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## A PLATFORM OF PROGRESS

There is a general opinion to-day in Canada that a Dominion election will be held in the near future. The radio addresses given last week by Premier R. B. Bennett are taken by most people to represent the opening guns in the election battle. The statement of policy made by Premier Bennett on Friday evening last would suggest that the election will be more than an expression of approval or disapproval of a political leader or a political party. It will be a test to show what measure of sincerity there is in the large number of people who for the past few years have been demanding changes and revisions in the economic system. When the depression was at its worst it was an easy and a popular plan to condemn in wholesale fashion the whole economic system. It was much more agreeable to blame abuses on a system rather than to make the painful admission that waste, thoughtlessness, selfishness and greed on the part of individuals was really responsible in large measure for the undesirable situation that existed. Many very estimable and deserving people suffered hardship during the depression, through no fault of their own, yet, strangely enough, these were not the people who cried the loudest against the system. One of the leading orators in Timmins in condemnation of the present economic system lost the last permanent position he had through common drunkenness, and his fervor for a Utopian society does not deter him yet from frequent carousals. Under any system men like this would be parasites, living in whole or in part on the thrift of others. Indeed, it is not too much to say that those who are making the most demand for a new system do not contemplate any new system; they do not know any new system; all they propose is the adoption by force of a capitalistic system as it appears to their minds with themselves occupying the seats of the mighty, governing others when they have shown themselves so pitifully inadequate to govern themselves.

The Advance has pointed out before and repeats here the apparent fact that what is needed is not so much a change of system, as a change of attitude of mind and heart and conscience. This latter change may be hastened and supported by some further changes in the law. In the past fifty years,—yes, in the last ten years,—there has been remarkable progress made in the general attitude. The more successful evasion of the spirit of the present system is treated with public contempt, rather than jealousy and envy, the less will the spirit of the law be evaded. The present system has seen a notable measure of progress in the standard of living, in surety, comfort and even luxury for the ordinary industrious man or woman. The system, after all, has worked well. In Great Britain it is slowly but surely evolving into a system that seems to approach as near the ideal as is possible in this funny world. It should be freely admitted that some changes may be necessary and desirable. Admitting this, however, it should be remembered that the greatest safeguard any system can have is an awakened public conscience that is ready to help the weak and the unfortunate. The greatest value of changes and revisions lies in the fact that they tend to foster and increase the proper attitude on the part of the public.

In the platform advanced by Premier Bennett will be found suggestions for amendments and additions to the present law with the sure purpose of guarding the general interests, looking after those not able to help themselves, and guarding against the hardships and handicaps that the involved industrial conditions of the day may bring. It is a reform platform that only a few years ago would have been considered radical. It is, however, broadbased on British ideals safeguarding the prospects of the majority without altogether crippling enterprise or depriving the individual of liberty. This platform meets each and every pressing need of the present day. Those who have clamored for improvement in the system have their opportunity in the coming election to prove whether they are ready or not to support what they have asked.

There are eight planks in the Bennett platform. They are as follows:—

1. Enactment of a Federal law governing hours of work and rates of wages.
2. Curtailment by heavier taxation of the income of non-producers (persons living by dividend and interest payments, and, presumably, those, like a local prominent professing communist, who live upon rentals and money loaned). The purpose of this increased taxation is to ensure a larger share of the national income for the workers, whether of the overall or white collar variety.
3. Provision for special compensation for workers displaced from industry by the increasing use of machinery.
4. Unemployment insurance.
5. Accident, sickness and health insurance.
6. Re-drafting of the old age pensions law so as to provide greater security in old age.
7. Abolition of child labour.
8. A legislative programme to be amplified later but already launched in the form of the debt adjustment act in the interests of the agriculturist.

Planks 3, 4 and 5 are simply extensions of the ideas behind the type of legislation represented by the workmen's compensation act and other legislation already approved by parliamentary enactment.

The proposed revision of the old age pensions legislation follows the social welfare plans already in force by the governments of the Dominion and provinces.

That there is need for the abolition of child labour may come as a shock to many, but this evil is one that should be sternly repressed before it has opportunity to prejudice the future citizenship of the country.

A radio announcer for one of the large stations in the United States told the public Friday evening that Premier

Bennett had adopted the Roosevelt "New Deal." A consideration of the platform given above will prove that Premier Bennett has done much better than that. He has "squared" the Old Deal. Premier Bennett's platform is not so sensational as the Roosevelt New Deal. It does not promise as much. But it is eminently practical, and will apparently work out with the minimum of friction and the maximum of efficiency.

It now remains for all who have urged the very things that are offered, to support their theories by their votes and influence.

## GOOD RESOLUTIONS

In these days of psycho-analytic questions, and so many slang phrases in circulation it is easy to imagine a man being tested for his brain capacity and mental alertness by being asked to explain each of the following phrases so often seen in the newspapers, the result being as indicated below:—

- "The World's Sweetheart"—Mae West.
- "The Crime of the Century"—The Quints.
- "The Bachelor Prince"—Premier Bennett. (The leader of the opposition is King).
- "The Season's Greetings"—Gosh! but it's cold!
- "Your best friend won't tell you"—Why he voted as he did in the last provincial election.
- "The King of Swat"—The premier of Ontario. And how!
- "Capitalist"—A man who wants to save his own money.
- "Communist"—A man who wants to spend everybody else's money.
- "Proletariat"—The red's way of calling himself a hard name.
- "Jazz"—Music with the seven year's itch.
- "Crooner"—The same as "pain in the neck."
- "Beer Parlour"—A place to sit down to get so that you can't stand up.
- "Freedom of Speech"—The right to yell at everybody else to shut their doggoned mouths.
- "Broadcasting"—Talking back to your barber.
- "Parking"—Leaving your car where it will be handy for you and a nuisance for somebody else.
- "Discriminatory taxation"—Picking on you for more taxes.
- "Psycho-analysis"—Telling somebody else what's wrong with you, so that he can tell you."

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A friend recently presented Premier Hepburn with two Great Dane dogs. Then some other friend sent the premier a muzzie, but it wasn't for the Great Danes.

The new Minister of Education has announced that he plans to make the study of music compulsory in Ontario schools. Radio owners have something to look forward to after all.

There are a number of vacancies in the Senate. One at least of these should be filled by the appointment of a Northern Ontario man. The North has no representative in the Senate. Every other section of Ontario is adequately represented in the Upper House. Premier Bennett should make the appointments to the Senate at an early date. The notable service given the Bennett Cabinet and the people of the Dominion by Hon. W. A. Gordon, "the Minister from the North" should tempt the premier to try a North Land man in the Senate.

The Collingwood Bulletin describes one of the candidates for mayor in that town as allied with "abuse, slander and misrepresentation born of disappointment, and the outcome of a mind poisoned with self conceit, plus utter selfishness a spirit of illwill that can only, if given an opportunity, lead, not only the possessor but that which he may be associated to disaster." It is sincerely to be hoped that otherwise the gentleman is all right.

Some of the men released last year from Kingston penitentiary where they were serving terms for seditious actions and utterances have been telling audiences in the North that they were released from prison before their time was up, because of the petitions made in their behalf by thousands of people throughout the country. Of course, this is not the fact. The men were paroled just the same as any other convict and under the same rules and regulations. The petitions had no effect whatever. Some of these men were granted parole when half their term was served, this being the usual procedure. One man had to serve some months more than half his term because the authorities had found that he could not behave himself even in jail.

Despatches in some of the outside newspapers suggest that the new town council is committed to the building of a new town hall. This suggestion was a little premature. At least it might have been deferred until after the new council was sworn into office. As a matter of fact the new town council is not committed to any specific action in regard to a new town hall or any other municipal matter. The new council is committed to safe and sane administration of town affairs and to any reasonable economy that may be inaugurated without injury to the service of the people of the town. Further than this, the members in general of the new council have not pledged themselves. It is undoubtedly the fact that a new town hall is needed. In past years The Advance has urged the building of a new municipal building in keeping with the size and importance of the town and the needs of the municipality. But economy has to be the chief feature of any programme for any council this year. There are certain circumstances under which the building of a new town hall would be true economy. No doubt at the proper time the new council will give the matter every consideration. The first thing, however, will be to find a plan under which the cost of this needed work may be met without undue burden on the municipality. If it is found possible to finance the erection of a new town hall, the new council will no doubt take up the matter in effective way.

A police chief's lot is not a very permanent one in Rouyn these days. The latest chief at Rouyn ought to be able to hold down the job. His height is reported as 6 foot, 7 inches, and he is stout enough to make that unusual height look well proportioned.

## Manufacturing Yeast from Waste from Paper Mills

Years ago when the Abitibi Paper & Paper Co. mill at Iroquois Falls was a leader in enterprise and progressive efforts were carried through a long number of years to secure uses for waste products of the mill. Not only was the desire to eliminate any waste but there was also the earnest desire to add to the industries of the country. The amalgamation and the depression both coming along the Abitibi company was forced into receivership and as a consequence much of its research activity has been curtailed. It should be remembered, however, that research work always proves of value if carried on as ably and as conscientiously as it was at Iroquois Falls. Even though actual successful results may not be apparent,

the research efforts are practically certain to add to scientific knowledge and to achieve practical benefit either where they are carried on or elsewhere. It was often asked years ago what possible lines of research might be followed with advantage in an industry like the Abitibi. The value of the research work to the paper industry itself was apparent but the question was often asked: "What new industry can be thought of in reference to paper mill work?" Research workers could only answer such a question in a general way and general answers in such a case do not particularly impress the public. However, from time to time discoveries are made through research work that prove the usefulness of research work better than any theories may do. An interesting illustration of this comes from Nova Scotia. A process of manufacturing yeast

from the waste sulphite liquor discarded by the Mersey Pulp and Paper Company will be used at Liverpool, N.S., as soon as plans are completed and a factory constructed by the Best Yeast Company of New York. G. Helekenschull of Stockholm, Sweden, discover of the process, was in Liverpool lately with S. W. Thesing of New York, who will design the factory. The discarded liquor is put through various processes and made into a malt. Mr. Helekenschull said in describing his new methods of production.

North Bay Nugget:—Two brothers condemned to death in Yugo-slavia protested because the hangman was too busy to execute them, complaining that they had been fed the traditional hearty breakfast seven mornings in a row. It was getting on their nerves, they stated.

## Gold Mines Leading in General Revival

Business on the Uptrend. The Gold Mines Set the Example and Helped All Other Lines of Activity in Canada.

(By G. W. Nicholson, vice-president of the Toronto Stock Exchange)

Although we may yet be too close to the year just past to view in detailed perspective all the minor fluctuations, we need not necessarily be confused in our understanding of the main economic trend. Nearness of view may distort the small gradations but it cannot obscure the peaks nor hide the deep valleys.

Accordingly, the parallel of the year 1934 with that of 1925 can be traced at this early stage. They have this in common—apparently both years provided the origin of a return to normal. The reason that 1925 was chosen as the base year of most of the commonly accepted indices throughout the world was because groundwork was started then. The year 1934 appears to have provided the parallel and possibly the new year may be accepted as a new base line from which to gauge future economic movements.

**Business on Way Up**  
For industrial Canada last year made definite forward steps to set moving economic forces that in other recent years were extremely hindered. Mining and industrial production figures, bank clearings, carloadings, all the business barometers moved forward almost from the beginning and consolidated their gains as the year progressed. Corporate industries went on record as assuring a permanence of the improvement, and evidence showed in the greatly increased returns to their shareholders.

Not like other year-ends when the talk of improvement was illusionary, to-day the record is evident in the completed dividends of 1934. Taking the Toronto Stock Exchange listings, which represent 91 per cent. of all the corporate disbursements of the Dominion, the total shows \$165,275,321, against \$116,875,397 in 1933, a net increase of confidence to the intrinsic value of \$48,399,924. Stated otherwise, out of 179 dividend actions taken by Canadian companies in the last year, 145 were favourable, which was representative of almost every class of industry.

### Gold Set Example

The mainspring that set general industry moving to accomplish these records was our Canadian gold mines. Not that they provided in themselves the whole increase in this true measure of economic return, although they contributed largely by a 50 per cent. addition to aggregate payments, but in being the early movers in an otherwise negative industrial field. To the gold mines can be attributed this favourable comparison. Keeping within orthodox financial methods, Canada's dividend record in 1934 showed an increase of 41 per cent. against the United States 12 per cent., the latter as estimated by the New York Times for the first 11 months.

Because this single industry has kept intact and improved upon its original prosperity, this country has been placed in an enviable position among nations. It had an industry that did not rely upon tariffs or international agreements, but one that contained within itself possibilities of successful individual development.

Also these gold mines continually conferred benefits on the whole industrial field by an insistent demand for goods and services. They even helped the capital goods industry through machinery requirements and did much to alleviate our transportation problem. Financially they contributed upwards of a quarter of billion dollars of basic currency which, if kept intact at to-day's standards, would have allowed of the expansion of two and a half billions of credit money—almost enough to pay off the debt of the Canadian National Railways without offending inflationary concepts.

### Foreign Capital Arrived

Naturally the success of this industry attracted foreign and domestic capital in huge amounts for initial exploitation. Early money that had been enlarged by going into the big dividend producers later found an outlet in the secondary goods, finally lending an impetus in the search for new fields. New strikes required financing and since new issues in other industrial fields were lacking, the formation of mining companies became more active than it ever had been in mining history.

New issues were brought out in large numbers, discoveries of fresh areas and the resurrection of old fields, which were granted new life on the increased price of gold helping to swell the total. So great were the possibilities of capital enrichment in the mining business that the number of new issues came out much faster than the economic structure of a sparsely populated country could digest immediately. As with any great security era, whether it be bonds, preferred or industrial common equities, a process of consolidation is always required. In the mining business this particular period coincided with a time-lapse necessary to test the properties of the majority of the new issues. Such a condition of saturation naturally requires liquidation but it is from the prospects born of similar periods of saturation that Canada has obtained a leading position in the world's gold producers.

### Old Cycle Repeats

Fundamentally it is the method of progress and to-day's slowness of the mining market, as compared with other periods of intense activity of the past year, does not spell lethargy, but rather a necessary stabilization. For no chart of economics moves undeviatingly upward.

From almost similar saturation periods, 21 mining companies entered production last year. Notable among the

# WANT Ads

## FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Five-roomed apartment. Apply at 74 Sixth avenue, Timmins 2p

FOR RENT—Two-roomed shack. Apply at 172 Spruce Street, South Timmins. —2 p

FOR RENT—Four-roomed furnished house. Apply to B. F. Lennan, 10 Elm Street, North, Timmins. —48f

HOUSE FOR RENT—Four rooms. Very warm. With woodshed. Couple with no children preferred. Apply to 47 Wilson, Avenue. 51 ap

FOR RENT—Three-roomed apartment, upstairs, at 31 Main Avenue. Apply at 209 Birch street north, Timmins. —2 p

## ROOMS

ROOMS TO RENT—Newly-decorated. Also two-roomed furnished apartment. Apply at 5 1-2 Fifth Avenue, Timmins. —2

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedroom in home with modern conveniences. Apply at 204 Birch street north, Timmins. —2p

FOR RENT—Warm room, with or without board; in private home; all conveniences. Apply at 103 Maple Street, South, Timmins, or phone 838-B. —2

FOR RENT—Large, front room; furnished; suitable for one or two gentlemen; private house, quiet. Apply at 79 Elm Street South, Timmins or phone 376-J. —1-2 p

## POSITION WANTED

POSITION WANTED—An experienced girl would like work in boarding house, or private home; can take full charge; can furnish highest references. Write to Box 1561, Timmins. —2p

## Death of Olivi Karttunga at Hospital on Thursday

Olivi Karttunen, a native of Finland, died in St. Mary's hospital on Thursday at the age of 31.

He had been employed at a lumber camp in the vicinity for some time. He was single and had no relatives here as far as can be learned.

The funeral will be conducted from Walker's funeral parlors on Sunday by Rev. Mr. Leaman, pastor of the Finnish United Church.

## CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, JAN. 2

The following from The New Liskeard Speaker will be of interest to many friends in this district:—

"Congratulations are being extended to Rev. and Mrs. Farmer of Bracebridge, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 2nd. Rev. Mr. Farmer has been a pioneer with the church in many fields and both he and Mrs. Farmer have had the warm affection of a very large circle of friends, all of whom join in wishing them continued good health and happiness."

## Number at Station Here Greet Tim Buck, Toronto

A crowd of men, women and children, estimated at between 300 and 400 crowded the station platform on Friday night to welcome Tim Buck, paroled communist speaker, when he arrived for a three-day speaking jaunt in Timmins.

As the train pulled into the station they began to cheer and as Buck stepped from the coach into the waiting arms of the official welcoming committee, the cheering became frenzied.

A short, well-built man, he was all smiles as the crowd spread out behind him to parade down Third avenue. He wore a gray peaked cap and a plain dark overcoat. Several men who seemed to know him well clapped him on the back.

Marching in a disorganized but quickly moving mass, the enthusiastic welcomers took possession of Third avenue as they moved along, singing. Motor traffic came practically to a standstill for a short time, for they completely covered the available roadway. The "parade" was almost a block long.

additions were Little Long Lac, Central Patricia, Greene Stabell, McMillan, Sullivan, Consolidated and Paymaster—all prospects a short while ago.

### Growth Was Steady

Here is the impressive upward scale. In 1928 there were only 11 producers in Canada; up to 1931 three more were added; two more in 1932; in 1933 partly as a result of intensive action, the number jumped to 45; which 1934 raised this number to 66.

In addition, the following companies were added to the list of dividend payers last year: Anglo-Huronian, Bralorne, Howe, Kirkland Lake, Macassa and San Antonio; while increased payments were made by Buffalo-Ankerite, Hollinger, Lake Shore, McIntyre, Noranda, Pioneer, Siscoe, Sylvanite, Wright-Hargreaves and Dome. They were one-time prospects.

From last year's multiplicity of mining issues will spring others to further increase Canada's gold production which in 1934 hit well above the hundred million mark for the first time. That total is a symbol of the gold industry and an augury of the Dominion's return to a normal year in 1935.

## ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One three-piece solid walnut bedroom suite; one wardrobe and one large Quebec heater. Apply at 10 Cedar street north, Timmins —2

## MISCELLANEOUS

KARA—The man with the X-Ray Eyes, Crystal gazer, mind reader. He calls you by name. 26 Sixth ave, Timmins —2-3p

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson, Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont. 441f

## WOOD FOR SALE

WOOD FOR SALE—16" Jackpine 4 ft. and 16" dry Birch; also mixed wood for furnace. Reasonable price. Apply to Chaput & Mainville, 118 First avenue Timmins, phone 377 52b 1f

## CARD OF THANKS

The Friebe family wish to thank all their friends and neighbours for the many floral tributes sent and kind expressions of sympathy extended in the recent death of Mrs. C. A. Friebe. —2

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Racoon Coat left here for cleaning and repairs will be sold to pay charges and storage unless called for and account against it paid. Sloma \$1.00 Cleaners, 69 Third avenue, Timmins. —2-3-4

# Meet Chip Collins and Follow his Adventures

New Adventure Picture Strip Appearing Semi-Weekly in The Advance. Enjoy This Picture Story in Each Issue of The Advance.

FOUND ON a desert isle, homeless, friendless, Chip Collins returns to take up life, against handicaps, in his native land.

Modest, sincere, a splendidly strong young man, Chip Collins struggles to take his place in society, to make his way in the world.

A real, red-blooded young man, Chip Collins enjoys the thrill of combat on the football field, in the amateur ring, on baseball diamond and basketball court.

He meets fine new friends and two attractive admirers—Merry Lane and Fawn Bailey—but he also comes in contact with those, who through envy, become his enemies.

Along with the semi-weekly thrills for all readers, Chip Collins' school life will give young boys and girls a foretaste of their campus future and awaken for their elders memories of their own youth.

From these elements Jack Wilhelm, the nationally-known newspaper strip artist, and William Ritt, the writer whose strip continuities thrill many thousands, have originated a brand new, exciting adventure strip—"CHIP COLLINS' ADVENTURES."

Because it is justly proud of the top-notch standard of its features, be-



Chip Collins

## To Complete Collections for the C.A.S. This Week

Messrs J. D. Brady and Bernard Sky, who have been canvassing the business section in the campaign for funds for the District Children's Aid Society, will complete this work this week. Messrs Brady and Sky have done a remarkably thorough and careful job and have given considerable time and effort to the work. The best form of appreciation that can be given for their generous and public-spirited effort on behalf of the work for the children in the district is to give them a friendly reception and a generous donation when they call. In the canvass so far they have received the kindest attention and the most generous form of response and in the few places that are yet to be visited it is to be hoped that the same record will obtain. If the canvassers have not yet called on you or received your donation to this work, be ready for them this week and if they do not reach you call on either of them or send your donation to either of them or direct to the C.A.S.

## Died Yesterday From Back Hurt in September

James Meagher, aged 23, a native of Nova Scotia, died in St. Mary's hospital yesterday. He had injured his back in an accident at a Schumacher hotel last September, his back having been fractured at that time.

It is probable that the body will be shipped to Cape Breton Island, where the young man's home was but as yet no instructions have arrived. In the meantime the body is held at Walker's funeral parlours.

## Iroquois Falls Chief of Police Tenders Resignation

Neil Curley, chief of police for the town of Iroquois Falls for the past eight years has tendered his resigna-

cause it is always on the alert to give its readers the best of clean, modern entertainment The Advance is happy to announce that "CHIP COLLINS' ADVENTURES" will appear exclusively in Timmins and district in the columns of The Advance.

Don't miss a single installment of this absorbing strip-story.

tion to the town council there, and the resignation has been accepted. No reason has been given for the resignation. Chief Curley has made wide circles of friends by his good work as chief of police and there will be general regret at his retirement. Applications will be received shortly by the Iroquois Falls council for the position of police chief there.

## Funeral at Timmins of Mrs. C. A. Friebe

Rev. Canon Cushing Conducted Services Here. Interment Made at Timmins Cemetery. Many Floral Tributes.

The funeral of Mrs. C. A. Friebe, of Smooth Rock Falls, who died here on December 31, after a prolonged illness, was held from Walker's funeral parlors on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Canon Cushing officiated in the short service at the parlors and afterwards at the Timmins cemetery where burial took place.

Her husband, Mrs. Leonard Bigelow, a daughter, and two sons, Robert and Victor, came from Smooth Rock to attend the service.

Pallbearers were A. G. Carson, Jos. Cunliffe, John Gurnell, Fred Stonehouse, Jack Russell and S. T. Walker.

In addition to the family wreath, floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. John Gurnell and Mr. and Mrs. Charles White of Timmins; the Masonic Lodge of Cochrane; the Orange Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mulholland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edds, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Plant, Mrs. Maud Read, Mr. and Mrs. Carnohan, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kelly, the Ladies' Circle, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Caradine, Diane Vallancourt, Pearl Titzpatrick, Mary and Feodora Kosick and Oleskerie and Jack Workman, of Smooth Rock Falls.