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The Challenge

CANADIANS don't need to be sold on the merits of the enterprise system, says a Canadian Chamber of Commerce publication. But their understanding of the way the system works is by no means complete. That is the reason why we sometimes see large groups of Canadians supporting measures that would destroy that system. For example we find people who believe in freedom of opportunity, yet who give their approval to plans to increase government regulation of business or government limitation of business profits. We find those who, in the same breath, demand lower individual corporate taxes and increased social services from the state.

Studies made by an opinion research corporation, indicate that there is a very high correlation between economic ignorance and collectivist sentiment. In other words, if a man does not recognize that invested capital helps the worker, that high corporate taxes hurt the worker, that the biggest share of corporate earnings goes to the worker, he is more likely to believe that government control is necessary to keep prices down. He is also more likely to feel that the government should set a top limit on salaries, that government should put a limit on profits, that higher wages must come out of profits rather than out of increased productivity, etc.

Among persons who demonstrate that they are well informed on economic facts, there are practically none who can be classified as extreme collectivists; but among those who are uninformed, there are a sizeable group of collectivists.

A collectivist, we all know, is not necessarily a person who plumps for a socialistic or communistic form of government, but a person who—though he may be all for "free enterprise" or "the democratic way of life"—seeks changes in the rules of action that would inevitably lead to the downfall of the Canadian economic system.

Thus, most people are for free enterprise in principle. Some few would nationalize many of the means of production. But many are so uninformed or misinformed on the workings of our economy that they can be led to favor policies detrimental to it.

MONDAY FAVORED DAY

WITH THE CHOICE of Monday, June 27, for the Dominion general election, that day now takes its place with Tuesday as the favorite voting day of the men who call the contest dates.

The current choice makes it six apiece for Monday and Tuesday since 1874—the first year in which elections were held on a single day. Five have been called on Thursdays, and two on Wednesdays.

No government has had the hardihood to call the voters out on unlucky Friday. Nor has there ever been a one-day election on Saturday or Sunday.

The Monday trend began to develop strongly in 1930. Of the five elections beginning that year and including the present one, four have been on Mondays. The fifth—in 1940—was on a Tuesday day.

The first one-day election was on Thursday, January, 22, 1874. Before that, elections took weeks to complete. The first in 1867 stretched from August 7 to September 20.

The 1872 contest, held after British Columbia entered Confederation, lasted three months. It took that long for the chief electoral officer to conduct the balloting from coast to coast.

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The softening of the sun as it shines between the leaves,
The golden sunset melting into purple shadows—
Upon the quiet of an evening down among the meadows."

A gentle loosening of the roots of life,
A little less desire to work and strive,
A while to enable us to rest and look
Upon the past—as if in the reading of a book
Whose lines reach into heart and mind
And search for the best there is to find
Of tolerance that was bought with pain,
To wish a chance to live it all again.

So that the love you were so loth to show
Could be so great, and like a beacon glow
And circle all—and make a blessed band
Where God is King and all would understand,
That life is just a little span
To live and grow and mellow if you can.

Into a richness of graceful delight
Where day is endless and there is no night
To fear and dread—a curtain of terror
That darkens the sight against life's error.
Yes—Age my dear—is gentle decline,
It is universal, not thine-or-mine.

Like the waves upon the rolling sea
Where the lighthouse rays fade into eternity,
That is age, my dear—gently a loosening of the threads we hold
A tender reaching out from in the world
Of which we sprang—gave live anew in birth
To settle back again to rest in Mother Earth.

CHINTAL

IS WELCOMED AT KITKATLA

Visiting the village by special invitation, Jack McRae, Coalition candidate for Prince Rupert in the forthcoming provincial election, was given a cordial reception with special welcoming ceremonies at Kitkatla on Monday. Chief Councillor Joseph Innes presided over a largely attended meeting of vil-

lagers and was thanked for his visit by prominent village leaders in the persons of Matthew Hill and Mark Spencer who spoke through an interpreter, Wilfrid Jackson. Incidentally, the plane in which Mr. McRae made the trip was the first that had ever put down at that village and that, in itself, was an historic incident.

Making the trip in the Skeena Air Transport Seabee piloted by Pat Carey and accompanied by Walter Smith, Mr. McRae also visited Klemtu and Butedale.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

On scores of platforms just now, speeches are being made and large audiences listen intently. Public affairs are discussed for it's all the people's business. There are two other orators, but strange to say, they remain silent. Nevertheless each is given the deepest of attention. One is Mr. Cellulose, and the other, Mr. Aluminum.

It's just one thing after another for Mrs. Richard Morrow-Tait, British housewife, who last August began a global flight. Part of the winter was spent on the coast, after having been plagued by engine troubles, money shortage, aviation rulings and certificate requirements. The plane is now in Toronto, Mrs. Morrow-Tait having proceeded to New York by train to raise more funds. She plans on finally making home by way of Greenland and Iceland. The lady deserves to.

William Hulme Lever died suddenly a few weeks ago while on a world tour of inspection of an industrial empire covering forty countries. It all started with the making of soap and oils and the treating of Labor with eminent fairness. The vast business was founded as a private enterprise, and still is, with no fewer than 516 firms.

Early in the history of Prince Rupert a great hotel to be built here was first heard of. The blue print pictured it chateau style. And that was pretty stylish. This was to be part of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway terminus development plans.

The site selected was on Second Avenue just across from the corner of Fifth Street and situated on what was the railway reserve and convenient to station and docks. Excavating commenced, a contractor named W. T. Muse performing the work. Time rolled on, but it brought no hotel. Instead, a fountain appeared on the site. No one quarreled with that but, undoubtedly there was a sense of disappointment. The fountain played and so did the bowlers on the handsome green laid out a short distance away. Sir Henry Thornton arrived one day, and the railroad chief was asked to consider the hotel question, seeing a first rate site was waiting to be filled. Sir Henry spent a short time in Prince Rupert but long enough to see anything of importance and size up the general situation. As to a hotel site, he seemed to prefer that part of the harbor front later built on and occupied by naval officers and recently bought by the Canadian Legion. It could not be said there was unanimity of opinion, and after Sir Henry returned east there was nothing more heard of a hotel so far as he was concerned.

Two Outstanding Broadcasts TONIGHT



Nancy Hodges
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6:15
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Minister of Lands and Forests and Coalition Candidate for Skeena

8:30
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CARIBOO, BETWEEN W. M. MOTORS, LIMITED, PLAINTIFF, AND FLOYD GOOD, DEFENDANT.

Under and by virtue of a Warrant of Execution issued from the above Court and to me directed against the goods and chattels of the defendant, Floyd Good, I have seized one Allis-Chalmers Caterpillar Tractor, Model 650, Serial No. 55-266 with 11-foot blade, hydraulic hoist and loader, and on Thursday, June 16th, 1949, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Sheriff's Office, Court House, Prince Rupert, B.C., I shall offer for sale at public auction all the right, title, and interest of the defendant in the above goods and chattels.

The tractor may be inspected at the farm of Kenneth Olson, Tehesinkut Lake, about ten miles south of Burns Lake, B.C., and the loader in the C.N. Ry. yards at Burns Lake, B.C.

Terms of sale, cash, and this sale is subject to the Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax.

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