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HUGHES CLEAVER, M.P.

To the Electors of Halton:

You have elected me as your Federal Member since 1935. I was nominated last week as the Liberal candidate in the coming elections, and once again am asking for your support.

On this occasion the elections are being held because the life of the present Parliament will soon have expired. There is no special issue involved in this election. The choice which the electors will have to make is as to whether the Liberal or the Conservative party will be the best party to govern Canada during the next five years. The C.C.F. party has openly conceded the fact that it cannot hope to obtain a working majority at this time so the choice lies between the two old parties as to which will form the next government.

The Conservative party has been in Opposition now since 1935 and it will of course seek to gain office by criticising the work of the Liberal Government. During the war the Liberals were sharply criticized for their war administration but this is all past now, and most folk, even the Conservatives, freely admit that there is not much to complain about our war administration. There is certainly nothing but pride to express about Canada's war effort and the wonderful strides which we made toward full nationhood during the war years.

The Conservative criticisms now are that we have kept some of the controls on too long and that we have taxed the people too heavily. The Toronto Globe and Mail have unsuccessfully tried to blame the Government for the use of Rolls Royce-Merlin engines in our North Star planes. It now turns out that the criticisms all come from a disgruntled employee of T.C.A. who was fired. The merit of these engines was clearly demonstrated during the war. Whether or not they are the best available ones now is an engineering problem which I think could best be left to our T.C.A. engineers. The fact nevertheless remains that our Trans-Canada Air Lines have the best operating record, so far as safety is concerned, of any airline in the world. The Globe and Mail will doubtless continue to try to worry you about this engine issue but I doubt if many of us feel competent to personally reach a correct decision about it. Certainly no blame can attach to your government in regard to it.

I would like to discuss the two main complaints made by the Opposition with regard to the Liberal Government.

First, in regard to the remaining controls. If elected to office the Conservative party is pledged to remove all of the few remaining controls immediately, with the possible exception of rental control. We Liberals do not like controls because they are undemocratic. We don't like to be pushed around but we are pledged to retain the Foreign Exchange Control and such other controls as may be necessary to maintain our national economy and our standard of living which by the way is the highest of any country in the world excepting the U.S. The question you will have to decide is as to whether you want to run the risk of removing the controls. The speculators in U.S. securities would of course profit by their removal but would we benefit or lose as a nation. The answer to this question I am quite content to leave with the electors of this riding without further comment on my part. Today this country is more prosperous than it has ever been before and we are enjoying this prosperity in a world which is still very much upset. We all know what would have happened to our own national economy had we not protected our position by controls.

Now as to the second main criticism that we are taxed too heavily. In regard to this question you will find a sharp difference between Conservative and Liberal policy. During the first Great War the Conservative party was in power and during that war all the cost of the war was added to the public debt for future generations to pay. Did this help Canada in the post-war period after that war? I leave the answer to you. During the last Great War you had a Liberal Government in office and it collected from you during the war something over half the total cost of the war. Since then we have continued a high level of taxation. You have already repaid something over 1500 millions of dollars of the war debt. During the immediate post-war period we would have had serious inflation problems if any more spending power had been available to compete for goods in short supply. We are now moving out of shortages of goods and in some lines competitive selling is evident so our budget this year gave you substantial tax cuts. The

G.R.C. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 1

6:30 p.m. Ladies softball. Braves—Hawks (High School).
7:30 p.m. Ladies softball. Royals—Leafs (High School).
7:00 p.m. Ladies softball. Raiders—Credits (Public School).
7:00 p.m. Men's softball. S & S—Glen (Park).
7:00 p.m. Men's softball. Alliance—Meadowglen (Park).
8:00 p.m. Meeting in park of those interested in forming a horseshoe league.

Thursday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Family Baseball. Normandy—College View (Public School). Local horseshoe competition.

Friday, June 3

Midget lacrosse at S&S field. 6:30 Tigers—Owen Sound; 7: Peterborough—St. Kitts; 7:30 St. Kitts—Weston; 8:00 Brampton—Mimico. Men's softball. 7:00 Double-header at park. Cheltenham—Lions, High School—Glen. 7:00 Legion—Norval (at Norval).

Saturday, June 4

Midget lacrosse at S&S field. 6:30 Tigers—Owen Sound; 7:00 Peterboro—St. Kitts. 7:30 St. Kitts—Weston; 8:00 Brampton—Mimico. Men's softball. 7:00 Double-header at park. Cheltenham—Lions, High School—Glen. 7:00 Legion—Norval (at Norval).

Saturday, June 4

Bantam lacrosse at Lions Bowl. 10:00 Iroquois—Caribu; 10:45 Beavers—Algonquins; 11:15 Iroquois—Crees; 11:45 Mohawks—Caribou. 7:00 p.m. TwixTeen Club (Town Hall).

Monday, June 6

4:00 p.m. Bantam girls softball. Eagles—Bluebirds, Cardinals—Orpicks (Public School).
6:30 p.m. Midget girls softball. Whites—Blues; Blues—Reds; Purples—Greens (Public School).
6:30 p.m. Juvenile boys softball. Scott—Glen (High School).
7:30 p.m. Juvenile boys softball. Gilts—Norval (High School).
These are play-off games in best of 3 series.

Tuesday, June 7

4:00 p.m. Bantam boys softball. Crees—Iroquois; Iroquois—Algonquins, Sioux—Hurons (Public School).

6:30 p.m. Midget boys softball. Dodgers—Tigers; Yankees—Indians (Public School).

7:00 p.m. Georgetown Monarchs ladies softball game in park.

Wednesday, June 8

Ladies softball. N.30 Braves—Royals. 7:30 Hawks—Raiders (High School).

7:00 Leafs—Credits (Public School).

Thursday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Family baseball. Normandy—King St. (Public School)

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Much interest is being shown in this year's Men's Softball league, which is a continuation of what was last year known as Industrial Softball. The nine teams will play a home-and-home schedule, and the first half of the schedule has been drawn up. Several double-headers will be played, with these games to be 5-innings, with no extra innings in case of ties. Each team is to provide one umpire. Games and their locations are:

Friday, May 27
High School—Norval (Norval)
Legion—Lions (Park)

Wednesday, June 1
S & S—Glen (Glen)
Alliance—Meadowglen (Park)

Friday, June 3
Legion—Norval (Norval)
Chelt. Concrete—Lions; Glen—High School (Park)

Monday, June 5
Legion—Meadowglen, S & S—Alliance (Park)

Wednesday, June 8
High School—Alliance (Park)
Norval—Glen (Glen)

Friday, June 10
C. C.—M'Glen; Norval—Alliance (Park)

Wednesday, June 15
High School—Legion; Glen—Alliance (Park)

Liberal policy is to continue to give tax cuts just as quickly as our financial position will permit this to be done. We are still however budgeting to continue to reduce the national debt. Do you want this policy to be continued or do you want a Tory spendthrift policy which will give us temporary relief but very quickly get us into trouble.

Most people do not worry about past mistakes. The harm has been done and there is nothing to be gained by worrying about them but most people do not repeat their mistakes. Do you want a repetition of what happened from 1930 to 1935 when the Conservative Party was last in office?

There is another point which I think will have considerable bearing on the decision which we are to make on Election Day and that is the question of a stalemate. With three parties seeking election, even though the C.C.F. party leaders concede that they cannot hope to win, there is the danger that no one party might have an over-all majority. This feature I would like to discuss fully in my letter to you next week.

Yours sincerely
Hughes Cleaver

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