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Your CCF Candidate



STAN ALLEN

The readers of this paper may wonder why I have not had a weekly column, presenting my views and the policies of the Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation, as the Liberal and Conservative candidates have done. The reason can be explained in three words — lack of finances!

The CCF does not have the large sums of money available that are made available to the two old parties to carry on their campaigns. Our funds come from our members and sympathizers, usually in amounts ranging from one dollar to ten dollars.

Blair Fraser writing in the April 15th edition of Maclean's says: "Candidates for the two old parties will each spend between eight and twelve thousand dollars on their election campaigns." Compare this with my budget, which is seven hundred dollars. Deduct two hundred dollars for my deposit and a two hundred dollar contribution to the Provincial campaign fund and you will realize why I have not carried on an expensive newspaper and poster campaign. While lack of funds makes campaigning difficult I believe the difficulty is more than offset by the willingness of our workers to go out and actively campaign for me. To date we have made personal contacts with over ten thousand electors in Halton.

Because we do not get slush funds from the big businesses, that contribute to the old parties, CCF candidates when elected are free to represent you, the electors. This is not true of the old parties as can be seen by their voting records. Did Mr. Cleaver protest against the inequalities in the increased tax exemptions which Mr. Abbott said were made possible by the increased production of the workers, and which gives 70 per cent of the tax cuts to the few wealthy corporations and individuals, and only 30 per cent to the many who made the cut possible? The answer can be found in Hansard. The Liberals voted solidly in favour of the budget.

Where do the two old parties stand on such issues as a national health plan, a national housing plan, increased pensions for the aged, blind and disabled, federal aid for education and national marketing boards?

National Health Plan

CCF members of parliament have time after time, presented bills for a national health plan that would give to every Canadian, complete medical and health care, only to have the Liberals and Conservatives vote solidly against them. Now, on the eve of the election, they tell us they are all in favour of a national health plan.

The CCF is the only party the insurance companies do not have strings on. Therefore we are the only party who can give you a health plan that is operated solely for your benefit and protection.

Housing

For those who wish to build their own homes, the CCF proposes to have loans made directly through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation at 2 per cent interest. That rate of interest, for housing has been shown to be feasible in several places in the United States and in one province in Canada.

With the rate of interest reduced to 2 per cent, loans would be increased from 80 to 90 per cent of the lending value. The amortization period would be increased to thirty years. The adoption of these three CCF proposals, would mean that payments on a well built \$10,000 house, would be only \$33.20 per month.

Social Security

One of the things that the CCF has fought hardest for, is a better social security system. I wonder how many of us have any conception of what it is like to live on \$40 per month?

Yet that is what thousands of old age and blind pensioners have to do. With the cost of living as it is today, pensions should be at least \$80 per month. At the present time

there is no provision for those who are incapacitated in some way other than by blindness.

Another gap is the lack of any provision for sickness insurance. When the breadwinner takes ill, the family income stops, just at a time when help is needed most. Other countries not as wealthy as Canada have provided sickness insurance to meet such emergencies.

The CCF believes that society should provide for the aged, the sick, the disabled and all those, who through no fault of their own, are unable to provide for themselves.

It was through the efforts of our founder, the late J. S. Woodsworth, that old age pensions were established in 1926.

CCF Farm Plan

In the last few months the cost of living has come down slightly. I wonder how many of us realize that most of that drop has been at the expense of the farmers. While most prices have continued to rise, farm prices have dropped drastically. Our farmers have been caught in a price-cost squeeze.

How did this happen? The chief reason, is to be found in the failure of the Liberal governments to protect the farmers overseas markets in the last few years.

After the war, the Liberal government set out deliberately to switch a greater percentage of our trade from the United Kingdom to the United States. Great Britain and other countries in the sterling area, had been our best customers for agriculture products. Little effort was made, however, by the Canadian government to retain these markets when post-war difficulties arose. For example, the Parliamentary assistant to the minister of agriculture, had this to say in London, Ont., on December 29th, 1949: "We are Americans," he said, "and whether we like it or not, we are going to stay close to the States, and we are going to buy the majority of our goods from the States. We're a dollar country and we'll stay that way. Even if it means paying a little more for our goods, we'll still buy from the States."

Well, that kind of attitude by the government has cost Canadian farmers dearly. Our natural and valuable markets in the United Kingdom for bacon, apples, cheese and other dairy products has been lost, and the swing to the U.S. markets has been disastrous. We should have learned by now that U.S. itself is a big producer of the products we wish to sell, and is an uncertain, and unreliable market.

The CCF believes that we must take vigorous steps to regain our overseas markets. Last year Canada spent twenty times as much in the U.S. as in Britain. That trend must be reversed. If most of our Government purchases were made in the United Kingdom, they would have tens of millions of dollars more to spend on Canadian agricultural products.

Along with our policies for regaining our overseas markets is our proposal to protect the farmers from violent fluctuations in prices.

The CCF has urged the establishment of a system of guaranteed forward prices, based on parity. Minimum prices will be established well ahead of planting or breeding seasons to enable farmers to plan their production without worrying about market fluctuations.

Such forward pricing techniques are not mere theory; they have worked successfully in other countries. The CCF believes they can be used in Canada to give greater security to our farmers and to stimulate a great increase in our food production. This is greatly needed in a world where two-thirds of the population go to bed hungry every night.

While it has been impossible for me to meet every elector in Halton personally, I have been greatly encouraged by the people I have had the pleasure of meeting. If you believe that we should put "Humanity First," then on August 10th, Vote CCF.

I assure you, your support will be appreciated and my every effort will be in your interests.

— Stan Allen.

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County Assessors Are Guests of Municipality

USE ASSESSOR'S HOME AS RANCH STYLE SAMPLE

Georgetown was host last Wednesday to members of Halton Assessors' Association when that group held its monthly meeting here.

Assessors from the ten municipalities in the county were entertained at dinner by the municipality at the McGibbon House and also spent the day in profitable discussions of assessing questions.

Foremost on the agenda was the assessing of ranch style homes, so prevalent today, and on which not too much specific help is given in the manual which the government has prepared for guidance. Assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons, who has just built a new ranch-style home of his own on Church Street, used this house as a sample and each assessor was given an appraisal card to assess the house. Results were gratifying when all assessors arrived at a figure which varied by only a few hundred dollars.

The monthly meetings have been profitable to the assessors themselves, as well as to the municipalities and the county as a whole, which gets its revenue from an equalization which in the past has been subject to dispute from time to time. When problems are ironed out between the men whose judgment is used to fix local tax payments, there is a better chance of unanimity between municipalities when equalization time arrives each year.

Fall Fair Dates

Acton	Sept. 18, 19
Arthur	Sept. 29, 30
Ancaster	Aug. 28, 29
Barrie	Oct 1 - 3
Beamsville	Sept. 10 - 12
Beechton	Sept. 29, 30
Belleville	Aug. 17, 20
Binbrook	Sept. 11, 12
Bolton	Oct 2, 3
Brampton	Sept. 17 - 19
Caledon	Sept. 25, 26
Caledonia	Oct 1 - 3
Chesley	Sept. 11, 12
Collingwood	Sept. 24 - 26
Cookstown	Sept. 17, 18
Dundalk	Sept. 9, 10
Elmira	Sept. 4, 5, 7
Erin	Oct 9, 10, 12
Fergus	Sept. 18, 19
Grand Valley	Oct 2, 3
Galt	Sept. 24 - 26
GEORGETOWN	Oct 2 - 3
Leamington	Aug. 10 - 15
Lindsay	Sept. 22 - 26
Listowel	Sept. 28, 29
London	
(Western Fair)	Sept. 14 - 19
Markham	Oct 1 - 3
Milton	Sept. 25, 26
Mount Forest	Sept. 12, 14
New Hamburg	Sept. 18, 19
Orangeville	Sept. 15, 16
Oshawa	Aug. 19 - 22
Ottawa (C.C. Ex.)	Aug. 22 - 28
Owen Sound	Sept. 27 - 28
Ottawa Winter Fair	Oct. 27 - 31
Owen Sound	Sept. 28 - 30
Paris	Oct 2, 3
Peterborough	Sept. 15 - 19
Rockton	Oct. 10 & 12
Seaford	Sept. 24, 25
Schomberg	Oct. 9, 10
Simcoe (Norfolk)	Oct. 5 - 10
Smithville	Sept. 25, 26
Stratford	Sept. 21 - 23
Streetsville	Oct. 2, 3
Teeswater	Oct. 6, 7
Toronto (CNE)	Aug. 28 - Sept. 12
Toronto (Royal)	Nov. 13-21
Waterdown	Sept. 22, 23
Walkerton	Oct. 29
Welland	Sept. 14-19
Woodbridge	Oct. 10, 12

PICTURE IN STAR

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