

### Beware of Higher Taxes

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

Though not without a good deal of assistance from interested parties, the delusion exists that unlimited social benefits can be provided without cost to the public in taxes. All the major participants in the forthcoming election have been promising increased benefits and all have side-stepped any discussion of how these enlarged financial demands would be met. The public, confident that governments can produce money at will, have licked their lips in anticipation.

Let's make it a personal matter and see how it looks. You, a private citizen, considering your financial affairs, have come to the sudden realization that some new expenditure requires one quarter of all your available resources, while another quarter is required to meet your mortgage obligations. It wouldn't take you long to realize that you faced three alternatives; rigid economy elsewhere, more money from some source or bankruptcy. And what applies to citizens applies to nations.

We know that our expenditures during the last war were enormous. The total was \$14 billions. To provide for this costs us \$464 millions annually. Facing such a burden, we are planning all sorts of new and very admirable benefits while those we have already undertaken cost us annually \$400 million. These two items that, but for a small outlay on old age pensions, weren't

represented at all in our federal spending in 1939, now represent a full half of it.

There are people who urge that we ought to be spending more on defence. Both Britain and the United States, they urge, are spending much more proportionately. If we listened, and possibly we should, that would add another big item.

Governments, like individuals, have been living through pretty bountiful days, otherwise they wouldn't have weathered an era of steadily mounting costs. But what happens when things tighten up, even a little? Lower prices may help the individual, but for the government, half and more of its necessary spending remains constant in the two items of debt and security.

We are not arguing against any social security we can afford. What we are arguing is that it is foolery to let the public believe that these benefits are or can be free, when it is obvious that even a slight change in our financial position would demand new and general and heavy taxation to supplement what the public is already paying for its so-called free social services.

The first substantial improvement in 20 years in small planes for private use is announced in the Heliplane, expected to be on the market soon. Safety, low landing speed and confined area landings are revolutionary features.

### Dr. Herbert Hannam Heads International Fair Group

Dr. Herb. H. Hannam who was elected President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers at the meeting held in Guelph last week, received the unanimous vote of delegates to I.F.A.P.'s third annual conference which concluded at the Ontario Agricultural College on Friday.

He succeeds Sir James Turner, president of the National Farmers' Union of Great Britain and President of the International Federation since its formation in 1946.

H. D. Louwes of the Netherlands, Pierre Martin of France States were elected first, second and A. S. Goss of the United States and third vice president respectively.

Elected to the executive committee were: G.J. Rossouw, South Africa; K.F. Svaerdtstroem, Sweden; N.V. Naidu, India; W. N. Perry, New Zealand, and Alan B. Kline, United States.

Heads 25 Nations

As president of the IFAP, Dr. Hannam will head farmers' organizations in 25 members nations having a total membership of several million. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has more than 400,000 farmers as members.

Dr. Hannam was born on a farm at Swinton Park, Grey County. He attended the Ontario Agricultural College and after graduation became livestock representative for

### In Days of Yore

From The Tribune Files 26 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Anderson left today for Jackson's Point.

Mr. Geo. Lawson has purchased the block from Abe Brown.

The Presbyterian Sunday School picnic will be at Musselman's Lake on Friday, July 7th.

We notice the name of Neil Smith among the successful candidates in the Freshman Year at the Aoyal College of Dental Surgeons.

A prize of \$15 will be offered for the best tug-of-war team on July 1st.

R. E. Brown is advertising new Ford sedans at \$930, and runabouts at \$515.

Mr. Cecil Shackel is improving nicely after his recent operation.

On Friday, June 16th, Mrs. Sarah Brillinger spent her 93rd birthday at the home of her son, Louis Brillinger.

Mr. Franklin O'Brien of Evanson, Ill. paid a flying visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Jas. O'Brien.

A. W. Scott installed a new gas engine in the Tribune office last week.

The Mansion House Hotel advertises to farmers: "Why leave your horse in the hot sun when you can drive in the cool sheds of the Mansion House Hotel, free of charge."

Successful candidates at the recent entrance examinations are: Eldene Lewis, Dorothy Lawson, Enna Heise, Jean Mackenzie, Geo. Lawson, Lorne Baker, Maxine Baker, Winston Booth, Viola Harding, David Galloway, Earl Grubin, Mary Grose, Marjorie Stewart.

Salvation Army band concert in Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon, July 2nd.

New Gray-Dort cars on sale at the Auditorium garage by Alex. Scott.

B. E. Beebe can supply mower sections, binder sections for Massey Harris and Deering implements.

Lloyd Turner, 10th of Markham farmer made a fine showing with his horses at Uxbridge spring fair.

A landscape gardener from Guelph will submit a plan to the Board of Trade for the beautification of Memorial Park.

The Main St. was cleaned, oiled and sanded on Monday under the supervision of Cliff Pipher.

If you can keep from being envious and jealous of your fellow man, you are approaching the outskirts of civilization.

The first electric railway line in service in Canada ran between Windsor and Walkerville, Ontario. It was established in July of 1886.

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# Major Details of The Progressive Conservative Party's Declaration of Policy

## - Drafted and Approved by Canadians from every Province - Representing Every walk of Life



George Drew

Since Parliament dissolved a few weeks ago, Progressive Conservative Leader George Drew has visited all ten provinces. He and the Party he leads, as a result of this tour, are convinced of one thing: It's Time for a Change!

The important thing is for all Canadians to decide between now and June 27th what that change will be.

With this thought in mind the Progressive Conservative Party takes this opportunity to present some of the major items of its Declaration of Policy. This is no hastily-drafted election manifesto, nor is it the opinion of one man. It expresses the unanimous opinion of delegates from every province who met in Ottawa from September 30th to October 2nd last year.

The importance of many of our statements of policy has been greatly emphasized by the conduct of the government during the recent session, but the policies themselves remain unchanged. They were prepared in the belief that they will serve the best interests of all the people of Canada. It is one statement of policy for the whole of Canada. The purpose of the undertaking we give to Canadians can be broken down under three headings: Opportunity, Security and Freedom.

### OPPORTUNITY

The Progressive Conservative Party will assure opportunity to all our people by a bold and progressive national development program.

Canada stands on the threshold of her greatest period of development. A vigorous Progressive Conservative government with faith in the future will bring into production the immense resources which we possess in every part of Canada.

There is no part of Canada where there are not new opportunities of development if we provide the electric energy and other sources of power to encourage new industries and new types of agricultural production.

The Progressive Conservative national development program will cover development of power, oil, coal mineral resources and the transportation facilities for their full use.

We will:

- Establish a National Development Advisory Council in co-operation with the provinces.
- Establish a National Power Authority to co-operate with the provinces in the technical examination of possible power developments and in the actual development of electric power at cost.
- Undertake the commencement of a joint conservation, irrigation and power project on the Saskatchewan River.
- Encourage the development of power in the Maritime Provinces from coal as well as other means.
- Promote the development of the great iron ore resources of Canada and the establishment of greatly expanded steel industry.
- Stimulate the development of petroleum and other mineral resources in co-operation with the provinces, by taxation and fiscal policies to encourage the investment of risk capital.
- Institute a vigorous program of water conservation, reforestation, flood control, irrigation and drainage schemes throughout Canada, for the reclamation of unproductive land and the preservation of our soil.
- Establish a positive program of marshland reclamation and development.
- Take effective steps as soon as possible to co-operate with the provinces in building the Trans-Canada highway and feeder roads, to not only greatly increase our transportation facilities, but also to develop Canada's tourist business.
- Remove the discrimination in freight rates between different areas.

- Deal effectively with the special transportation problem of Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Cape Breton and Vancouver Island.
- Take the necessary steps to proceed with the development of the power and waterways project on the St. Lawrence River.

### Expansion of Trade

The Progressive Conservative Party will adopt every practical means to expand our external trade with the U.S., and all other nations. Specifically we will:

- Promote and expand overseas trade through reciprocal trade agreements.
- Remove all abnormal trade barriers imposed by way of license, quota or embargo.
- Remove the arbitrary provisions of the Foreign Exchange Control Act.
- Re-value the Canadian dollar within the limits permitted by the Bretton Woods agreement to assist our external trade.
- Open negotiations to make the dollar and the pound convertible, to regain our markets in the sterling area.

### Reduction of Taxes

Sweeping reforms in our taxation system and reduction of taxes are necessary to encourage initiative and reward hard work.

The Progressive Conservative Party will:

- Increase exemptions to at least \$2,500 for married people and \$1,250 for single persons.
- Increase the exemption for dependent children by \$200.
- Lower the general rate of personal income tax.
- Allow deductions to farmers for work done on the farm by members of the family.
- End the persecution of our people by tax-collectors acting under arbitrary powers.
- Encourage development of small business operated by the owner, by allowing proper exemption for money re-invested in the business and not paid out in profits.
- Provide for a graduated reduction in taxes on other small businesses upon the portion of the income left in the business for further development.
- Abolish nuisance taxes and make substantial reductions in general sales and excise taxes on necessities.

### SECURITY

#### Security of Employment

The Progressive Conservative Party assures security to all Canadians by the following Declaration of Policy.

In co-operation with the various provincial governments we will explore every possibility of expanding the opportunities for work by encouraging new types of production. We believe that the greatest security for employment in Canada is based upon the fullest development of our resources which will create new employment and increase domestic markets.

### Contributory Social Security Program

This plan will provide the following benefits:

- Old-age pensions at 65 without a means test.
- Unemployment Insurance benefits to be extended to include payments for time lost due to accident or sickness.
- Adequate medical and hospital care to be provided under a national health program which will include the most extensive preventative health services.
- The same family allowance for every child, regardless of the number of children in the family.

These and other provisions in our program will be worked out in co-operation with the provinces.

### An Effective Program for the Construction of Houses

- Loans and priorities will be made available to those who desire to build their own homes.
- Low-cost housing will be provided under plans jointly approved by the Dominion, Provincial and Municipal governments. These plans will be administered by the municipalities.
- New types of construction will be encouraged to reduce building costs.
- Restrictions on building supplies will be removed.

### Security for Farmers

The Progressive Conservative undertakes to:

- Enact floor price legislation based on the following principles:
  - A definite formula in the Farm Prices Support Act for arriving at floor prices.
  - The formula will allow for variations in production and demand.
  - Floor prices will be announced well in advance of the production period.
  - Floor prices will be arrived at in consultation with representatives of the producers.
- We favour the restoration of the Canadian Wheat Board Act of 1935 to serve as a marketing agency for wheat producers.

Coarse grains as well as wheat will be handled on a voluntary basis by the Wheat Board.

The producers themselves will decide the method by which their wheat will be handled and sold.

Marketing boards and representatives of the producer organizations should and will determine their own method of marketing.

- We will establish a board of livestock commissioners.
- We will extend the activities of the Federal Farm Loan Board, so that farmers can take advantage of long-term, low-interest rates.
- We will increase the facilities for agricultural research to find new uses for agricultural products.
- We will in cooperation with Provincial Departments of Agriculture, conduct thorough studies of contagious animal and plant diseases to reduce the heavy annual loss from these causes.
- In determining agricultural policy, we will enlist the cooperation of farmers' organizations throughout Canada.

The best interests of agriculture can be served under the guidance of those with practical knowledge of each phase of agriculture.

### Security for Labour

Good working conditions for our people and friendly relations between workers and management, are not only in the best interests of the workers, but also in the best interests of the country.

The security and happiness of all our workers must be protected by legislation providing for effective collective bargaining, the determination of mutual rights, as well as conciliation and settlement of difficulties which may arise.

- We will establish a National Labour Council with equal representation from labour and management. This council will examine causes of labour disputes and propose solutions.
- We will conduct research to improve labour relations.
- We will provide for greater labour representation on government boards, commissions and agencies.
- We will encourage profit-sharing plans, through adjustments in taxation.
- We will improve legislation providing for compulsory collective bargaining; certification of labour organizations after a majority vote; machinery for conciliation of disputes; fair and adequate wages; standard hours of work, keeping in mind the industry concerned; holidays with pay.

### Security for Veterans

We will establish a standing committee of the House of Commons on Veterans Affairs to regularly

review veterans problems; (b) to retain and constantly improve all veteran legislation; (c) to eliminate all unnecessary delays in dealings with veterans and to simplify procedure; (d) to extend pension benefits to the members of the merchant navy; (e) to accept the medical category recorded on enlistment; (f) to stabilize pensions of First World War veterans, providing for upward revision where the disability has increased; (g) to increase and extend provision of war veterans' allowances—with an increase in the amount that a veteran may earn above the allowance paid.

### FREEDOM

The Progressive Conservative Party pledges itself to terminate bureaucratic action by government-order-in-council, ministerial proclamation and departmental regulation.

- We will restore responsible government answerable to the elected representatives of the people.
- We believe in the widest possible measure of personal freedom consistent with law, order and the general welfare.
- We are opposed to powers which give the government control over the rights of the individual.
- We will restore the full supremacy of the law and the equality of every citizen under the law.
- We will conserve the authority of the provincial and municipal governments over local affairs.
- On assuming office we will convene a Dominion-Provincial conference.
- We believe that national unity depends upon respect for the federal constitution and the clear definition of the responsibilities of the Dominion, Provincial and Municipal governments, with assurance of adequate financial resources to carry out those responsibilities.
- We undertake to restore freedom of speech over the radio and to place the supervision of all Canadian broadcasting under an independent administrative body.
- We will abolish the license fee on radio receiving sets.
- We give our unqualified support to the North Atlantic Security Pact.

I believe this statement will provide convincing reasons why you should cast your ballot on June 27th for the Progressive Conservative candidate in your own constituency so that the public business of this great country will be handled by a strong, vigorous and progressive government in the years ahead.

**George Drew**  
Victoria, B.C., May 30, 1949

### HIGHER TAX BILLS PRODUCE LOUD COMPLAINTS

By the end of May most Canadian municipalities had struck their 1949 rates, comments on editorial in Civic Administration, and many had already mailed out first installed tax bills. While these bills individually ranged all the way from a few dollars to thousands, they all had one thing in common. They were higher—in most municipalities they were substantially higher—than those for last year.

As might be expected, these innocent-looking tax bills produced a chorus of howls. There were individual complaints at the town hall, letters to the editor and a spate of editorials in local newspapers.

These make interesting reading because local editors have a commendable habit of telling their readers a few home truths.

Many editors warned of the seriousness inherent in a steady trend toward higher property taxes. Some explained that everything else was costing more, and so did local government. A few said bluntly that the people had asked for improved and extra services, and might just as well get used to the idea of paying for these services.

All these views make sense—as far as they go. But it seems to us that an additional point is being overlooked across the country. It is that the services that benefit property are beginning to get squeezed because so many other services now come out of the municipal tax dollar.

In a recent survey of garbage collection costs, Civic Administration found that it now costs two or three times as much to provide this essential service as it did ten years ago. Wages and maintenance costs are higher and citizens are demanding modern equipment. They should have it.

But the physical services provided by local government cannot be improved or extended if property taxes continue to be swallowed in the canyon of spending that has adopted the trite name of "social services." If there is a case for social security it is simply that Canada provides it as a birthright. It should be paid for out of the huge revenues obtained by indirect taxation.

Property taxes, maintains Civic Administration, should be spent first—not last—on the services that benefit property.

The Canadian fisher, sometimes called the Pennant or the black cat, is a fur-bearing member of the weasel family, and is the largest of the North American Martens. For its size, it is the swiftest and most deadly of our fur-bearers.

In Manitoba, in 1947, over 23,000 acres of land were devoted to the commercial growing of sunflowers. Oil from its seeds ranks close to olive oil in texture and color; the rest of the plant has many industrial applications.

The first phase of irrigation on the prairies took place 60 years ago when some ranchers tried to grow winter feed by diverting water from small streams to irrigate native meadow lands.

Although the number of hens that are laying eggs is 10 per cent lower than last year, every group of 100 birds is producing 15 more eggs than last year.

**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE—14 YEARS IS TOO LONG**

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