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A Social Programme

If credit is to be given where it is due, then the Government of New Brunswick is to be praised for the measures it has taken since assuming office to improve the social life of the people. The major portion of legislation in all countries, in recent years, has been of a social character, and in this respect the administration of Premier Dymally has not lagged behind. There may be some who would desire a more comprehensive programme than has been followed; but extreme criticism will not get very far with those who recognize what the Government has done. In this programme there are at least three measures which indicate the social sympathy of the Government. Old Age Pensions, Crown Land Policy, Social Credit Unions.

It is quite possible that many persons will wish that a larger class of the aged were being benefited with pensions, and more generous pensions administered; but it is only a start which has been made and the individual amounts paid have brought great comfort to a host of citizens.

The advanced Crown Land Policy is one which is or may, rightly be classified as a social measure. No action can more directly affect the laboring classes than the endeavor to force the development of the lumbering resources of the country.

Probably it is the legislation in regard to Social Credit Unions which is more distinctively social in its character than any other action of the Government, and shows clearly its desire to serve the masses of the people.

In view of these facts alone, to say nothing of other steps, credit ought to be given for the endeavor of the Government to adjust itself to a new social order, and it may be assured of support in all endeavors of this character.

A Dictator in Spain

Rebel Commander General Francisco Franco is—if prematurely and only to his own followers—"dictator of Spain." The pledges he gave on assuming "office"—"a hand that will hold firm, a united . . . Spanish Spain, a corporate State"—were in keeping with his caste and politics and adequately explanatory of his ambitions for Franco and for Spain.

General Franco is a soldier, trained in the old monarchical army tradition, within certain limits extremely capable, but ruthless, on his record not overly impressed with the virtue of loyalty, and, above all things, ambitious. His activities "in the line of duty" endeared him to the radicals as "The Butcher"; for years his army and political colleagues have regarded him as the "Iron Man" and a future dictator.

If there is anything capable of turning the loyalist defeat into a Government victory it is the news that this man is Spain's dictator. It is interesting to speculate upon the future of that country under a dictator.

When the word is given its broadest interpretation Spain has been under a dictatorship for centuries, the power of authority swinging between the Throne and the Church, and, latterly, as the Army increased its hold over the Throne, coming to rest there. Primo de Rivera established the only undisguised dictatorship, but, too weak to rise above the level of the "junta" upon which he relied for the strength of action, he was destroyed. Since his day the forces of opposition have emerged as political entities, grown numerically stronger, tasted freedom and held power, and consequently make the support of the Army more necessary than ever.

It may be that Franco has the qualities that permit men to rise above their colleagues and control the rabble, and, like Mussolini and Hitler, concentrate power in their own hands. If that is so, Spain will develop into a Fascist State. There will be the same procedure of suppression, regimentation and censorship that goes with coercion.

The development of the corporate State will depend entirely on how well the dictator keeps his promises. In its theoretical form such a Government does not need a Fascist framework, the aim can be reached by transition stages, and can carry with it the democratic liberties of free speech and the ballot. It has not been possible in Italy because Mussolini has not dared relinquish authority. His efforts to introduce it gradually have assumed the complexion of State control rather than corporate co-ordination.

That Franco will be in any position to introduce it does not seem likely. His political opposition is too strong for him to succeed very early, at any rate. It is not going to melt quietly and peacefully into the ranks of the governed, and if dictatorship succeeds in bringing quiet to Spain it will be the militant calm that holds Germany, Italy and far too many others in check.

Cost of Living

Moderate advances in food and fuel prices were responsible for a rise in the Dominion Bureau of living index from \$1.0 in August to \$1.9 in September, the highest point recorded since April, 1932. The September food index was 75.1 as compared with 74.7 in the month preceding, and 70.9 a year ago. Higher quotations were noted for eggs, butter, milk, flour, bread, canned vegetables, and dry beans, while potatoes and onions recorded substantial decreases. The fuel group rose from \$5.8 to \$6.1 as a result of seasonal increases in coal prices.

August Gold Production

Gold production in Canada set up a new high monthly record in August when 328,697 ounces were produced, as compared with 319,505 in the previous month and 295,896 a year ago. August production follows by provinces, with 1935 figures in brackets: Ontario 199,830 (194,374) ounces, Quebec 61,402 (41,370), British Columbia 42,524 (39,306), Manitoba and Saskatchewan 16,611 (12,965), Yukon alluvial 8,408 (7,208), Nova Scotia 507 (660), Alberta 15 (13). The average price of gold on the London market was \$35.00 per ounce in August; based on this price the Canadian output was worth \$11,504,395. Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in August contained 2,167 ounces of gold as compared with 4,121.

The world output of gold in August was estimated at 2,847,000 ounces as compared with 2,904,000 in July and 2,542,000 in August a year ago. The South African output amounted to 965,000 ounces as against 933,000 last year. In the United States, including the Philippines, 387,837 ounces were produced as compared with 369,000.

SNAPSHOTS

Professor Cattley has the right idea about Latin the schools. They get some competent teachers to handle it.

The Legislative Library seems to be stepping out with the right foot in regard to the question of an amalgamated Provincial and City Library. This is how it works in some other provinces.

The Institution which gets free handouts from everybody and sends its printing and office supplies out of town hates to give the public any information about what is going on. What would it do if the public stopped the handouts?

Poland considers that devaluation of the zloty is not necessary. She might tell other nations how to pronounce it, though.

Premier Aberhart of Alberta says: he has "no particular desire" to be Prime Minister of Canada. "For this relief, much thanks."

Remember the old-time clothes line that used to break now and then under the weight of petticoats?

One man in Marysville, who has antiquated ideas, is real mad because the up-to-date citizens kicked about a teacher keeping the poor kiddies in after school.

Professor

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tions took the form of a rural school, with Suther O'Regan and Wm. Broad acting as teachers. G. B. McKenzie read a paper on "Rural Education and its Requirements."

The institute will conclude tomorrow with morning and afternoon sessions.

Canned Tunes

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Tells of Russia
Boris Berlin, faculty member of the Toronto Conservatory, who recently returned from an extensive tour of Russia to study music conditions told the convention that Russian school children were taken regularly to concert performances. Professional artists also entertained every week in the schools. More than 20,000 schools were equipped with radio. Phonograph records were also made, he related, to aid musical instruction.

Music teachers in the U.S.S.R. like all other teachers, were paid by the State. Salaries vary according to qualifications and positions, but he said the average was \$120 a month for a class of six pupils taught twice weekly. Besides the salary and guarantee of a permanent job, teachers enjoy a two-month vacation. Mr. Berlin stated, with full pay. In the event of illness, medical treatment was free, with no reduction of salary during the enforced absence.

\$1,000,000 TRUST DONOR IS ANONYMOUS

LONDON, Oct. 9.—A charitable trust with a capital of £250,000 (\$1,000,000) has been set up in Scotland by an anonymous donor. Only the income of the fund is to be available for distribution.

It is prescribed that the income shall be expended on charities, including educational institutions and particularly Edinburgh University, and that special regard shall be given to the welfare of the students.

Consideration shall also be given, it is stated, to appeals for financial assistance from Protestant Churches not connected with the state and from home and foreign missions.

EDMONTON TO HAVE MAYORALTY CONTEST

EDMONTON, Oct. 9.—Mayor Joseph A. Clarke will be opposed in the Edmonton mayoralty contest, November 12, by at least one other candidate, James M. Douglas, mayor in 1931 and a former member of the House of Commons.

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ONTARIO RACE BODY TO TEST WAGER LAWS

Wish to Establish the Legality of Much-Mooted Question

TORONTO, Oct. 9.—Emphasizing that the action is being taken not in defiance of the Government, but merely to establish the legality of the question, the Orpen interests will open an agency in downtown Toronto tomorrow where it is intended to accept bets on horses running at Long Branch Race Track. Authorities adopted a waiting attitude.

Wagers will be accepted and sent direct to the track on the western outskirts of the city, where they will be placed through the pari-mutuel machines.

Fred Orpen said the office will open at the same time as the machines at the track. The wagers will be included in the general total from which track and Government deductions are made.

Attorney-General Roebuck said it was a matter for Toronto police.

"This department," he said, "would take the position that any such suggestion is not legal. Mr. Orpen has not done it yet and there is no reason why I should advise him for the law."

Mr. Orpen said that within the strict meaning of the criminal code he believed he could proceed legally with the plan which he said is now being permitted in Australia. Should police interfere the matter will be left to the decision of the courts.

"We are in no way attempting to defy the police or Government authorities," Mr. Orpen said. "In the friendliest way possible we notified them in advance of our intentions because we honestly believe that the race track has the right to accept bets in this manner."

Italy's Action

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fish, wood pulp and lumber, metals and a limited quantity of agricultural machinery. Codfish accounted for about 50 per cent of the total value of exports to Italy in fairly normal years and the total trade between the two countries was aggregating over \$15,000,000 annually.

For some time past the Italian government has closely restricted the purchase of foreign exchange. It could be obtained only on a permit, and, in the case of Canada, exchange permits were obtainable for the importation of virtually all Canadian commodities except the leader in the list, codfish. No official explanation has come from Rome for the barrier raised against the most important Canadian item of export to Italy.

Following France's drastic action last week, it was regarded as almost inevitable that Italy would be compelled to follow suit, although it was not expected that Rome would move so quickly. Many find it difficult to reconcile the devaluing of the lira and the accompanying tariff reductions with the retention of restrictions upon the purchase.

Sources outside the Government are hazarding the guess that Italy's financial condition will soon make a large foreign loan necessary, and that the borrowing will be done either in London or New York. This week's monetary action was necessitated by a dwindling gold supply, and may also have been prompted by a desire to sweeten the atmosphere in lending circles.

Whatever the cause or the motive for devaluation of the lira, Canadian exporters warmly welcome the widening of another market in Europe, where for the past five or six years the purchase of Canadian goods has been seriously reduced. The recent resumption of friendly trade relations with Russia, the present negotiations for a pact with Germany, the probable enlargement of the arrangement with France, the pending revision of the conference agreement with Britain and Australia, added to the satisfying results from the deals with the United States and Japan, will remove most of the obstacles to the free flow of Canadian goods.

Bulldogs Have Withdrawn From Hockey Loop

WINDSOR, Ont., Oct. 9.—After two days of consideration, directors of the Windsor Hockey Club announced definite withdrawal of the Bulldogs from competition during the coming season.

Officials of the new loop, formed by amalgamation of the International Hockey League and the Canadian-American League, will be asked to suspend Windsor's franchise for one year. It will be the first time since 1926-27 that Windsor has been without representation in minor league professional hockey.

Non-Intervention

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Rebels' Offences Are Co-ordinated
Co-ordination of the insurgent of fenses was completed when the 7th insurgent division entered Escalona 7 1-2 miles north of Santa Cruz, and then pushed on to Almonox, another 5 miles nearer San Martin. They are now only 11 miles from San Martin, whence they intend to turn in for the last 37 1-2 miles march into Madrid.

At Toledo, thousands of Moors and Foreign Legionnaires are awaiting the order to march northward on the main highway to Madrid, 36 miles away.

The capture of Escalona was regarded by the insurgent high command as of great importance. It was fortified strongly and surrounded by barbed wire entanglements and trenches. They say it was the strongest position the loyalists held in the entire Gredos mountain area. Cavalrymen and machine gunners mowed down the loyalists. The commander of the loyalists at Santa Cruz, who had retreated with the remnants of his force, was taken prisoner, it was asserted, and large quantities of war munitions were taken.

Officials said that the advance was one of the most important of the campaign.

Grave Situation Is Predicted
Diplomatic sources at Geneva where the League of Nations assembly is meeting, reported that unless the alleged Fascist aid stopped at once, Russia was ready to speed air planes and other war materials to the Leftist Spanish Government.

Such action would be a direct challenge to Germany and Italy. It would precipitate a situation which Europe's statesmen were reluctant to face.

Tomorrow may see a violent scene in London at which Russia will be aligned against the Fascist powers—Italy, Germany and Portugal who, she charges directly, are aiding the Spanish rebels against the constituted Government of the country.

Then the 27 nations on the international committee of non-intervention in the Spanish war meet—ironically, in the "Locarno" room of the Foreign Office, christened because it was there that the Locarno treaty designed to inaugurate an era of friendship and peace, was signed.

Representatives of twenty-seven nations took part in the proceedings today which are being held in secret. It is believed that the first thing which will be dealt with by the delegates will be Russia's attitude in the intervention pact.

Famous Shrine

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bare-headed villagers offered their thanks tonight for the wind that protected their valuable church property from flames which destroyed 13 buildings with a loss of \$325,000.

A heavy smoky pall still lingered above the historic Roman Catholic shrine and the new Basilique Ste Anne de Beaupre. Already plans were being made to rebuild the hospital, hotels, boarding houses and frame homes that fell prey to the early morning flames.

HUNT FOR PLANE

SURABAYA, Java, Oct. 9.—Two seaplanes took off today for Koepang, Timor Island, to search for the plane of Lord Sempill, noted British aviator, long overdue on a 500-mile flight from Port Darwin, Australia, to Koepang. A Dutch government ship is searching the waters around Timor Island in hopes of finding the craft should it have made a forced landing in the water or on the coast.

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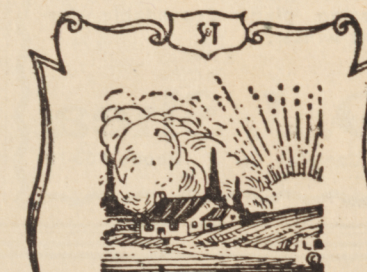
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