

Unemployment

Mr. McGEER: It is therefore not surprising that above the howls of condemnation that the forces of entrenched greed are hurling at Roosevelt, who is humanity's foremost contemporary champion, those who care to may perceive sanctions of approval for the Roosevelt policy already being presented by unbiased recorders of historical facts.

In the April, 1936, issue of *Current History*, which I think everyone will admit is a non-partisan journal, there is a leading article reviewing the Roosevelt recovery program. Among other things, this article says:

Most of what happened is well known. The important thing is how we came through it. True, we hear very little cheering and practically none from the great capitalists whose system was saved from possible destruction in those black days of March, 1933. Yet the National City Bank in its economic reports states that the year 1935 closed with business activity at the highest level in more than five years and with signs of recovery more widespread than at any time since the turn of the depression was reached in 1932.

Some industries making consumption goods are doing more business now than they did even in 1929. Some of the heavier industries such as the manufacturers of machine tools, steel ingots, pig iron foundry equipment and other classes of machinery have reached the highest level since 1930. Some mail order and chain store houses report greater sales than in 1929.

People say that Roosevelt has not accomplished anything, but I think that just as Jefferson freed the people of the British colonies in America from the slavery of irresponsible monarchy, and as Lincoln destroyed the slavery of evil and selfish monopoly that threatened his nation with disruption, Roosevelt has moved to free his people from the bondage of money power.

Basing my conclusions upon such facts, I believe that future generations will add the name of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to that illustrious galaxy that is now exclusively reserved for the names of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. Through his courageous and wholesome effort to complete the great work of establishing universal freedom launched in America by Jefferson and carried on by Lincoln, Roosevelt has carved for himself a permanent place in the history of human progress.

Mr. POULIOT: Is my hon. friend a Republican or a Democrat?

Mr. McGEER: Lloyd George, observing Roosevelt's war with high finance, took occasion to state:

The intrepidity with which he is fighting against the machinations of the established and arrogant priesthood of the golden calf is being watched with a thrill of admiration by those who, all the world over, have been

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suffering from its thralldom. If he wins he will have rendered a service to mankind which will exceed that of Lincoln when he abolished a more limited slavery.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Tuesday, April 21, 1936

The house met at three o'clock.

DEATH OF KING GEORGE V

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY
KING EDWARD VIII AND OF MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY
QUEEN MARY

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that a message has been received from His Majesty the King, signed by his own hand; also a message from Her Majesty Queen Mary, signed by her own hand:

Buckingham Palace.

Members of the Senate and of the House of
Commons of Canada:

I thank you sincerely for your kind message of sympathy with me on the death of my dear father and for the moving tribute which you pay to his memory. His example will ever be my guide and my encouragement in the task which lies before me.

I deeply appreciate your assurances of loyalty and devotion to me on my accession to the throne. Under Divine Providence, it shall always be my earnest endeavour to promote the happiness and to protect the liberties of all my peoples.

Edward R I.

7th April, 1936.

Buckingham Palace.

Members of the Senate and of the House of
Commons of Canada:

I am deeply touched by your kind words of sympathy with me in my great loss. I have been comforted and strengthened at this sad time by the knowledge that my sorrow is shared by all the peoples of the empire.

I thank you from my heart for your affectionate message.

Mary R.

7th April, 1936.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

REPORT OF DOMINION COMMISSIONER ON
ADMINISTRATION OF RELIEF ACT OF 1935

Hon. NORMAN McL. ROGERS (Minister of Labour): I desire to lay on the table the report of the Dominion Commissioner of Unemployment Relief concerning the administration of the Relief Act of 1935, which act expired on March 31 last. Section 9 of the