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MEMBER A.B.C.

The Sincerity of Mr. Ilsley . . .

Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, long has been a favorite statesman-in-office. He undoubtedly has been the most popular tax-imposer in our history, or perhaps in the history of any country. Sir Thomas White in the other war was highly regarded, but he merely established the principle of the income tax. It has remained for Ilsley to expand principle into practice with severity to both rich and poor.

Some people say that all Nova Scotians early are schooled in politics and Mr. Ilsley's career is no contradiction. But his hold on the Canadian people, West and East, is based on an ability, of which he seems not to be conscious, to convey the impression that here is a man of the utmost sincerity, honesty and forthrightness. His eloquence is the eloquence of conviction. His triumphs with all audiences are the triumph of a mind setting aside all petty considerations in order to do right by the country, by us, by you and me.

Few, indeed, have been the public criticisms of the Minister of Finance. His colleagues all have been pilloried from time to time. Some other ministers are consistently and regularly condemned for their sins. But never the member from the Land of Evangeline.

Definitions . . .

Reactionary — Believes 2 plus 2 equals 4.

Conservative — One who is pushed, doesn't like it, and is probably right.

Progressive — Argues that 2 plus 2 ought to equal 5.

Liberal — Fellow who discovered in 19th century that sun rises in East and still thinks so.

Liberal — Socialist in office.

Socialist — Liberal who wants to be.

Social Crediter — Money reformer who isn't an official of the Bank of Canada.

Civil Servant (finance) — Social Crediter who won't admit it.

Labor-Progressive — Communist.

Communist — Realist who knows all about 19th century liberalism and doesn't care.

Progressive-Conservative — Hybrid who would like to see multiplication table disproved.

C.C.F.'er — One who believes the people can be fooled long enough to get him elected.

TALKS ABOUT BIG COMPANIES

Bruce Mickleburgh Advocates Elementary Rights of Citizenship

Reporting to Labor-Progressive campaigners gathered in their clubrooms Monday night, Bruce Mickleburgh, federal candidate for Skeena, cited alleged examples of how certain big companies had defied wartime regulations and, when people had attempted to organize in defence of the elementary rights of citizenship, had victimized them in a callous manner. "If we the people of Skeena allow ourselves to be divided to such an extent that this attitude continues, then we shall lose the peace in Skeena," he declared.

"It is as true in Skeena as anywhere in the world that nothing comes to us on a silver platter and that we are as strong as our organizations. In a thousand miles of travel through Skeena I have found it strikingly apparent that, where the workers are well organized, their wages, conditions and morale are good.

"The return of a so-called simon-pure Liberal government, even if it were a possibility in the Canadian political scene, which it is not, would win the peace for Canada. The much-touted twenty-five page report of the Hon. C. D. Howe, brought down in the closing hours of the last session when there was no opportunity for discussion, states the number one post-war problem for Canada exactly—a problem of finding well over a million new jobs. But it offers no solution to the problem.

It is not likely that, if the government had a plan for providing full employment in post-war Canada, they would want to hide that plan, yet if you write to the King's Printer for a copy you will be told it is "out of print." As a matter of fact it was "out of print" a few hours after it was issued.

"The Tories and the CCF know they cannot elect a majority in the next House. The Tories figure on a right-wing Tory-Liberal-Social Credit-Nationalist coalition, and M. J. Coldwell says this is the best that could come out of the election 'because it would show just where everybody stands.' I say it is the worst thing that could come out of the election because it will mean depression in Canada.

"The task of progressive people is to elect the biggest possible bloc of labor members, proved in the struggle for the people, who will put squarely before the House the issue of full employment and prosperity, a bloc so strong that it will enter the government in full partnership with those other members who are prepared to go down the line on this program, and so strong that it will be the Tories who end up in the opposition, where they properly belong."

The meeting was chaired by Stan Boshier and Campaign Manager Ruth Turner outlined the progress of the campaign throughout Skeena. Many members shared in the discussion.

"V-E DAY" QUIET ON CHARLOTTES

Little Celebration, It Being Felt That Occasion Did Not Warrant It

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY, May 16—"V-E Day" came as no surprise to Queen Charlotte Islands who had been expecting it. There was very little celebration except at the Alford Bay air base. It was generally felt that there had been too much suffering in the war to justify undue celebrating of the victory.

Only two men from the Skidegate area have been through the battles in Holland and Germany—Joe Hans and Edmund Stevens both of whom were fortunate to come through the war safely.

NORMANDY SOUVENIR

CRAWLEY, Sussex, Eng., (?)—Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey has presented the 1st Crawley Troop of Boy Scouts with a flag which flew on his jeep when he landed in Normandy at the start of the invasion.

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He likes to lay in bed."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inopportune?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Imaginary, ileterate, idolatrous.
4. What does the word "vindictive" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with dic that means "overbearing?"

Answers

1. Say, "He likes to lie in bed." 2. Pronounce the u as in unit, and accent last syllable. 3. Illiterate. 4. Disposed to revenge; retaliatory. "He has a vindictive mind." 5. Dictatorial.

Author-Playwright Visiting Islands

A. M. D. Fairbairn, well known author and playwright, is paying a visit to the Queen Charlotte Islands as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stevens at Skidegate. This is the third visit of Mr. Fairbairn to the Islands.

PROFESSOR RESIGNS

VANCOUVER, May 16 (?)—Professor John Allan Irving, head of the department of philosophy and phychology, University of B.C., has resigned, effective July 1. He is going to Victoria College, Toronto, as head of the department of ethics and social psychology.

Norway's Independence Programme
Oddfellows' Hall — Thursday, May 17
8:15 p.m.
SPEECHES, VOCAL, CHORAL and MUSICAL SELECTIONS
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YOUR Liberal Government under Mackenzie King has taken practical steps to see that every Canadian after the war shall have a wide-open chance to make a real success of his life. It can be done by giving everybody the opportunity to get ahead faster and go further.

That includes returned men, farmers and fishermen, factory workers and people in business and children—every Canadian!

Isn't that what you want—a chance to make your own way IN your own way?

Here are definite, practical steps which the Liberal Government has taken (not just talked about, but *taken*) to make this Canada a better place to work in and bring up your children.

You will have to decide whether you want the men who devised these measures to carry them through, or whether you wish to entrust your own and your family's future to others.

Every one of the following 12 steps affects your job—no matter what it is—after the war!

1 Reconstruction
Liberal aim: Jobs for 900,000 more workers than in 1939; and 60,000 more each year as the population grows. Every kind of enterprise will be encouraged. The Liberal Government has already set up the machinery: the Department of Reconstruction. The Liberal Government has the man—the Hon. C. D. Howe—under whose direction Canadians have done a great job in the war, **and are ready to do it in peace.**

2 Foreign Trade
Liberal objective: Sixty percent (60%) increase in value over Canada's pre-war export trade. This means thousands of jobs, and is based on the number of jobs created by Canada's normal export trade. Preparations are under way now: expansion of trade commissioner service; negotiations with United States and United Kingdom and other countries. **Liberal policies and trade mean full employment.**

3 Credit for Enterprise
Liberal belief: Money must serve the needs of humanity. The people of Canada shall have economic freedom. We are a great people—we are going to continue to do big things after the war. Therefore the Liberal Government set up the *Industrial Development Bank* to provide money at low interest for long terms, **Another step towards creating full employment.**

4 Exports Encouraged
War-torn countries will want to buy tremendous quantities of Canadian goods. But can they pay for them right away? Manufacturers can't pay their help unless they can get money for their goods. To overcome this obstacle to employment, the Liberal Government has set up the *Export Credit Insurance Act.* This does two things: (1) it insures Canadian exporters against loss, and (2) makes loans to foreign governments under contract to Canadian exporters.

5 Farm Improvement Loans
Your Liberal Government has made *low interest loans* available to farmers to finance their work and make improvements.

6 Guaranteed Markets
To provide farmers with a better income under wartime conditions, the Liberal Government made contracts for definite quantities of important products at agreed prices—notably bacon, eggs, cheese and beef. These contracts have worked out so well the Liberal Government extended many of the agreements for longer periods (in the above cases to the end of 1946). It has provided for guaranteed markets and income for Canadian farmers. This increased trade has brought prosperity to farmers everywhere in Canada. Liberal legislation (*the Agricultural Prices Support Act*) guarantees future prosperity.

7 Family Allowances
From July next, Family Allowances are to be paid every month to parents for healthier, better clothed, better housed, better educated young Canadians. $250,000,000 a year direct spending power in the hands of people who need it most. Liberal monthly payments until age 16 (maximum total per child $1,224) will give all children a better chance to become vigorous happy citizens.

8 New Homes for Canadians
The Liberal Government's new $400,000,000 *National Housing Act* enables hundreds of thousands of Canadians to own their own homes. In the first year after Germany's defeat, at least 50,000 dwellings will be built. Low rental housing schemes are included. This means hundreds of thousands of jobs for the building trades and allied industries—**many thousands more for people who make furnishings and home equipment.**

9 Returning Veterans
Canada's generous plans for enabling returned men to take their place in civil life are now well known. Gratuities, benefits and grants of $750,000,000 will enable men and women of the Armed Services to apply their energies in **building the prosperous Canada for which your Liberal Government has been planning.**

10 Floor Prices under Fish and Farm Products
Success in farming and fishing depends upon the maintenance of fair prices. To protect farmers and fishermen, the Liberal Government has provided floor prices under these products. **Prosperous farmers and fishermen make a prosperous Canada.**

11 Better Labour Conditions
In co-operation with organized Labour, the Liberal Government has confirmed collective bargaining, provided unemployment insurance, organized labour-management committees, approved labour representatives on government boards. More than 600,000 workers, because of the Liberal Government's attitude towards Labour and the labour movement, **now get annual vacations with pay.**

12 Reduction in Taxation
The Liberal Government will gradually reduce taxation when the European war is over. Taxes will come down to free spending power and to give Canadians every opportunity for prosperity, employment and freedom.

What you have done in war—you can do in peace. You can do your part by supporting the Liberal Candidate in your constituency.

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