

# Problems Of Farmers To Be Big Issue At Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—The problems of Canada's farmers, and particularly grain growers in particular, are certain to be a major issue in the next session of Parliament opening Jan. 10.

Leaders of all three opposition parties in the Commons, who have conducted unusually extensive speech-making tours this fall have made farm problems the main topic of addresses to public meetings across the country.

One of the leaders, CCF chief M. J. Coldwell, returned to Ottawa a week ago after making some 50 speeches from Prince Edward Island to Vancouver Island since September.

In an interview he said there is no doubt Canada faces a bad situation in the marketing of this year's bumper farm production. He predicted it would be one of the biggest issues of the session and said the CCF will raise it at the first opportunity, probably during the session-opening throne speech debate.

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Mr. Coldwell said that in his travels he found P.E.I. potato growers and British Columbia's Okanagan valley apple producers forced to sell at almost distress prices.

But the biggest trouble was on the Prairies where marketing problems beset farmers who had produced a "tremendous" wheat crop of probably the best grade ever grown.

Mr. Coldwell said some western communities are helping provide storage space by building curling and skating rinks to store wheat with storage charges expected to pay for much of the arena's cost before the wheat is moved out.

He said this has been done in quite a number of places. It was a good idea.

"But you can see the western growers have no faith in government promises to market the crop. They expect to store top grade wheat in these rinks for two or three years—that's how pessimistic they are."

**DEMAND CASH ADVANCES**

Mr. Coldwell said that in the Commons the CCF will demand payment of cash advances for farm-stored grain. He proposed the government decide how much of the crop can be marketed—eight,

# Alberta To Revert To Simpler Voting System

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EDMONTON (CP)—Alberta's complicated system of voting in provincial elections will be scrapped when the Election Act is revised, it is reliably reported.

Proposals probably will be submitted to the legislature during the 1956 session which opens in February.

Alberta is the only province which has three different voting systems. A combination of proportional representation and the single transferable vote system is used in provincial elections while Albertans voting in federal elections use the simple ballot.

**CHANGED IN MANITOBA**

Informants say Alberta will follow Manitoba and adopt the simple ballot. Official feeling is that a committee will be set up to split the only multiple-member ridings—Edmonton and Calgary.

Manitoba ended proportional representation and the Alternative vote during the 1955 session of the legislature and set up a committee to investigate redistribution of multiple-member constituencies.

Political sources agree that in the June 29 provincial general election Liberal, Progressive Conservative and CCF voters distributed their alternative choices among the opposition parties—and withheld them from Social Credit, which thus lost ground when second, third or further counts were necessary.

In the election, the Liberal party increased its strength to 15 members compared with four at dissolution, the gains coming mainly at the expense of Premier Manning's government which went back for fourth consecutive term but lost 14 seats.

**BLAME BALLOT**

Thirteen Social Credit losses were registered in single-member rural constituencies which used the transferable ballot, also known as the alternative vote, where voters rate candidates in order of preference—1, 2, 3 and so on.

Under the system, a candidate must have a majority of votes cast to be elected on first count. If more than one count is needed the low man is dropped and his ballots are distributed among others on a second-choice basis.

Opposition parties urged voters to give Social Credit candidates low ratings and in some constituencies combined to support independent candidates running against government supporters.

Returns from the general election show that Social Credit would have retained another four seats had the simple ballot system been used—where the candidate who receives the largest number of votes is elected and there is only one count.

**LED AT START**

As it turned out, the four Social Credit standard-bearers—including former provincial treasurer C. E. Gerhart—led on the count of first choices but were defeated in subsequent counts.

However, had the simple ballot been used in Edmonton and Calgary instead of the proportional representation system, Social Credit would have dropped two seats—both in Edmonton.

The voting problem is a bit different in Alberta's two largest cities. Voters in Edmonton last June were confronted with a 24-

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or 12 bushels an acre—and then advance 75 per cent of the price farmers would receive if they are grain elevators.

Even before the CCF leader's tour, which began in September, he had made about 20 speeches at various places. A party official said most of the speeches were in small rural communities—places which Mr. Coldwell could not expect to visit during an election campaign.

(The next election is generally expected in 1957, although it could be called next year.)

Mr. Coldwell said all his meetings were "very excellent." There were only two hitches in his tour—one was in the B.C. mountains when he and a trainload of people were marooned 30 hours after a bridge washed out.

The other was more recently when his bus was stuck three hours in snow between Dauphin and Brandon, Man., and took eight hours to cover 100 miles. The night before he had driven all night to Dauphin to catch a plane for a meeting at Flin Flon, only to have the plane grounded by snow and the meeting called off.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of our dear grandfather Wm. B. Mills who passed away Nov. 30, 1954.

Today is a day of remembrance with many sad regrets. A day we shall always remember when the rest of the world forgets. We think of you in silence and often repeat your name. What would we give to hear your voice and see your face again. Sadly missed and always remembered by his grandchildren

**C. W. League Has Regional Conference**

A very successful C. W. L. Regional Conference was held in Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico on Sunday afternoon and evening Nov. 27th. Delegates and visitors from the following sub-divisions were present: North Rustico, South Rustico, Hunter River, Indian River, Summerfield, Seven Mile Bay and Kinkora. The Reverend Directors from each of the above sub-divisions were also present, making a total of 101 representatives.

Meeting was called to order by the Provincial President Mrs. Basil MacDonald, and League prayer and prayers for our Holy Father recited by Rev. G. J. MacCormac, Provincial Director. Greetings from the Hostess sub-division, North Rustico, were extended by the President Mrs. Charles McNeill, who gave a special welcome to the Reverend Directors and Sisters. Greetings were also extended by the Sub-Div. Director Rev. L. J. Ayers.

Mrs. MacDonald in her opening address reviewed the high light of the National Convention which she recently attended and made a strong appeal that the principles and high ideals of the League which were strongly stressed and encouraged there, be carried out and acted upon in so far as possible by each individual Sub-Division. She welcomed the large gathering of delegates and a special welcome to the newly formed Sub-Division of South Rustico. "How proud we are to have them join with us in our great League family," she said.

She made an appeal on behalf of our National Obligation of assisting Our Ladies Missionaries and asked all present to make an endeavor to have every woman in their parish enlisted in the League.

**ADDRESSES GROUP**

An address was given by Rev. Mother St. Margaret of Paray, Superior of Notre Dame Academy on "Catholic action in the Christian Home" and "The Christian Family movement". This paper was interestingly discussed by Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Mrs. Leslie Ramsay, Rev. Clarence Pitre and others, and many wise suggestions were given in which this movement could be the more forcibly brought into and acted upon in our homes. Mrs. John Cash then moved the adjournment of the meeting and the delegates proceeded to the new school where buffet luncheon was served, followed by Solemn Benediction in Stella Maris Church.

**SYMPOSIUM**

An interesting feature of the evening meeting was a symposium consisting of seven women of North Rustico Sub-Div. with Mrs. M. J. Doyle as chairman. Items discussed were Culture in the Family, Finance, Education in the home, Nutrition in the home, value of 4-H Clubs, Home and School Association.

The members then broke up in engagements were cancelled.

**QUEEN MOTHER ILL**

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DIES IN MICHIGAN—The death occurred on Nov. 30 at Lansing Mich. of Mrs. W. H. Armitage (nee Olga J. Crosby) after a lengthy illness. She was born in Cape Traverse, P. E. I., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Crosby. She attended Mount Allison University and MacDonald College and lived for several years in Sherbrooke, Que.; Kirkland Lake, Ont.; Grand Rapids, Mich. and East Lansing, Mich. She is survived by her husband, Wendel H., and her daughter, Judith.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. MacDonald, New Dominion, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on November 28. Their friends wished them many more years of wedded happiness.

**HAMPTON W.I.**

The annual meeting of Hampton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Warren Inman, on Nov. 27th with the attendance of eleven members.

The president, Mrs. John MacQuarrie opened the meeting by repeating the creed in union. Roll call was answered by paying annual fees. Minutes of the Oct. meeting were read and approved, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read. The president gave her report of the year's work and thanked the members for their co-operation during the year. The treasurer gave the monthly and year's report and for the year a balance of \$84.00 on hand.

Insatisfactory report on Red Cross work. Red Cross Conventor gave satisfactory report on Red Cross work for the year. Reports from school and sick committees were given and thank you notes read. Correspondence was read.

Plans were made to hold a turkey supper on November 11th and a committee was appointed to see a piano that was for sale, and if satisfactory planned to buy same for hall.

The election of new officers followed: president, Mrs. Will Myers; vice-pres., Mrs. Gordon Villet; secretary, Mrs. F. A. Merrill (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Dunsford (re-elected) directors, Mrs. Clayton Morrison, Mrs. Warren Inman, Mrs. Earle Callbeck (re-elected); a vote of thanks to the president was extended for her faithful work during the year. Mrs. F. A. Merrill invited the members to her home for Dec. meeting, roll call to be answered with a donation toward the shut-in boxes for Christmas, also to bring a decorated empty box for the Christmas boxes. Lunch committee Mrs. Earle Callbeck, Mrs. Charlie Dunsford, and Mrs. Howard Myers. The meeting adjourned, lunch was served and a social time spent.

**CARDS OF THANKS**

The family of the late Ralph Condon wish to express their sincere thanks to all who sent flowers, mass cards and messages of sympathy, also all who helped in any way during their recent sad bereavement.

I wish to thank the staff of the P. E. I. Hospital, the nurses, Dr. Laidlaw, Dr. Murchison, those who sent flowers, letters, cards and treats; also all who visited me during my lay up there.

John H. Weeks, Fredericton.

**DISCUSSION GROUPS** in which items of interest were discussed and ideas presented regarding League activities. Short addresses and words of encouragement were given by Rev. Harold Croken, Rev. Eugene Murray, Rev. Louis Callaghan and Rev. Reginald MacDonald. The Reverend Director G. J. MacCormac spoke on the Legion of Decency and urged all women to study the League Hand Books and Constitution, and also that all directors attend as many meetings as possible, after which he read the Act of Consecration and meeting adjourned with "The Queen."

**THANKS for everyone!**

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# City and Central Tentative Results Given Of Canada's Polio Program

OTTAWA (CP)—Figures showing preliminary results of Canada's anti-polio vaccination program have been released in Stockholm, but health department officials here describe them as "tentative, incomplete and inconclusive."

The department has been careful not to issue any figures until results of the inoculations given earlier this year to 880,000 Canadian children are studied carefully. A report is expected early in 1956.

However, newspaper reports from Stockholm said preliminary results from four Canadian provinces indicate that only 1.07 in 100,000 children vaccinated with Salk vaccine contracted paralytic polio compared with 5.39 among the unvaccinated group.

A Canadian representative, armed with confidential reports, has been attending a Stockholm meeting at which virus experts from eight countries exchanged experiences in production and use of polio vaccine.

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IT'S COMING! Rotary's "Big" Radio Auction on Tuesday, December 6th. over station C.F.C.Y.

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TOY FAIR OPEN—Lay away for Christmas. Firestone Home & Auto.

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EARL OF Hillsborough chapter I.O.D.E. cake sale, Moore and MacLeod, Saturday, December 3rd, 2-30 p.m.

AYDS VITAMIN and Mineral Reducing Plan at Reddin Bros. Dial 4386. Free delivery. Free postage.

PRINCE OF WALES College Concert Series presents Dale Jackson, brilliant young Maritime pianist, College Auditorium, Monday, December 5 at 8:30. Admission: adults 75 cents; students 25 cents.

**ROY'S TAXI—Dial 6560-6569.**

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