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Alberta Needs Leadership

Premier Aberhart's failure to implement his Social Credit promises within eighteen months is no surprise outside his own group. The prevailing economic and political system is an evolution of British democracy, not easily derailed by uncouth catch-points.

If the excursion into the unknown were merely negative in results; if it could be ignored as a harmless bit of political sport enjoyed by amateur economists; if only Alberta suffered from its folly, the whole thing might be passed over with an indulgent smile. It has damaged the credit of Canada, has delayed the progress of the country, and made a laughing-stock of a section of the population worthy of higher consideration.

Disappointed as Alberta was by the U.F.A., it probably realizes by this time that it made matters worse by jumping on the Social Credit bandwagon for a ride into political odium. It may have been jolted into its senses.

But what, if anything, have the two old and tested parties done to help? Have they provided any sort of leadership for a Province which seems to have been groping for a torch and stumbled on to false prophecies? Are they doing anything now to restore Alberta to a basis of security?

The old-line party leaders knew the Alberta theories would fail. Today's situation was forecast time and again. Investors carrying a financial risk have been active trying to salvage credit. So far as is apparent, advocates of political soundness have been sitting on the sidelines awaiting the inevitable collapse. Well, it is here. What are they going to do about it?

Obviously it would be foolish for Alberta and nationally damaging to let playboy dream stuff continue to displace the serious business of government. There has been more than enough of it for this generation. Alberta stands alone in not trying to put its house into a proper and healthy condition. It is time for the sponsors of known and workable principles to bestir themselves, make up for the neglect of recent years, take hold of the situation, ensure the return of Provincial integrity and national and international confidence in the honest intentions of Alberta people.

Partisanship is of no consequence under such circumstances. Liberals and Conservatives should sink their differences for the common good, discard their labels, and consider only that Alberta must be lifted back to sound economic and political ground.

The Alberta electorate is intelligent, and surely is ready to cast off the grief of absurd experimentation. The old parties should get together, submerge their political identities, and provide vigorous leadership for solid administration.

Alberta has only itself to blame for listening to mirific doctrines, but it has suffered. The rest of the country would rejoice to see it respond to a campaign of healthy reconstruction.

Merited Praise for Mr. Dunning

Probably it would surprise few persons if the Leader of the Opposition were sparing in his criticism of Mr. Dunning's Budget, for Mr. Bennett is a fair-minded realist who appreciates a good piece of work, and, everything considered, Mr. Dunning presented a good Budget. It has met with general approval in this country, and has been acclaimed in the Old Country with enthusiasm, not alone because of the part the British trade agreement had in it, but also because of its clear survey of conditions and careful analysis of the financial outlook.

Mr. King underwent considerable censure for offering the post of Minister of Finance to one who took no part in the election campaign, but the wisdom of his choice has been vindicated. Mr. Dunning has proved himself a worthy successor of the able men who have held this responsible portfolio; but, of course, his appointment was no experiment. He was Minister of Finance for a short time in the last King Cabinet—long enough to bring down a Budget for Mr. Bennett's use in the 1930 campaign. His exceptional equipment for the position has been widely recognized. Having risen from the ranks of the people, winning political promotion by manifest ability, he is qualified both in finance and in knowledge of the needs of the masses. Without question he is the right man for the place he holds.

Unfortunately for the average reader, a Budget address is a book-length treatise. Those who took time to go through Mr. Dunning's second Budget found it a masterful discussion of public finances. He is entitled to the compliments he is receiving.

Non-Resident Fisheries

The large increase in the number of non-resident hunters and fishermen which was evidenced in 1935, was noted in 1936 when 1,030 non-residents took out licenses to hunt moose, deer, birds and bears; compared with 715 in 1935, showing an increase of over forty per cent. This increase in non-resident hunters coupled with fifty per cent. increase in sale of fishing licenses, necessitating a corresponding increase in the number of guides, of whom 919 took out licenses compared to 537 in 1935, over 300 of whom were new registrations for the year.

The sale of non-resident fishing licenses shows as 2,158 compared to 1,401 in 1935. It is safe to say that not for many years has there been such good angling, particularly for salmon and grise, as has been experienced during the past season. Conditions of weather and water have been ideal and from the large number of satisfied fishermen who left the province last year, we should expect considerable new business for next year.

The reports from the outfitters and guides show twenty-eight moose killed by non-residents, with twelve showing heads of forty inches or over. Charlotte County, for the fourth year leads the province in the number of moose killed by non-residents, with York, Victoria, Northumberland and Charlotte in the order named producing the greatest number of deer.

Hay Market Conditions in North England

The 1936 crop of English hay was not up to the normal standard, either in quality or in quantity, writes C. B. Birkett, Assistant Trade Commissioner in Liverpool, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. This was owing largely to the adverse weather conditions that prevailed throughout the greater part of the summer. It was estimated that the crop was from 70 to 80 per cent. of normal. Reports of poor quality, it should be noted, apply more to clover hay than to meadow, which in some districts made a good showing. The supply of domestic hay on hand in the North of England is fairly plentiful. The 1935 crop carry-over is almost finished.

SNAPSHOTS

The Labor Union men will not advance their position by butting into politics.

The Legislature has heard some very constructive speeches from both sides of the House. Co-operation was the slogan.

If the Legislature were to take up its time hearing delegations every day, the members would be here until next Fall at considerable expense to the country.

These people who interest themselves in the suppression of rackets haven't yet got around to the fellow who eats celery in public places.

Nicaragua reports record-breaking prices are being paid by foreigners for all sorts of wild animals. In particular there is a great boom in monkey business.

Missouri man pushed a floating piano out of his house before the flood compelled evacuation, and on his return found that another had floated in. Some people are constantly pursued by ill luck.

Federal Alcohol Administrator has warned distillers to abstain from making vain boasts about their wares. For instance, it will not be permitted to advertised whisky as a sure cure for inebriety.

Labor Interests

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chip on the shoulder attitude. To see the other's point if view is most essential these days. Should it happen, as it must from time to time, that your recommendations cannot be wholly accepted, do not take it as an affront. While you speak for a limited number, the Government must accept responsibility for all the Province over.

"I observe that my friend the Leader of the Opposition, in addressing you this morning, stated, in effect, that our minimum wage, as fixed by the Forests Operations Commission, ought to be on the same level as that obtaining in the Province of Quebec; not his exact words, but the meaning. My friend, apparently, is not aware of the fact that the so-called minimum wage in the Province of Quebec, has ceased to exist in that Province since October 13th last and, strange and all as it may seem, when the Act was annulled, wages stepped up.

"In this Province, our Act was fathered by your Organization and it today functions under an independent Board on which you have an outstanding member in the person of Mr. Wallace. That Board set the wages, and they were set for one year.

"Happily, the outlook is improving from day to day, a larger number of men are being employed, general conditions are improving and more prosperous times must come.

"Your President, according to his report which I have read, in effect stated that your Organization is not now, never was, and never will be, allied with any political party. I find it difficult to reconcile that view with the reported statement from the lips of certain of your members at a meeting held in Moncton in September last.

"In my judgment, the interests of labour will be materially enhanced by a 'no politics' policy insofar as labour is concerned.

"May I at this point say to you that, in my judgment, no Government in this Province for the past quarter of a century, has had more closely at heart the interests of labour than the present administration and the present Minister, Honourable Dr. Roberts, is giving of his time and energy in this great cause unsparingly.

"Having regard to the fact that we have been in power a little more than a year, I confidently leave to the calm judgment of the citizens of this Province, including Labour, our achievements.

"Our first step was to provide for what the former Government repudiated, namely, complete vocational grant. Secondly, to provide for the children of this Province, free school books, an obligation likewise repudiated by the former Government. Thirdly, we have made old age pensions a reality bringing joy to the hearts of thousands, this Province over—these three service cost our Treasury substantially one half million dollars, and such services today result in our deficit for which certain unthinking institutions level criticism at us.

"Fourthly, the Workmen's Compensation Board—one of the pillars of the Labour security, was found by us on the verge of bankruptcy. In order that cheques go forward to the injured, we found it necessary to make cash advances by way of guarantee upwards of \$100,000.

"A thorough re-organization was necessary—that has been accomplished and the present set-up will, I am confident, before many years, be so

For Lovers of Fine Tea

"SALADA"

TEA

Reports

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Federal Affairs and Education, laid on the table of the House the first annual report of the Old Age Pension Board for the year ending October 31, 1936.

Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines laid on the table of the House the annual report of the Department of Lands and Mines for the province of New Brunswick for the year ending 31st October 1936.

Message Read

Deputy Speaker Boucher read the following message from the Lieutenant Governor:

"I wish to acknowledge your kind communication of the 23rd of February transmitting the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly, conveying the sympathy of the members to myself and the members of my family in consequence of the death of my dear wife.

"Will you kindly express to the Assembly our grateful thanks for its expression of sympathy which is so much appreciated by myself and members of my family."

Second Readings

The following bills were given second reading: To authorize the Town of St. Andrews to issue debentures; to amend the Engineering Profession Act; respecting chiropractors.

H. A. Porter, K.C., presented a petition for a bill to fix the taxation of the Port Royal Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd.

Hon. C. T. Richard, introduced a bill to provide for the installation of a sprinkler system in the Provincial Buildings, Saint John.

Hon. Mr. Richard introduced a bill to provide for the redemption of \$910,000 provincial debentures falling due in 1938.

Hon. Mr. Richard introduced a bill to authorize funding of the floating indebtedness of the province.

J. J. Hayes Doane asked leave of absence for Foster G. Calder until Tuesday next on account of illness.

Regular

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usually change the trade to a consistent one at better prices from regular customers who would with some degree of assurance, be able to plan for expansion."

satisfactorily administered that Labour itself will complement the Government for the achievement.

"In the field of health the Honourable Minister has in mind a plan that will bring comfort to thousands of sorrowing hearts today because of the ravages of the grim disease of cancer, tuberculosis, and the like. These services all cost money and the putting into effect of legislation coping with these and providing the necessary funds with which to meet these added services, calls for the public's support of institutions such as yours. Carping petty criticism because of disappointment over some appointment does not go to the fundamentals of things. The problem before us are many and they can be faced and overcome only by united action.

"You may rest assured that this Government is prepared to go any reasonable limit in the cause of labour, and that means labour the Province over, whether they be members of your organization or not. Our work is not yet done, it has scarcely begun."

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Financial Critic

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This is an investment worth making for the people of New Brunswick and one to which they are definitely entitled. May I ask the support of all the members of this House in an effort to move more freight and passengers in and out of the portals of this great sea port, and in doing so their efforts will be crowned by making Saint John a bigger and better port.

As the province prospers so shall Saint John. Let our slogan be "Wherever we are, or wherever we go, ship through Saint John, Canada's all year round port, the port with the shortest rail haul in Canada to the Atlantic seaboard when Montreal and Quebec are closed." This Government could very well assist the port of Saint John and the people of that port and city, by having its Tourist Department send out pamphlets when they are sending out other literature with the slogan on them "Ship via Saint John, Canada's all year round sea port." Let us all work together on this project.

The speaker also sponsored the cause of the railroads in our province and pointing out that the unfair competition of bus lines against railroads which in winter time when the seasons are severe, would be called upon to bear the brunt of hauling freight through the country. He warned the Government against tampering with the present educational system with undue haste recalling the number of great scholars which had received their education in the province. He also took exception to the so-called illiteracy of the people of the province of New Brunswick, wondering if the method of reckoning was done in a manner which was representative of the whole area and population of the province. Mr. Smith advised the government against making education for our children only a grim preparation for a grim life of making a livelihood. There was something more to life than this idea. He urged the defusion of literature giving the port of Saint John more publicity.

merely a majority of the Provinces? Personally I think that certain matters should have the unanimous consent of all the provinces before any amendment can be made in the constitution, for example, such matters as race, religion, language and education. But I also believe that there are other matters or classes of subjects for which amendment should lie by a two-thirds vote of the provinces, and still others by a majority vote. I do not see why a plan of amendment along these lines could not be successfully worked out. I felt that the time has come when the power of amendment should be changed and that we are now old enough to run our own house, providing a suitable method of so doing can be agreed upon between the provinces.

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