

agreed that the penalty for failure to file such list would be that the offending corporation was to be denied the use of the Provincial courts. Two sessions have been held since, but the law was not passed, and no explanation made. When our Legislature was in session we found, prior to the last convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, Mr. Bennett frequently on the scene. There is no thought that Mr. Bennett either bribes or bullies the members of the Government or the Legislature. That ceased to be necessary long ago. He was simply in evidence, which reminded the members that he represented the only source of credit there is in Canada, and that it was not wise to propose any law that might not meet with his approval. The view that there is a walking delegate of this kind in every province is strengthened by the fact that no kind of legislation has been brought forward in Parliament, or any legislative body, that would take any part of the deposits out of the grasp of the Lanking combine.

When the Norris Government came into power in Manitoba, they published a programme of legislation they intended to pass that included small local banks. However, between that time and the assembling of Parliament, this item in their programme was quietly dropped out of sight, and they, as well as the other prairie provinces, have since been working on various farm loan schemes that would give credit to the farmers without taking any part of the public deposits out of the hands of the existing combine.

When the present Finance Minister first came into office, he raised objections to the consolidations of banks as being against the public interest, but in some way his objections were removed, and now these amalgamations go forward without hindrance. Are we to believe that they have power to cause his removal if he stands in their way? If not, what other hypothesis is tenable? It is also worthy of note that the Canadian Council of Agriculture made no mention of the subject of credit in their reconstruction platform. All these things give color to the belief that through their credit monopoly, they are able to not only dominate the financial affairs of the country, but are able to control the political situation