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PROBLEMS IN RELIEF

Although the several political parties have announced the major planks in their platforms, none of them seem to have attempted to deal in constructive and effective way with the pressing problem of relief. At that, "problem" is scarcely the right word, for relief has raised a whole family of problems to confront the country. There has been an epidemic of deaths among the optimistic during the depression and so it is doubtful if there are many people left so hopeful that they will believe that the many schemes of Hon. H. H. Stevens to secure better ethics in business and industry will in this generation solve the relief problems. It is certain that for some years relief will be an absolute necessity for large numbers, even though plans like those of Hon. Mr. Stevens are workable and prove effective. The same fact holds true in regard to the hazy solution offered by the C.C.F. Relief must be continued until any of these grandiose schemes have opportunity to show their effectiveness, or otherwise. As one man—and he was not an Irishman at that—phrased the matter the other day:—"Relief has reached a stage where it cannot be carried further and still must be carried along."

Of all the solutions suggested by political parties Hon. Mr. Bennett seems to be on the most practical path in his plan for public works and similar enterprises. Work of any kind available will do more than anything else to lessen the evils of relief. At this stage, however, even work will take some time to become effective in making relief unnecessary, and in the meantime relief must be carried on. Some years ago Hon. Mr. Bennett and Hon. W. A. Gordon appeared to be on the right track in the way of preventing the evils of relief from multiplying when they urged extended public works programmes to give employment to large numbers. In this, however, they were opposed by the provinces, and the plans could not be attempted without the co-operation of all. Why did the provinces object to employment rather than relief? The answer is that they were appalled by the prospective cost of such public works. To-day they are more than appalled by the cost of relief. According to figures quoted recently by a number of newspapers, relief has cost Canada in the neighbourhood of \$150,000,000, with practically nothing to show for it except the fact that no one has been allowed to starve to death.

Of course it is something for pride that Canada can say that none of its citizens have been allowed to starve during the depression. It is surprising how few other countries can say as much. But it is little thanks that the authorities or the country receive for this. That is one of the problems that relief has raised—the fact that those on relief too often seem to feel a grievance against the government and the people after all that has been done for them. Never in history in any other country has there been such consideration shown for the unfortunate as in Canada in the last few years. Yet to listen to some of those on relief, the government and the country are fit only for abuse and hate. That is a major problem raised by relief. The attitude of many on relief seems an impossible one.

So far as courtesy and consideration are concerned, the "forgotten man" to-day is the man not on relief and who has to try to foot the bill for relief. In too many cases he is viewed as a knave and a fool, and there seems to be little hesitation in calling him these names. Men who have worked and striven all their lives to be independent—who have had no better chance in any way than some of those on relief—must be tempted to give up the struggle and go on relief themselves rather than continue to work and pay and be called names in return. That is another problem of relief.

There have been many on relief who have done their very best to make their part of the burden as light and as brief as possible. They have desired to avoid as much as may be humanly possible the role of dependents upon others. There were men in Timmins who pleaded for work, relief work, any kind of work, so that they might not be a load upon the backs of others. Probably the majority were like that. It should be a pleasure to all to give them the necessary helping hand. But it is easy to understand the bitterness growing in the minds of many not on relief towards the shiftless and the scheming who have made a business of relief and a pastime of abusing those who provided the relief. That is another problem of relief that is not perhaps receiving as much attention as it should.

The cost of relief, the loss of morale to those on relief, the shiftlessness, the spirit of dependence bred by relief, the bitter feeling that comes not only to those on relief, but also to those who pay for relief—these are serious problems that will worry Canada for many a day. The political parties appear to think they may be cured by the

magic of words. It will take years for ideas to help the situation.

Canada and Canadians will have to face the problems of relief. There is no escape. It would be well also to remember that there are no "short cuts". There will need to be co-operation and some measure of goodwill. No one part of the country owes the other part more than is owed in return. Every man who is able to help by work or money to remedy conditions should be ready to do so. But on the other hand the man who has not been able to look after himself and his family should not place all the blame on others. It might be well for this man to ask himself this question: "If I was not able to manage under one system is it likely that I am so clever that I can evolve a whole new and better system?" If this question had been honestly asked by some of those at the relief camps, there would have been no Regina riots and no foolish further treks to Ottawa by "hunger marchers."

The daily newspapers have recently carried letters from widely separated points in Canada bearing the same suggestion—the idea that the governments should never have gone into the relief business. It may be idle to reply that governments had no other recourse—that governments could not stand back and let people starve. In Tuesday evening's Ottawa Journal there was a letter from a farmer in Northwestern Ontario. He described the "relief racket," as he termed it, and then he added these words:—"If we must feed the women and children, well and good. I'll do my share, but put all the 'wont works' into camps or in jail and make them do something for their keep." Premier Hepburn voiced the same idea in different language one day last week. One of the first problems that has to be solved must be looked after by those on relief. It involves a change in attitude on the part of the recipients of relief. They must get away from the vicious idiosyncrasy of the agitator and face the facts. They cannot at one and the same time be so helpless that others must keep them and so brilliant that with a few hazy words they can solve problems that appal the ordinary intelligent man.

THE WRONG ADDRESS

The late Dan Derbyshire, who was a genial speaker in his day, once told about two addresses he prepared for special occasions. One was to be delivered one evening to a gathering of Knights of Columbus, and the other to the social gathering of the Masons. Dan said that he got his dates mixed and astonished the Masons by a glowing eulogy of the K. of C. He was warmly applauded for his address and was not informed of his mistake until the following day. "You should repeat that address to the Knights of Columbus," Dan used to say he was told, "and come back again some other time and give us the Masonic address."

The late Dan Derbyshire was a friendly and tolerant man and his error (if he made it in any other way than to found a happy story) would offend none and amuse all.

Rev. Mr. East of the West was scarcely so fortunate in the way he mixed his addresses. Speaking at Sudbury last week he told an audience there that he understood that horses and men dropped dead on the streets of Sudbury, bleeding from the mouth on account of the poisonous fumes from the smelters owned by the "exploiters of mineral wealth."

Were his friends, the communists, angry at Mr East of the West? They were mad! They were furious! Mr. East of the West had been stupid enough to mix his addresses. He gave the right story in the wrong place. The communists have regular addresses prepared for their speakers. The one about the Sudbury fumes is for use in British Columbia only. The one for Sudbury is the one about the shooting down of coal miners in Alberta. For British Columbia the right address tells about the persecution of the poor miners at Noranda. For the Porcupine there is the tale of atrocities at The Pas, Manitoba. For British Columbia there is the yarn about the tyranny and cruelty of the furniture factories in Stratford, Ont. Once a particularly foolish communist told a Timmins audience something about the hardships in Nova Scotia mines. Later he found out that many in his audience came from Nova Scotia. Was his face red? Eventually, he explained that he had really been talking about the lumber workers at the Sault but that the fascist police and the capitalistic press had misrepresented what he said. Since then communists have been supposed to exercise the greatest care to keep their addresses properly segregated. "Why should our audiences know what we are talking about? What right have they to know more than we know ourselves?" Such is their argument. Rev. Mr. East of the West will be properly reproved for his stupidity. He will be told in no uncertain way to confine his remarks, not only to things of which he knows nothing, but also to be sure that he is speaking to an audience that knows less.

No doubt the people of Sudbury who heard the address, or heard about the address of Mr. East of the West, had a good laugh at his utterance. There is not a shadow of truth in the suggestion he made. The sulphur fumes at Sudbury may be deleterious to vegetation, though the courts have expressed doubt about that, but in any event there has never been a case suggested where human life was menaced by the fumes. It is all right to make the excuse that the yarn is in the commun-

Roads in Bad Condition Says Goldthorpe Writer

The Goldthorpe correspondent of The New Liskeard Speaker last week had the following frank words to say in regard to the condition of the roads in the North this summer.

"The road from Seseekinika is in very bad condition. In fact all our roads up here are in bad condition and nothing being done on them. Up in this country we need roads almost everywhere so the gold digger can carry on successfully, but we are not getting them. The Hepburn government say they have no money and are saving it to try to balance the budget, which is commendable. But on the other hand we see ads in the papers calling for tervlers for road making which will cost away up in the millions, and those millions are being spent in the riding represented by Hon. Peter Heenan and Hon. Dr. Manion. That rocky barren country produces little or no revenue, while on the other hand we gold diggers pay almost \$10,000,000 in taxes on gold alone. And the Hon. Peter Heenan takes it and spends it over in Northwestern Ontario and we will never see it again—and where any benefits are very dubious. And by the way, how do these men get this "Honourable" and how does a fellow have to act to retain this honour?"

SUGGEST GRAVE OF NURSE EDITH CAVELL NEGLECTED

The Huntingdon Gleaner in its column "Chronicle News Bits" last week had the following:—"Complaints that the grave of Edith Cavell, the martyred World War nurse, is neglected, have aroused indignation in England. Visitors to Norwich declare that evidently no care is given it. Nurse Cavell was born at Swardston, a village four miles from Norwich, and lies buried in Life's Green, close to Norwich Cathedral. Some time ago the public was aroused to protest against the scant attention paid to her last resting place, which many people from all parts come on pilgrimage to see. The responsible authorities, apparently the Dean and Chapter, took the matter in hand, but to-day fresh criticism is made of the condition of the grave. One observer declared that it is covered with rough gravel and seemingly has been a playground for dogs. On it lay the remains of a wreath of artificial poppies and a few bedraggled daffodils."

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Brother of Timmins Man Passes Away at Ottawa

Paul Seguin, for more than 40 years an employee of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company, died at his home, 28 Duke street, on Tuesday, following an illness of 13 months. Mr. Seguin, who was in 74th year, was a native of Alfred, Ontario, a son of the late Paul Seguin.

Survivors include his widow, formerly Miss Mary Chess; five sons, Samuel, J. J. Alex, Gerald and Duncan; one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Deacon, all of Ottawa; three brothers, Alex Seguin, Timmins; J. L. North Bay, and Joseph, city post office, Ottawa; one sister, Mrs. P. Vezina, North Bay. A son, Leo, was killed overseas while serving with the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles.

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Certo - Bottle 30¢	Beets Whole No. 2 & Cut Tin 11¢
Mustard Prepared 6-oz. Bot. 10¢	Peaks Christie's Fancy Pkg. 27¢

Olives QUEENS 17 1/2 oz. Jar STUFFED 11-oz. Jar	25¢
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ist oratory book, but Mr. East of the West should have particularly noted the special warning also in the book to the effect that each special story and fairy tale is for a particular audience hundreds of miles removed from the locality of the incidents dealt with. Rev. Mr. East of the West should remember what Karl Marx said:—"East is East and West is West, And never the twain shall meet."

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

With the Italians marching to war on the Ethiopians, the Catholics and Protestants in Belfast trying to kill or wound each other, and the Nazis murdering Jews in Germany, it is a very hopeful or a very foolish person who insists that war is no more.

People of all parties should regret the apparent tampering with law enforcement by the Hepburn government for strictly partisan purposes. When the politicians at Toronto take it upon themselves to order a magistrate not to do his plain duty as required by the law, it scarcely remedies the trouble when later the magistrate is ordered to proceed with his duty. The reversal of the first order seems to be little more than a second interference with the law. Magistrates should not be expected or allowed to take orders from political partisans. The enforcement of the law should be carried through impartially and fairly by officers who have no

cause or reason to fear interference from those who happen to be in power for the moment.

Newspaper headings are often disappointing. A heading in The Sudbury Star last week read:—"Hepburn Wears Stunning Gown." When the article was read it turned out that it was only Katherine Hepburn, the actress, who was referred to.

There should be a mass buying enquiry to find out where the Stevens party is getting the millions necessary to run an election campaign in Canada.

The sooner people in general come to realize that there is a limit to taxation, the better for all concerned.

In case you missed the item before, please note that what the North needs is a government radio relay station.

The kindly interest shown by so many in town in the young lady performer who was injured in a fall at the circus last week indicates the generous sympathy of the people of this district. The solicitude of many who sympathized with the injured young lady because they felt it a special hardship to be injured and ill among strangers, was in itself a disproof of the fear expressed. To be among kindly people who show sympathy and interest is to be among friends.

Death of Wm. Pollock, of Englehart, at Age of 98

The recent passing of William Pollock, whose death occurred at the home of his son, John Pollock, Englehart, in his 98th year, removes one of the early pioneers and highly respected citizens of Englehart.

Deceased was born in North York. His great grandfather came from Scotland to Nova Scotia. The family later settled in North York.

The late William Pollock came to Northern Ontario in 1906 and was engaged in the lumber business with his son. Besides a host of friends and relatives, he leaves to mourn his loss one brother, Joseph Pollock of Keswick, 82 years of age; one daughter, Florence Errett of Vancouver, two sons, Herbert Pollock of Cochrane and John Pollock of Englehart. He leaves 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

A service was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at Englehart. Six grandsons acted as pallbearers. The body was taken to Queensville for interment in the family plot there.

The many floral tributes gave evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Hamilton Spectator:—Hail fell in cubes at Stony Creek, says our veracious correspondent. Unexpected competition for electric refrigerators.

Renfrew Mercury:—Election time approaches! And the meanest jester of all is he who deceitfully suggests, "You would make a good candidate. Why don't you run?"