5. CANAL TOLLS.

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In our submission of December 1935, under this caption, we indicated the large amount of freight traffic tonnage passing through our Canadian canals, the annual moneys being expended in comparison with the small amount of revenue received, the unfair competition of canal transport with the steam railways, citing a statement of the Duff Commission which declared that "Aids to navigation and the construction of canals and their maintenance have been exclusively a charge upon the public treasury", and strongly urged that the necessary legislation be enacted to require adequate tolls to be charged for all commercial transport services through our canals. In again asking the Government's favourable consideration to this request, we respectfully urge that measures be taken to place all our inland waterways under the control and supervision of a Transport Commission.

6. INCOME WAR TAX ACT.

Amend the Income War Tax Act to provide that the \$400.00 exemption for dependent children under twenty-one years of age will apply to all dependent children, irrespective of age. This request is made with a view to relieving many taxpayers of the unusual burden they have been carrying for some years by reason of adult members of their families being out of employment and obliged to return home, thus becoming entirely dependent upon their parents.

7. OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Amend the Old Age Pensions Act to provide -

- (a) that at least ninety percent of the total costs will be paid by the Dominion Government; and
- (b) that the age qualification be reduced to sixty-five years.

8. LABOUR REPRESENTATION ON PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

We desire to re-affirm our previously declared policy in favour of labour representation on all public boards and commissions. We appreciate the extent to which the requests of labour in this respect have been implemented by both Federal and Provincial Governments. We desire to commend the Government for implementing our request of a year ago for labour representation on the new Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railways System, and for accepting the co-operation of labour in making this selection.

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