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OTTAWA, May 22, 1935.

His Worship George Bennett, Mayor,  
WINDSOR, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

At the first banquet of the Sandwich C.C.F. Club in the I.O.O.F. Hall at Sandwich on May 17th instant, you spoke as follows:

MAYOR BENNETT

Mayor Bennett declared that for many of the people today life is merely existence in a compound--composed of visits to the welfare departments. But he was confident that the C.C.F. was making history.

"I am confident," he said, "that the workers of this nation will do a better job with the history of the future than all the politicians of the past did. The day will come when we will win through and reach the hilltop of accomplishment as we go united to conquest."

The mayor stated that the people had let themselves be diverted from the fundamentals of their existence by many things which were not important to their welfare. He listed religions, immigration, tariffs, banking, etc.

PUTS DECENT LIVING FIRST

"The fundamental thing," he declared, "is how to obtain for ourselves, our families and our dependents a decent living. At last we have come to the place of wisdom and understanding where we can have concerted action for our common good."

"I don't care so much for the forces opposed to us," he continued. "That's why I can say what I want to. I am not going to let the press throw a halter around my neck in order to drive me. We must keep ourselves free from these vicious entanglements if we are going to make a worthwhile contribution to our day and age." (Border Cities Star, May 18, 1935).

In your letter of April 16th ult. you wrote that the unemployed of your City have not been registered for about three years.

If your life had been, to use your own words, "merely existence in a compound--composed of visits to the welfare departments" of your own City of Windsor, you would have learned that the unemployed of your City have not only been registered, but also classified according to their trades and previous occupations by the Provincial Relief Department in August 1934. For your information, I take the liberty to enclose this report.

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