

The Address—Mr. McIvor

I should like to speak about another matter which was mentioned either in the speech from the throne or at some other time, something I have advocated for six years, and that is a national contributory pension. Railroad men have called on me, and they say it is an absolute necessity. A railroader may have a pension, but that does not provide for his wife. And any railroader who loves his wife wants to leave the best for her after he is gone. Therefore I say we should have a national contributory pension for all Canada; and I believe this has been suggested by the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Of course that scheme must not conflict with other pension schemes conducted by industries.

I do not know for certain, but I have my own ideas as to who spiked the dominion-provincial conference. My heart was sore when through the years, having built up a wonderful contributory health bill, it was wiped out entirely. We had men from New Zealand, England, the United States and all over Canada who helped in the framing of this bill. We thought it was a fine bill that had been drafted under the supervision of the former minister of national health. I think that bill should be called back from its resting place and put before this house. If all the provinces do not agree, those who do should be able to put it into force.

I have a word to say about old age pensions. Before I came down here I had the honour of being called to speak to a group of older people, some old age pensioners and some who had retired from the different railroads. It was a well conducted meeting. I agreed with those people that the present old age pension of \$30 per month is not enough. It will be said that Ontario gives another \$10 per month, but very few get it. I stood up in this house last year and congratulated the premier of Ontario on providing that extra \$10, but at the present time there are a great many people who have no other income and who get only \$30 per month. It is not enough.

The other day I was out tramping around and I passed the home of an old age pensioner about 8.30 in the morning when some hon. members are supposed to be taking it easy. I called in and found that breakfast was still on the table, so I said, "I am just in time." They had porridge, but they had no milk and no brown sugar. They were buying their little cottage which their son-in-law had helped to build.

I hope the province of Ontario will rise in its dignity, in its honesty and in its spirit of self-sacrifice and give every pensioner that \$10 per month extra no matter who he is. I think Ontario will do it. British Columbia

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does it and I think Ontario is just a little better than British Columbia.

I am not forgetting Fort William, of course. Some of you may think that there are no farmers at Fort William; you may think that we have nothing but water, rocks, scrub, bush and mines. We have those things, but in addition we have one of the best farming districts in Ontario. The farmers in this district are well looked after. Mr. Harrison is the agricultural representative and Mr. J. K. Knight is the supervisor of the agricultural substation. Those men keep the farmers on their toes.

Then there are many agricultural societies and our farm life has developed considerably. Our farmers are encouraged to do things in the right way. Many attractions are offered to the boys on the farm. These efforts appeal to me, as I am sure they would appeal to anyone who wants to see the young people kept on the farm. We have a good baseball league in that district. If you want to spend a thrilling night you should attend one of those evening games in the summertime. Not only do they put on a good round of baseball; they provide refreshments of a type that permits you to go home without your head being light.

In the wintertime they have a rural hockey league which attracts large numbers even to the open-air rinks. They play a splendid brand of hockey and the cup that is presented in the spring is well contested.

Then we have other types of competition. Last year I mentioned our 500 bushels to the acre potato club. That was carried on this year and F. J. Kailik of Upsala managed to produce 649 bushels of potatoes to the acre, not just 500 bushels. I say to other farmers that if they want to know how to raise potatoes they do not have to go to Ireland. If they go to Kailik he will explain the program that enabled him to achieve that production.

Then we have the hundred bushels to the acre oats club. Mr. Finholm of Cloud Bay raised 105 bushels per acre of good oats. I think that record leads Canada.

We have several farm associations which are supported splendidly by the Department of Agriculture under the leadership of the minister. We have the head of the lakes agricultural society and there are many exhibitions held in the fall, the principal ones being at Fort William, Murillo, Hymers and Upsala. The chief attractions at these fairs are animal husbandry and farm products.

Fort William and Port Arthur are known for their good record in connection with juvenile delinquency, something to which the good city of Toronto cannot lay claim. They might be able to make that claim if they