, Nov. 26—The cabinet of Premier Aberhart, like most cabinets, embraces men of highly diverse views. Not even as Social Credit doctrinaires do they find common ground for there are at least four men in the cabinet of whom it can be said with reasonable certainty that either they never believed in the Aberhart brand of Social Credit or have been converted from it, says The Financial Post.

The story is told by friends of Hon. C. C. Ross, Minister of Natural Resources, that about three weeks ago this one businessman in the cabinet, who has never spoken in favor of Social Credit, but who has gone on quietly attempting to interest outside capital in the development of oil and other Alberta resources, went to Aberhart and told him that the time had come when the Premier had to decide which turning he would take. He must either get rid of the radicals in his cabinet or the moderates would leave him.

Oil Capital is Timid

The story may well be true. Mr. Ross has plenty of reason to feel that the Premier should make his choice quickly and decisively. Alberta's oil fields are on the verge of tremendous further development. Capital in large amounts is ready to pour into them seeking the great reservoir of crude oil which geologists hope Alberta will some day reveal, and reveal possibly within the near future.

It is believed in Edmonton that Mr. Ross has several large deals pending, involving the investment of many millions of dollars in Alberta, but that he cannot close them up because he cannot give absolute assurance to the interested parties that Aberhart is in control of his cabinet and his Government, or even that, if he were in control, he could assure them of fair treatment and protection for whatever capital they invest.

The Cabinet Ministers in Alberta are not by any means all Social Crediters. It was popular a few months ago to divide the cabinet two ways, into Right Wingers and Left Wingers. A certain lineup of ministers was presented. The division that would then have applied no longer does as there have been switches. But the lineup below is probably not inaccurate today:

Right Wing or Moderate:

Hon. C. C. Cockcroft, Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Municipal Affairs, who is more concerned with seeing Alberta through than with making it a site for a new Paradise.

Hon. C. C. Ross, Minister of Lands and Mines, who is not a Social Creditor, never was, and cannot even be induced to discuss the subject.

Hon. W. N. Chant, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, once a Social Creditor and a member of the Left Wing group, now a convert to more practical beliefs.

Left Wing or Extremely Radical:

Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross, Minister of Public Health.

Hon. W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Lucien Maynard, Minister Without Portfolio.

Neither Left nor Right:

Hon. William Aberhart, Premier and Minister of Education.

Hon. E. C. Manning, Minister of Trade and Industry and Provincial Secretary.

Hon. John W. Huggill, K.C., Attorney-General.

The three Right Wingers and the four Left Wingers do not call for any particular comment on the reasons why they are so placed. The last three, who are put in neither camp, are entitled to a word of comment.

Who Dominates Aberhart?

No one in Alberta who is really in the know has the faintest notion any more that Mr. Aberhart really believes in his whole Social Credit programme—unaltered and unchanged—or that he really wanted to put through the debt reduction schemes in the extreme forms they finally took. If Mr. Aberhart ever summoned up in cabinet and caucus the courage and energy he shows on the public platform, and if he decided that he would run his show as his experiences of the past year have taught him it should be run, there is no doubt that he would turn out to be a man of much more moderate views than those he has been expressing in speech and legislation. Mr. Aberhart will remain a radical so long as he allows himself to be dominated by a handful of radicals. If and when he shakes off their control, he may even prove himself to be a socially minded conservative of deep human sympathies.

Aberhart's "Man Friday"

Of Mr. Manning's most apt description seems to be that he is what ever Mr. Aberhart is. As the Premier's "Man Friday" (a phrase used without any effort at derogation) he will probably follow his leader wherever his leader goes. A stubborn, loyal, industrious Bible student, he has the brittle shell of a man who is too serious in pursuit of doctrines to laugh, to compromise, to humanize.

Mr. Huggill is not easily classified. He has gradually been shifting his ground to a position slightly detached from the chaotic battle of doctrines and policies. If he were more positive in the expression of his views if he felt impelled to fight more vigorously against extreme manifestations of irresponsible lunacy, he could be put with the Right unquestionably. In fact, it is said that a group of advanced Social Crediters in the party narrowly lost out in an effort to have his resignation demanded on the ground that he was no longer one of them. He has long since passed the stage where he will take orders

Gas Costing \$3,200 a Gallon Used in Hunt For Perfect Fuel

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 26—Seeking a perfect motor fuel, research chemists at Ohio State University experimented today with gasoline that it is compounded by the ounce—and a single gallon would cost from \$128 to \$3,200.

Working under the direction of Prof. Cecil E. Boord, the scientists talked in terms of eye-droppers rather than tanksful as they searched for an answer to the problem: "If you could have any chemical combination of gasoline for your automobile, which one would be the best?"

Prof. Boord said more than 125 different combinations of hydrocarbon—each one costing \$1 to \$25 an ounce—were being studied in the search for a better motor fuel.

A tankful of such gasoline, if your tank held only 10 gallons, would cost as much as \$30,000, while a transcontinental trip using it for fuel would burn up a millionaire's income.

"For experimental purposes each ingredient used must be practically 100 per cent pure," Boord explained. "That is where the cost comes in—chemically pure products cost a lot of money."

"The search for better motor fuels has been going on ever since reamers quit throwing away gasoline as a worthless by-product of kerosene," said Prof. Boord. "The high compression engines in our present day automobiles wouldn't work at all on the gasoline combinations available 10 or 15 years ago."

Prof. Boord and his assistants seek a gasoline which will burn with extremely high compression without the knocking which denotes imperfect combustion.

from the Left Wing crowd, but he is apparently not yet at the point where he will come out vigorously for the Right.

The "Irresponsibles"

Obviously, in this discussion, the terms Left and Right are relative terms. The word "Right" cannot be used in more than a relative sense. The word "Left" used in connection with Aberhart, has to be broad enough to cover men who are irresponsible, economically untutored or merely desperate, just as to embrace men who are thoughtful, intelligent campaigners for Reform.

A good deal of the so-called radicalism in Canada is of this character. The doctrinaire Socialist from the Old Country would not recognize the Left in the West. They are often men who are merely "agin" things as they are; they have no pronounced convictions.

For example, among Social Credit members in Manitoba are men who are Social Credit simply because they did not get the Liberal nomination for their constituency.

The key man in any cabinet ought to be the premier. There is no doubt who is the key man in Alberta. It is Mr. Aberhart. He is that, not by virtue of his strength within the four walls of the cabinet chamber, but by virtue of his hold upon the people of Alberta.

T. L. McGovern, of Saint John is a guest at the Queen for a few days.

SNACK BARS ON TRAINS POPULAR IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Nov. 26—An innovation in catering to the public has been inaugurated by the British railways. It consists of a "snack bar" that will provide travellers with the type of refreshments provided by the roadside cafe or tea-room.

There will be equal service between first and third class. While there is service to compartments most people prefer to give their orders at the buffet counters and take their refreshments to the small tables in the car.

The demand for these a la carte buffet meals is particularly marked at night and at week-ends, and the light theatre supper has become part of the routine on many trains.

Regular Bacon Supplies Essential

Bacon exports to Britain have for four years past done much to ease the difficulties through which Canadian farmers have passed because of the low prices of other agricultural products. Now that grain is yielding larger returns fears are expressed that hog-raising will decline and the bacon market that has been built up for the Dominion in the Old Country will suffer because of lack of supplies. To allow it to do so would be a serious mistake.

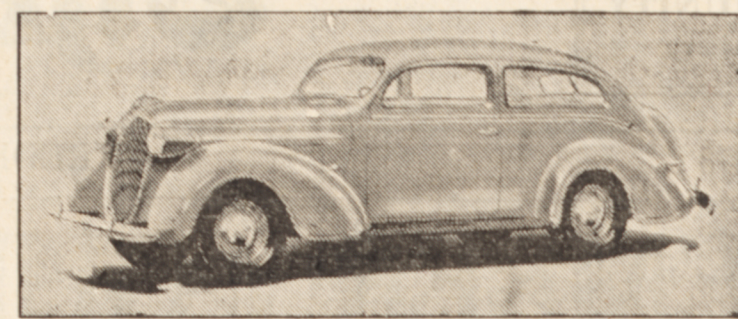
It is not surprising, in view of previous experiences, that so much concern is being felt over the possibility of another falling-off. Successful ministers of agriculture have emphasized the necessity of a continuity of supply from the Dominion. This has been an all-important factor in enabling Denmark, which sell about four times as much bacon to Britain as Canada, in maintaining her hold in that market. The advantages which Canadian hog-raisers derived from the preferential trade agreement of 1932 have been so great that no effort must be spared to secure their renewal when that arrangement expires next year. But it is essential that the farmers do their part by keeping up their production.—Edmonton Journal.

BASQUE COUNTRY TO LURE MANY TOURISTS IN WINTER

PARIS, Nov. 25—In readiness for an expected influx of tourists, the municipalities of the various resorts, such as Biarritz, its near neighbor, St. Jean de Luz and Pau, in close proximity, are bestirring themselves to increase their activities for the seeker after health, repose and winter sunshine.

The devalued franc brings the charms of the Basque country within the means of travelers and opens a part of France always in preference by English-speaking people. Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the Basque country are the golf courses. There are eight, within easy distance of Biarritz. Pau claims to be the oldest course, with the exception of Blackheath, outside of Scotland.

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