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- (5) It badly bungled relief administration. C212418
- (6) It attempted to create legislation to deal with unemployment that flagrantly violated provincial rights and was in every way abortive and valueless for the Canadian worker.
- (d) Mr. Drew Reduces Old Age and Blind Pensions:

What now of Mr. Drew's own record? During his regime in Ontario, in spite of prosperous times and a very substantial provincial surplus, provincial expenditures on pensions for the aged and the blind, instead of steadily increasing, were reduced in the year 1947-48. During Mr. Drew's administration a so-called \$40 pension was introduced. I note that he made much of this last week in his visit here. But this raise was of most value for publicity purposes - very few pensioners ever saw \$40.

8. FORWARD WITH LIBERALISM:

Liberal measures like Old Age Pensions and Family Allowances and the National Health Program show the way in which the Liberal Party has been going in Canada. But it is not in the nature of this Party to stand still. It is not in our nature to be satisfied with the progress that we have made. It is not in our nature to be satisfied as long as human need demands corrective action. It is our resolve to drive on towards even more prosperous days when the well-being of every citizen can be better cared for.

When the Liberal Program for social security and social justice comes fully into effect, I look to a future in which this nation will produce in rich measure goods for all our domestic needs and for all our trading purposes. I look to a future in which no one willing and able to work need be without work; where work for all will provide a good level of living for all; where no family will be neglected; and where ill-health and malnutrition will bar no one from his heritage.

I am too unfamiliar with your political history to say much about the endorsation that I am confident you will shortly give Premier Smallwood and his Liberal Government. Your strong support of strong government will strengthen the position of Newfoundland in the newly-expanded federation of Canadian provinces.

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