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Frost Government Stalling Health Insurance: MacDonald

Criticism of Premier Leslie Frost's Conservative government in Ontario for not speeding hospital insurance was expressed by Donald C. MacDonald, Ontario CCF leader and M.P.P. when he spoke in Georgetown Saturday.

Speaking at the annual meeting of Halton Riding association in the Odd Fellows Hall, Mr. MacDonald said the excuse that the cost is so great that the project cannot be rushed into is a "bogey."

He was introduced by Stan Allen, county warden and CCF candidate in the last federal and provincial elections.



"With Ottawa's contribution, it will be possible to establish a plan in Ontario without spending a single extra dollar from the provincial treasury, and at a collective premium cost which will be less than people are now spending individually," he said.

Overall cost of the Ontario plan is estimated at \$190 millions. Ottawa will pay \$66 million. The provincial treasury is already spending \$40 million for mental, TB and public hospital grants, so that the sum left to be raised through premiums is \$83 million. Mr. MacDonald estimates that some

\$90 million will be spent by people, either directly or through private plans in a year, which is more than the collective amount required through premium levy.

The speaker claimed that opposition to the plan springs from medical associations and insurance companies, while the public is overwhelmingly in favour.

He criticized a statement by Dr. Arthur Kelly, secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, that if we don't watch out, a health scheme will break this country completely. While Dr. Kelly was right in saying that the cost of British Health Services exceeded the original estimates (because of a backlog of unmet medical, dental and optical needs), he ignored recent information that these now cost a smaller percentage of the national wealth than before the scheme was established—3.25% compared with 3.75% before.

Health expenditures in Canada represent over 4% of the gross national product, he said, despite the fact that we have no such plan in operation.

Mr. MacDonald attacked insurance companies as wanting to exploit profitable risks and leave bad risks to the public treasury.

"It is unthinkable that insurance companies should be permitted to participate," he said. The case against them is conclusive in the light of their own official figures which reveal that of the premium dollar taken in, the best of them repay no more than 6% in actual hospital care, and the worst range as low as 3%.

It is a tragedy that not only will Ontario people be deprived of hospital insurance through the Frost government's delay, but all Canada, for stalling in Ontario blocks any national plan, said Mr. MacDonald.

"Unfortunately the Conservative government at Queen's Park is sufficiently under the influence of the medical association and insurance companies that their desires prevail over the overwhelming majority of the public who favour immediate action."

FARM NEWS

WHEN IS LAND HIGH PRICED?

J. E. W.

"Farm land prices may not be as high as we have been led to believe. In terms of the pre-war (1933-39) dollar, land prices average only one percent higher today than in 1939". This is one of the statements taken from the Doane Agricultural Digest published in St. Louis, Missouri, and was brought to the attention of the members of the Halton Farm Management Association, by George Hunt, well-known Halton feed dealer and farm economics specialist. Here are a few interesting statements from the same source:

"Farmers and people everywhere are puzzled by the continued boom in farm land prices. We've always assumed that land prices were a reflection of the level of farm prosperity. We thought we knew that farmers bid up the price of land when they had money, and let the prices fall when times were hard. Not so any more! The facts are that farm land prices have gone up 47% since 1947, while the realized net income of farmers has dropped 37%.

For eight years, land prices have gone up on an average of almost 6% per year, while realized net farm income has declined an average of 4% per year. Governmental policy, both inside and outside of agriculture, has thus become an engine of inflation which combines shrinking markets, new technology, production controls and high tax rates into the same transmission system. That's why farm land prices are going up in the midst of today's farm depression.

Unless you see an end to the kind of government policies which have created the present situation, count on still more inflation. Rising land prices will be only one indication of what's going on. Ten years from now, you'll look back to 1956 as we now look at 1947, and say, "Land was a pretty good buy back then." Allow for short term land price declines such as those which came in 1949-50 and in 1953-54. Such a decline is to be expected this year or next."

The comments or statements taken from the Doane Agricultural Digest should not be interpreted to apply to farm prices in Halton County, which is in the Golden Horseshoe—nevertheless they do provide food for thought, and also gives an overall picture for the U.S. and to some extent for the North American continent. No we are not going to "go out on a limb" on the question of whether or not a farm owner should sell his farm at present prices. In the first place, as we see it, the answer would vary with circumstances—that is, age and health of the operator—financial position—whether or not the farm operator wishes to continue farming, etc.

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D. DAY, D.C.

THE CHIROPRACTOR ATTEMPTS TO FIND THE CAUSE OF PAIN AND CORRECT IT.

PAIN

Physicians and philosophers have studied pain for centuries and many conflicting views have arisen concerning it. Pain is a disagreeable sensation produced by the action of a stimuli of harmful nature. A popular view until fairly recently was that pain was simply a feeling state, an emotional reaction, like pleasure. However, accumulated evidence shows us clearly that pain is a specific sensation with its own separate mechanism, to pick up harmful stimuli and to transfer these harmful messages to the brain. But pain is usually accompanied by a feeling of emotional state as well as other reactions of a physical nature. So pain becomes then instead of a distinct sensation—a complex experience.

The Function of Pain

Pain is often looked upon as the greatest enemy of mankind. Philosophers have debated whether man would be happier in a world free of pain, some have considered it necessary to feel pain so that pleasure can be appreciated. But from a health standpoint the sensation of pain is the body's finest protective mechanism, a warning signal that something is wrong, that something should be investigated before it gets worse, not benumbed into silence by a pain-killer.

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Reports Progress in Railway Weed Control

Authorized by the county agricultural committee and the Crops Branch of the Dept. of Agriculture to interview the four railway superintendents with regard to weed control on their rights of way through Halton, county weed inspector Thomas Bradley reports some progress.

Mr. Bradley found the superintendents interested and sympathetic to the problem, he states, and they said that while they were not charged with the full responsibility of formulating the weed control program for their railways, they would exercise every means at their disposal to effect a satisfactory program this year.

Mr. Bradley feels this is an accomplishment. The superintendents appreciated his efforts to stimulate a cooperative program by discussion, rather than by taking pictures and sending these with a recommendation to a legislative committee. This type of action only causes unnecessary embarrassment for all concerned, because railway superintendents are charged with the responsibility of efficient railway service across Ontario and cannot be expected to see the county problem from the same perspective as local citizens until it is fully explained to them.

With the county approach to the problem, it is hoped a satisfactory situation will result this summer.

Rev. Morgan McFarlane Chairman of Presbytery

Rev. Morgan McFarlane, minister of St. John's United Church, is the new chairman of Halton Presbytery. He was elected to office last Tuesday when ministers and laymen from all parts of the county met in Acton.

The new secretary is Rev. James Hummel, Freilton. Rev. Gordon Adams, Acton was named convener of publications. Rev. Robert Oliver, Clarkson, outgoing chairman, presided over the meeting.

Ladies of the executive of Halton Presbytery met at the same time in the Baptist church and dinner was served to both groups by the United Church W.A.



CRICKET ANYONE?

Fishermen who begrudge the effort involved in catching live crickets for bait can buy a quart of them, by mail, from a Georgia cricket farm.

We learn that it takes fifteen days for cricket eggs to hatch, eight weeks for the insects to grow to bait size. We note, too, that the brooders where they laze about in 85° temperature, lapping up chicken mash, are made of aluminum. But we confess we're not too surprised. It simply means that this busy metal has found still another use in the busy housing industry—this time providing clean, warm, pleasant quarters for aristocratic crickets. You see aluminum everywhere these days!

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