

The Wage Dollar Money System

Harry Hallett, wealthy brick manufacturer, who has been addressing radio audiences on a so-called "wage dollar" money system, is to address the Holland Marsh

vegetable growers at Newmarket this Thursday evening. While Mr. Hallett, who has been in Ottawa telling the politicians about his idea, has not so far convinced the government nor a big majority of the people that he has a sure cure for our ills, but here is briefly what he says:—

There is only 183 million dollars of money in Canada. Yet 12 times

this amount or 2,200 million is on deposit in our banks. Thus every dollar has been deposited twenty times over.

Our currency is issued by the banks, and as security they have deposited gold with the Government. Originally bills were payable in gold, however the value of the gold so deposited is only 70 million dollars. The money on deposit in the banks is 31 times this amount. Hence if all depositors wished to withdraw their money in gold there wouldn't be enough to go round. For each person who withdrew his money in gold 30 would have to go without. Even if satisfied with bills, only one in 12 could get his money. In the United States it was worse. 119 had to go without. That's what caused the panic over there in 1931. That's also why our government went off the gold standard, our bills are not payable in gold now.

Sound currency should have full security behind every dollar that is issued. And every responsible person who needs money for his business should be able to get it without going on his knees to his bank. Although the banks have more than two billion dollars of the people's money on deposit yet it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the ordinary person to get reasonable credit from them.

Mr. Harry H. Hallett, of Toronto, has evolved a solution for the difficulty, viz currency to be issued by the government, not the banks and a new base for money whereby the assets of the common people and of the people in common will be the combined and ample security for every dollar that is issued, and such being the case each person who by his industry and his labour has accumulated a share of the property used as security will therefore be entitled to a proportionate share of the money so issued. That's why he calls his plan the "Wage Dollar Money System," because there's a dollar's worth of wealth produced by labour behind every dollar that is issued. His solution includes an easy natural logical way of apportioning the money among the people entitled to it and equally important it would be without interest, and based on a 30-year repayment plan. With such conditions in vogue the depression would vanish like the winter snows in springtime, and in about the same length of time too.

No one, and least of all the bankers, should object to this plan, for the Government has been doing more than this for the

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banks these many years—by government authority they issue their money free of interest, and it never has to be paid back. When one bill wears out they print another in its stead. Give the common people a little of this treatment and watch things boom and the depression vanish.

Mr. Hallett has been in Ottawa recently taking the matter up with the leaders of all parties in the hope of having his plan adopted at the present session.

Queen's Park Arena

(By The Watchman)

The longest and most sensational address on Hydro since the inception of the great publicly-owned enterprise, that delivered by Attorney General Roebuck in the Legislature, has had resounding reverberations throughout the length and breadth of the province.

No more stinging attack upon the policies of public men has ever been heard in the House and the Attorney General made no bones about charging the former Conservative Hydro Commissions with a betrayal of the citizens by their purchase of power from private interests. Even hardened legislators, accustomed to brilliant efforts in past years from Conservatives and Liberals alike, professed astonishment at the prodigious effort put forth by the Hepburn cabinet minister.

The Attorney General pried the lid off the Hydro pot and when he produced its contents before a tremendously interested House, there were cries of "shame" as the recital of irregularities and secret agreements was brought to light. Spaco is too short to give anything but a cursory account of the Attorney General's address. Summed up, it was an indictment of the Henry and Ferguson governments and the Hydro commissions, of those administrations. So much private power had been purchased from Quebec interests, said Mr. Roebuck, that the power users and taxpayers of Ontario had been bound in bondage of the province of Quebec. Huge deficits were the prospects for many years on Hydro operation in many parts of the province, he said.

Not only did the Attorney General in his 11-hour speech brand the former Commissioners as "betrayers of Sir Adam Beck," but he devoted considerable time to revealing how the Municipal Underwriters had dabbled in political propaganda, using Hydro money to further their ends. The Attorney General was not satisfied with merely making charges, but intrigued the interest of the House by producing a mass of information about the "inside" dealings of the former Hydro commissions which Liberals for years had vainly tried to secure on the floor of the House when in the opposition.

Interesting, too, was the fact that much of the information brought to light by Mr. Roebuck appeared to be news to most of the Conservatives in the House. Rarely was the Attorney General interrupted by Opposition members. His subject matter was too interesting, too well prepared, to allow of anything but a calculated reply.

Mr. Roebuck's speech served to bring under the spotlight the much discussed Hydro contracts with Quebec corporations. And Premier Hepburn accentuated the significance of certain references made by the Attorney General when he announced his intention of bringing before the Legislature his government's proposals with regard to power contracts with these private corporations. If those contracts can be broken, the Hepburn government, it is reported, will attempt to remove the burden of overbought power from the shoulders of the municipalities.

Potato Minimum Set

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Under the Ontario Potato Marketing Agency the price set for Ontario tubers is 55c bag as a minimum per 90 pound bag of grade - No. 1, stock, delivered on track or warehouse in Toronto.

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Truckers must have their loads graded at Markham or 16 Market street, Toronto, and only those licensed to buy up the farm products may do so.

If the farmer delivers a truck load, he is required to have them graded, but he does not need a license to sell his own production.

Taxi Driver Committed For Trial

Bail of \$5,000 for Man Who Killed Whitby Nurse, Companion of Mildred Tarr.

Bell, the Whitby taxi driver, whose car killed one of the nurses of the Ontario Hospital there, walking along the road in company with Miss Mildred Tarr of Lemonville, has been committed for trial by Magistrate Ebbs of Whitby. He is out on \$5,000 bail.

Bell's lawyer contended that as the coroner's jury attached no blame to Bell, he should be freed at once. The magistrate said he could not agree to this, and that he must send the accused up for trial at a higher court.

Quite a number of witnesses were present, giving much of the evidence reported in this paper last week. They included Miss Tarr, companion of the dead nurse.

Miss Dorothy Carter, the passenger in the Bell car; Herbert L. Pringle, town engineer, at Whitby, who made a plan and measurements at the scene of the accident; Dr. J. N. Senn, of the Hospital staff, who attended the dead nurse after she was brought to the women's infirmary by Bell; Dr. Webster, who made and exhibited X-Ray plates of the nurse's skull, showing the lines of fracture, and Chief of Police H. W. Quantrell, of Whitby, who was with Mr. Pringle, the engineer, when the measurements and plan were made, and who was called to the scene of the accident on the road, leading from the hospital to the highway, and picked up the handle of the car door believed to have inflicted the wound on the dead nurse's head.

Some New Evidence

When Miss Tarr was on the stand Magistrate Ebbs asked several questions and drew from her that from the point where she was walking on the east side of the road, and off the pavement, to the point where she went to the help of her companion lying on the road, there was a distance of approximately 14 feet. His Worship asked, in view of this why Mr. Bell could not have utilized this 14 feet for passage north and avoided hitting the girl. Miss Tarr explained that so far as she could recollect, Miss Coupe when she last saw her seemed to be headed in a north westerly direction, and ran into the side of the car five feet of which had, she estimated, passed north before her companion was struck.

Miss Tarr testified that although her hearing was normal, she never heard the horn of the approaching car blow a second time as was claimed. It might have, she said, but she did not hear it, and suggested that it was due to the shock of seeing her companion head in the direction she seemed to be going and get struck.

Another important point brought out by Miss Tarr was that although Miss Coupe during her training as a nurse appeared to have a normal hearing, there were times after she returned to the hospital last October when it was necessary to repeat things a second time to her.

Dr. J. N. Senn, who attended Miss Coupe after she was brought to the hospital injured, testified that when her last medical examination was made when she re-entered the hospital as an employee, she was found to be in perfect health. There was nothing on the report to show that her hearing was impaired. The report said that her hearing was normal.

MUST NOT PUBLISH RELIEF LIST

Information to be Withheld From Press—Secret of the Authorities Only.

Hon. David Croll, Minister of Welfare, and Municipal Affairs, takes a definite stand when he declares quite vehemently that "the government will immediately take action against any municipality that publishes the list of its people on relief. Let me say that such tactics will not be tolerated as long as I am head of the welfare department in this province.

For a time last year the names of those receiving relief were being published in Whitechurch Township, because a section of the farmers urged it, but it was later discontinued in this paper. Only last week we had demands to publish the names again.

While publication of the names of those on relief would no doubt serve as a check on underserving cases, it does do untold harm to those who are down and out through no fault of their own.

Decision as to who is entitled to relief is the duty of the authorities in charge of the work. They should leave no stone unturned to investigate every case and be sure the applicant is really in need before relief is granted. As Mr. Croll says, "to publish the lists of those on relief would certainly provide meat for the gossip mongers, and would probably result in a grist of uncharitable remarks."

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The new Board of Directors considered a request from the Minister that the Secretary and Managing Director be an officer of the Department of Agriculture. J. Lockie Wilson has filled the position since the Association was organized, and since his retirement from the Department a year ago has continued to direct the affair of the Ploughmen's Association. The Board of Directors were not enthusiastic about any change, but finally compromised by making J. Lockie Wilson President for 1935. Gen. Walde Stratford, was re-elected Vice-President, and J. A. Carroll was made Secretary and Managing Director. Clark Young, Milliken, continues as Treasurer.

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