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EVERYONE FEELS BETTER

Yesterday among the business fraternity of the city there was a decidedly more optimistic feeling as a result of the outcome of the British elections. The opinion was freely expressed that it was the beginning of the upturn and that all the British nations and possibly all the nations of the world would benefit from the feeling of security and hopefulness that the election result had brought about. If other places feel like Prince Rupert, the psychological effect throughout the nation will be that conditions will improve, for the depression is the result of a psychological condition. When we feel normal we shall be normal. With improvement in Great Britain and a desire in that country to trade with the other sections of the Empire, fostered possibly by preferential trade relations, Canada is bound to feel the reflex. We may well look for better times before long.

RELATIVE SIZES

Olof Hanson, member for Skeena, draws attention to the fact that Great Britain, where the election was held Tuesday, and where over six hundred members were elected, is only about half the size of the constituency that he represents. That is why it is possible to have such a brief campaign. Travelling about the constituencies is not a problem there as it is here. To travel all over Skeena constituency would take several months, at least. Ours is a country of great distances, of difficult transportation, of high mountains and deep and fertile valleys. It is, speaking generally, an uninhabited country, for there is settlement only at a comparatively few points and even there settlement is sparse. Britain is a garden country, where most of the land is cultivated or in use as pasture. Cities are not far apart and towns and villages in large numbers intervene.

MEANING OF ELECTION

The election in Britain does not mean that the people of that country are not in sympathy with labor and its aspirations. It means that they are not in sympathy with those who would wreck the country in the hope of upsetting the present order and replacing it by another. The British people are not like people of a good many other nations. They have always been leaders in world improvements and especially in improving the condition of the workers and they will continue to be that. They have tried experiments, some of which have succeeded and some of which have failed. There are no illiterate people in the country, such as was the case in Russia where the bulk of the people could not read or write at the time of the revolution. They are all more or less intelligent, read the newspapers, discuss politics and social questions and are beginning to move about and mix with their fellows in other parts of the country.

Doubtless labor in that country will learn a lesson from this election. It is an object lesson to the world and will have a salutary effect everywhere.

WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS

The interest taken almost throughout the world in the British elections is an indication of the spread of the spirit of world consciousness. The one-ness of mankind is also shown in the keen interest taken in the Japanese efforts to take Manchuria and the influences at work holding them back.

The time will come in all probability when there will be a world federation including all nations but this will be very gradual. Possibly prior to that there will be a federation of the English-speaking nations.

INTERFERE WITH WORK

Bruhn Fearful of Ottawa Action on Relief Work—Political Influence Banned

Serious curtailment by Ottawa of British Columbia's constructive relief plan, well under way, will mean that a large number of men who have not yet been absorbed by work now proceeding will have to go on direct relief.

It will mean, too, states Hon. R. W. Bruhn, minister of public works, in an interview with the Vancouver Province, that men now employed in camps may have to be rotated on jobs. This will result in dissatisfaction among the men and inefficiency in the work, he declares.

While he did not describe it as such in so many words, the minister clearly indicates that drastic revision of relief schemes by Ottawa will mean dislocation of B. C.'s plans—almost disorganization. Mr. Bruhn returned to Vancouver Sunday after a ten-day trip in Northern and Central British Columbia. He has not been in close touch with Victoria, and is not certain of developments there or in Ottawa.

"If Ottawa seriously curtails the program agreed to by their representatives earlier in the year," said Mr. Bruhn, repeating a question, "it will mean that a large number of men not yet placed on work will have to be looked after by direct relief. It is my belief that direct relief is obtainable, not only to the unemployed, but to the general public. I believe that the majority of people in this province agree that men should be given the opportunity to work. In view of Mr. Bennett's statement that 'every man must be provided with work I take it that direct relief is objectionable to the federal authorities."

Warned About Cost

"People of British Columbia have been warned what this relief work will cost, but I think they are prepared to meet the situation by the present method. From my conversations with citizens in all parts of the province I think the sentiment is strong in favor of providing work—that is of value to the province."

"It must be remembered that the work we are doing is mainly on the trans-Canada highway—new construction—or improvement on existing highways. What we are doing is advancing our road program a few years. The work will have to be done eventually."

"The value of work as against direct relief is impressed on one who has made a trip such as that I have just finished. I was in Prince Rupert, in Skeena, Omineca, Prince George and in the camps between Ashcroft and Spences Bridge. I think the greatest benefit is providing work for young men. Keeping these men from idleness means everything to the future of this country. "After all, the allowance paid these men is barely sufficient to take care of them. We are getting good work from the men now in camps. In the northern parts of the province we are employing as many settlers' teams as possible, and using little machinery. A few weeks' employment for these settlers and their horses may be enough to tide them over the winter."

"Facts of the case are that unless additional work is opened up in the near future we will be faced with the necessity of rotating men now employed. This will create dissatisfaction among the men and result in inefficiency. It may seem that the number of men now employed—between 11,000 and 12,000—is large; but the fact that there are 57,000 registered unemployed is eloquent of the need, not only to carry on present undertakings, but to open new work. With the exception of gangs on the highway east of Prince George, the number of transients employed is not large. Most of them are residents of the province."

Influence Banned

"While I have received no specific complaints on the score, I have heard it rumored that political influence is interfering with employment at camps. I know that this is not so in most places, and if such is the case in any instance it will be searchingly investigated both by provincial and federal authorities. The same thing applies to purchase of supplies. This is being carried out without discrimination. I find that purchases of supplies locally has created quite a revival of business in the smaller communities."

"During my trip I have made it plainly understood that political discrimination will not be tolerated. It has been said, too, that men are

employed in camps who do not need the work. After consultation with Mr. Michael McGeough, representative in British Columbia of the federal department of labor, on this phase of the situation, it has been decided to appoint local district committees which will be charged with the task of passing on the qualifications of registrants. These committees will be composed of Provincial Government agents and representative citizens, who will see that strict impartiality is observed. It was the original wish of the Dominion Government that men allotted work at road camps should be engaged through the federal employment office where they were registered. This system was observed. It will now be supplemented by supervision of selection by the committees, to be appointed immediately," concluded the minister.

Interior Gets New Livestock

Sixty-three Head Are Placed West of Prince George Under the Govt. Free Freight Policy

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—Within the last few weeks sixty-three head of livestock arrived into the country along the C.N.R. line from Prince George west, and were distributed to farmers under the Dominion government free freight policy.

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