Tenfold Tax Increase For Alberta Bankers

Election Rumours and Forecasts

THE Special Session of the Alberta Legislature has met. It started work last Friday, and had before it several important measures.

First a resolution denying the right of the Federal Government to disallow Provincial Legislation, together with a Bill which would have the effect of repassing the "Shallowed" Acts.

The second is a Bill to increase drastically the taxes on banks. It is reported that the new taxes would increase the contribution by the banks from the present 5% of tax (last year only $81,000 were collected) to nearly $2,500,000 (about $500,000).

This has produced the most astonishing outburst of inaccurate invective by the Daily Telegraph, one of whose statements, as shown elsewhere on this page, is in flat contradiction to a report in the Evening Standard.

We recoiled that the Telegraph alone in all the London press announced the victory of the Social Credit Government as "the first time in Canadian history that a Socialist organisation has won control of a provincial government."

A hint of an early general election in Alberta was given by Mr. Aberhart, Social Credit Premier, in his broadcast last Sunday, according to a B.U.P. message.

Referring to recent opposition moves to try and force him to resign his seat, Mr. Aberhart is reported to have said that the citizens of his constituency, as well as those of others, "WILL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING THEIR DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, OR TO CONTINUE UNDER THE OPPRESSIVE HELL OF THE FINANCERS, DURING THE NEXT FORTY DAYS."

These words, however, as reported, may bear another interpretation. It would be possible to give electorate facilities of expressing such a desire without holding an election. There seems to be no doubt that there is great anxiety on the part of the opposition to force an election, and anything tending to suggest one will be seized upon by them.

Their anxiety does not seem to be based on any expectation that an election would result in a defeat for Mr. Aberhart and his Government, so it is probably merely a move to play for time.

But that as it may it is certain that Mr. Aberhart will be guided by his own admirable political judgment as to whether or no he accepts the challenge.

The Alberta Financial Post on September 11 published the result of an enquiry among the 60-odd country weekly editors in Alberta "to find out what Alberta really thinks."

It found out what the editors really think. All the editors are anti-Aberhart, but local feeling is so high they are cautious in expressing it. As one of them put it: "Please withhold any name and the name of my paper. My district was nearly so per cent. Social Credit at the last election ... there is no use stirring up a hornet's nest."

What Alberta really thinks?

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT WHILE 95 PER CENT OF THE WEEKLY EDITORS ARE OPPOSED TO ABERHART, SAYS THE FINANCIAL POST, ONLY THREE CONCEDE A CHANCE TO DEFEND THE GOVERNMENT.

Against this view the Liberal Government, at Ottawa, in touch with "treasured sources," has received a report that "the Aberhart Government has become so unpopular with the great mass of the people that Premier Aberhart must abandon his attempt of an early election."

The same report added that he was most unlikely to call the Special Session of the Legislature which he threatened after his banking legislation was "disallowed."

It also added that Alberta reaction to the Federal disallowance was favourable in the extreme.

We imagine that set of trusted sources has been given the sack by now.

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Mr. Byrne speaks highly of the courtesy and helpfulness of his late firm's management which made it possible for him to pay his recent visit to Alberta.

Mr. Byrne and his charming wife will leave behind a host of friends in Birmingham and Southampton, and indeed in every place where Social Crediters are gathered together.

All will be sorry to lose him; but what a load of goodwill, hope, and encouragement he will carry with him!

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And Potatoes

We were galvanised last week by the latest Potato Board advertisement on London's Underground Railways. It goes like this:

TILL HAVE AND POTATOES

The first step in formal logic we learned was to the effect that everything in the world could be divided into two groups as will. Everything in the world is either a poker or not a poker; an Eksimo or not an Eksimo; a potato or not a potato.

As we are fully aware of the immensurable productive capacity of modern farms and faculties we believe that everybody in the world is entitled to say "Till will have..." and potato, not potato, potato or not potato.

We are obliged to the Potato Board for this admirable slogan.

Glut Tactics

"A leading article in Harper's Sports and Games Distributor—sports trade journal— the following question is asked:

If, by any means, there is any justification for the earlier advanced contentions that steel shafts and steel bullets are as proper as straws and corks for fishing, what is the best time to go on giving much good value? And is there an array of headlights, the gun trade which, by building guns so well will kill all possibilities of a further sale to the —same sportman—if he is of average means— for many years to come? Or, in contrast, may the sports market consumer wisely study the tactics of the rifle industry which plans for quick replacements?

We are reminded of the story, current a few years ago, that a big U.S. automobile manufacturer was experimenting with materials for quick replacement?

Do you really feel proud of this wonderful country of ours—we could be so proud of it.

Money Talks

"The stifling of the attitude of the U.S. Government to Japan, over the question of the war in China may not be unconnected with the fact that American investments there total approximately $43 million!"

This Prosperity in U.S.A.

"The week ended August 15 was a favorable week for U.S. statisticians, possibly for our own emigrants as well."

The New York Times business index for that week records the highest mark that has flashed across the face since the week of September 14, 1929.

If you remember September, 1929, comments the New York Post. That was the month when Wall Street hit the rocks.

The Times index shows that miscellaneous increases of stock production, electric power, automobile production, lumber production, steel production, etc., will have the index up to or higher than pre-depression levels.

This must be the recovery everybody has been talking about. This is the time when the Stork delivers the wiggler in the woodshed. It reminds one of the story of the fat egg, which laid an egg, and a little nigger dipp'd in red in the water that the goose would do. The moment the gander saw it he rushed across the yard — and killed the perfectly innocent peacock.

Good Wishes to Alberta from Donegal

It is a pity that the Irish people cannot get full reports of this revolution in Alberta. But as a friend who once read us "Calendar and Prospectus," 3d. from all sources, and another from The Donegal Democrat for September 15, 1937. Applications to join Lecture Course A and B by correspondence. Each 3s. 6d. at home; 3s. 6d. abroad.

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Real and Financial Credit

"We have received a cutting from a Blackburn (Lancs) paper which we cannot identify, and from an advertisement on the back of the cutting it appears to have been published shortly before September 15. We do not usually print unidentified stories, but this one, which is worthy of Charlie Chaplin, is worth breaking down into a quatrain."

"I'll have the tree and the stump, but the roots are not always so easy to find."

Dr. Frott' s Canadian Broadcast

The argument behind all this, Dr. Frott', fervent and deodized body. Taxation in such circumstances was not license but licence, as Gregory had, thought, put it.

Let them all join in the cry "No Popery!" and all would yet be well.

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The report titled "What English Women Doing?" by Dorothy M. Melling contains a series of articles discussing the role of women in the Democratic Federation of Youth, Social Credit, and the establishment of a Social Centre in London. The articles highlight the importance of women's participation in democratic processes and social movements, emphasizing their contributions to the growth and development of these initiatives.

The report also covers the activities of the Albertan people, discussing the importance of unity and collective action in the struggle for social and economic change. It notes the significance of women's involvement in these movements, with a particular focus on Social Credit and the establishment of a Social Centre in London.

The report concludes with a discussion on the challenges and opportunities that face women in the pursuit of democratic rights and social justice, emphasizing the importance of collective action and the need for continued support and solidarity among women.

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Patriotism Exploited

PatriOTISM, said Dr. Johnson, is a noble passion. But there are indeed many of the worst cruelties and betrayals in history have been perpetrated in the name of patriotism. It is a dangerous thing that most appeals to the public mind. It is easy to appeal to the love of country and spirit of self-sacrifice, in support of oppression and the suppression of the people. Indeed, many of the worst cruelties and betrayals in history have been perpetrated in the name of patriotism. It is a dangerous thing that most appeals to the public mind. It is easy to appeal to the love of country and spirit of self-sacrifice, in support of oppression and the suppression of the people.

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The people of Alberta number less than half the people of the United States. Yet they live in a country about twice the size of the British Isles which is recognised as the richest Province of all the world - rich as it is, in natural resources and potential wealth. Unfortunately, the people of Alberta, despite the greatness of their country, suffer acute poverty. These people are endowed above the average with the natural resources and potential wealth. Unfortunately, the people of Alberta, despite the greatness of their country, suffer acute poverty.

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E hale, democracy is in practice for the first time - practiced by a population less than half that of the West Riding of Yorkshire, suffering acute poverty, living in a country which is yet the richest province - in natural wealth - of Canada and twice the size of the British Isles. Where, in fact, do all Governments obtain the money they require for the administration of their countries? They do not obtain it from taxation, which is collected from the people after the money has been spent. They obtain it in the form of loans from banks, and taxation is used to repay the loans to the banks.

Where there's a Will, there's a Way

But the people of Alberta are in need of the wealth which is theirs, and to reverse their condition of poverty, they must demand results from the Federal Government. Where there's a Will, there's a Way. It may be that the whole people of Canada will have to unite to give orders to their Federal Government. It may be that the whole people of Canada will have to unite to give orders to their Federal Government.

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BUSY DEATH

Major Douglas in his famous B.B.C. radio talk in Nov. 1934 exposed the causes of these horrors of busy death as economic causes. Here is that famous broadcast reproduced.

The Causes of War

Perhaps the first necessity, if we wish to arrive at the truth of this matter, is to say that the technical definition of war—action taken to impose your will upon an enemy, or to prevent him from imposing his will upon you." You will, I think, recognise at once that this definition of war makes the motive an unimportant matter to consider. I am much afraid that the energy devoted at the present time to the endeavour to modify the methods of war than to removing the motive for war. If we recognise this, we shall be in a better position to realise that we are never at peace— that only the form of war changes.

The so-called psychological causes are, I feel confident, the response of human provability by comparing suicide statistics. In fact, it is the economic war which causes the rest. There is more money about. Suicides are so semantically irjulic. It is not because people die, but because they are sick and tired of their demonstration of the economic causes of war. Such a system, and that broadly speaking the sentiment, an to induce a greater prosperity or enrich, it is the economic war which causes the irritation.
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Announcements & Meetings

BIRMINGHAM.

Mr. W. A. Wood, M.P., speaks to the Hon. Secretary, 16, Tilestone Crescent, Fren- tagh Fields, B.M.P. Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.

Blackburn Social Credit Study group meets each Monday at 8 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A., Limebridge. All enquiries to Hon. Sec., c/o, Windy New Road, Blackburn.

Bradford United Democrats.

All members, please attend at 7.30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 34, Charles Street, on a programme that can be understood by the people. Is the power to produce. What we need, what we demand, is the power to consume.

CREED-MOUTH.

Social Credit Association.

Weekly Conference of Superintendents, Officers and Depl. Officers at 8.00 p.m., Thursdays. For details apply to Mr. J. R. Cooper, 26, Gainsborough Road, Cheltenham.

St. Helens Social Credit Association.

Annual Meeting at Portsea Rooms, Bootle Road, Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

Largs Social Credit Association.

Enquiries to Hon. Sec., Miss D. M. Roberts, New Park, Seashore. Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.

Missoula United Democrats.

All members strongly invited to attend at 7.30 p.m., 18, Montana, Ross Road, Thursday, 16th November.

Newcastle United Democrats.

All members, please attend on Wednesday evenings, at 8.00 p.m., 23, Deane Street, B.M.P., for the distribution of leaflets.

CREDIBILITY - POWER AND DEMOCRACY

By Bernard Rowntree

We, the people, the consumers, demand the power to consume all we want up to the capacity of our capacity to produce. Everyone is the greatest expert in the whole world to decide what he or she wants. We demand the power to consume all we want of the goods, services, liberty, and property. Everyone has the power that can be understood by the people. Is the power to produce. What we need, what we demand, is the power to consume.

To be sure we do not misunderstand, let us be sure we know what we mean by the power of consumption that do the words "power" and "consume" mean to us?

POWER. Ability to act. Potential capacity. The right, ability, faculty or capacity for action or performance.

CONSUME. To eat or drink. To absorb. To use up. The using up of goods in the satisfying of human needs.

Do you want more or better food—clothing—a larger or more modern house to live in—deluxe work for Mary—Johnny's router removed—to attend those study classes—a trip to that national forest? These are only a few of the goods and services we can produce. Do you want them?

The papers are full of news about strikes. What is the cause of every strike? Knowledge or fear of not being able to consume what the men and women want. In a recent United Nations committee inquiry was asked how many people were employed in the factory he had charge of. He replied: "Eight to ten thousand." Did that make you think? Did you realise there were two thousand and their families who in "good time" might be totally lacking the power to consume? Does any one know better than those two thousand families what they want or need?

There are to be ten to twenty million people who have all the power to consume. You are one of these, or are you one of the 90 to 90 million Americans who do NOT the power to consume all you need or want of what we can or do produce?

A man became nationally known because he said: "What this country needs is a good five cent cigar." Probably many people thought of this as only a funny joke. Why did he say "five cent cigar"? Why not a "fifty cent cigar"? Because he knew people could not, did not have the power to consume fifty cent cigars. What we need is the power to consume what we want, we can produce it.

LEGALISED ROBBERY 'ALLEGED AT BIRMINGHAM

I LEGALISED robbery" by the Birmingham Corporation was alleged at Birmingham Police Court recently when Mr. Herbert Willison declared that the City Council "had no heart and that the wrong was legalised by them." The result of this was the admission by the City Council that they had no heart and that the wrong was legalised by them.

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**FISHERMEN PROTEST PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH VILLAGE**

A BAND of Cornish fishermen, many of whom have never been

outside the county in their lives, will leave Newlyn shortly for

Ulster to appeal to the Minister of Health against the threatened
destruction of their homes under the Penenance council’s clearance

scheme.

The council’s proposals, which are being

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LABOUR'S NEW PROGRAMME IS FULL OF VAGUE PROMISES

Their Leaders Decide What YOU Want

THE Labour Party is making a great effort to win the next election. A huge new programme has been produced and will be widely distributed in this new Labour propaganda campaign. The leaflet is full of pleasant phrases calculated to attract goodwill, common sense among the voters that the National Investment Bank is important for its emolument for its own policy. It is full of promises of "jobs and pay" and in this it represents a danger against which all who may be misled by them should be warned. The greatest gift, that modern science has made possible for all is the freedom to work out a co-ordinated scheme of national planning for industry, agriculture and finance under public control, which, if carried through, will provide the foundations of a better society we all desire. But no attempt is made to ask the people to know what they expect to get in return for these promises. Labour's programme for the New Order of the World is very much better known than the party's plans to deal with problems such as the housing crisis. The emphasis on work is significant. The leaflet promises the unemployed, for instance, "a fair start" and "adequate maintenance for himself and his family" but no constitution exists and what constitutes adequate maintenance will be decided for him. The leaflet is full of promises for a planned economy, says "control of finance is the keystone of the Labour programme." The government proposes to regulate the standards of quality for all goods sold to the public control of the Bank of England and, through it, of credit, and for a National Investment Board, "will ensure that national industries and services, and essential developments are properly financed instead of being left to the whims and prejudices of financiers. Finance is thus disposed of. Notice, not a word here of financing consumption, not a word about increasing the wages of the machine. And what does "National Investment Bank" mean? The fact is that all this sort of thing is being carried out now. The Bank of England is doing it very efficiently all the time. Not a word about National Divi- dends; not a word about financing the con- sumption of that multiplication of output the machine is delivering; not a word about giving the poor money to spend whether they have worked or not, provided the goods are there to meet the financial demand.

WAGE SLAVERY

All the promises seem designed to lift political careers to positions of power, to governors, and to continue the system of wage slavery. Under the heading "Security," for instance, the leaflet says, "A Labour Government will take effective measures to improve employment." For the dis- tressed areas (called "The Forgotten Areas") the leaflet states, "A Labour Government will regard it as a special task to bring back Health, Hope and Work to the people of the distressed areas." The emphasish on work is significant. It makes clear that the party leaders, not leaders of the workers, are not in favour of distributing the free dividend which is the inheritance of every person. The whole programme represents a great new economy. But no attempt is made to ask the people, for instance, the leaflet says, "A Labour candidate regardless of his party or the people whom he represents..." No attempt is made to ask the people what they desire and further, what they desire as a whole. The emphasis on work is significant. The whole programme represents a great new economy. But no attempt is made to ask the people what they desire and further, what they desire as a whole. The leaflet promises the unemployed, for instance, "a fair start" and "adequate maintenance for himself and his family" but no constitution exists and what constitutes adequate maintenance will be decided for him. The leaflet is full of promises for a planned economy, says "control of finance is the keystone of the Labour programme." The government proposes to regulate the standards of quality for all goods sold to the public control of the Bank of England and, through it, of credit, and for a National Investment Board, "will ensure that national industries and services, and essential developments are properly financed instead of being left to the whims and prejudices of financiers. Finance is thus disposed of. Notice, not a word here of financing consumption, not a word about increasing the wages of the machine. And what does "National Investment Bank" mean? The fact is that all this sort of thing is being carried out now. The Bank of England is doing it very efficiently all the time. Not a word about National Divi- dends; not a word about financing the con- sumption of that multiplication of output the machine is delivering; not a word about giving the poor money to spend whether they have worked or not, provided the goods are there to meet the financial demand.

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