

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Two spokesmen for the Liberal Party, three members of the Progressive Conservative Party, and the leader of the CCF Party appeared last week in programmes carried by the CBC network during free time telecasts allotted to the political parties contesting the federal election scheduled for June 10.

Mr. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Defence Production, said that since the end of the Second World War Canada has had the greatest period of prosperity and expansion in its history, and that the record will show that the liberal Government has followed the kind of policies that have enabled Canada, and Canadians, "to make good use of our good fortune". Mr. Howe referred to the Government's encouragement of enterprise and trade, its steps taken to improve transportation and communications, its policies aimed at the development of sources of energy, and its recognition of the importance of a sound marketing programme for farm products.

Mr. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, devoted his talk to the Government's "continuing concern for the health and well-being of the individual Canadian and his family". The Minister referred to the allowances for disabled persons, the Unemployment Insurance Act, Unemployment Assistance, the Salk vaccine programme, the Government's National Health Programme, the increased Family Allowances, Old Age Security payments, Old Age Assistance and blind and disabled persons allowances, assistance to veterans and widows, and the Government's objective in regard to hospital insurance, which, he said, would provide a more comprehensive coverage and greater benefits over a longer period than any possible alternative.

Mr. Gordon Churchill, M.P. for Winnipeg South Centre, Mr. D.S. Harkness, M.P. for

Calgary North, and Mr. Walter Dinsdale, former M.P. for Brandon-Souris, with Mr. Churchill as chairman, held a round-table discussion during the period devoted to the Progressive Conservative Party. Mr. Harkness predicted that the Social Credit Party would lose seats in Alberta in the forthcoming election. Mr. Dinsdale advocated a four-point programme embracing the establishment of technical and trade schools, diversification and decentralization of industry, development of power to attract industry, and a new policy for agriculture to bolster the farmer's position in a rapidly changing and expanding economy. Mr. Churchill, who figured prominently in last year's pipeline debate in the House of Commons, said "the use by the Liberal Party of closure... meant that discussion was limited to a few minutes, and it almost destroyed Parliament".

Mr. Coldwell, CCF leader, who concentrated on the subject of national health insurance, stated that the present federal programme will be available to scarcely more than half the Canadian people. The CCF, he said, would continue to fight for a comprehensive plan and for the financing by the federal government of a sufficiently large proportion of the costs so that all provinces will enter and all Canadians will be covered. In Mr. Coldwell's view, the Federal Government's proposal to pay half the cost of standard hospital care and diagnostic services is "a partial and very limited hospital plan" and fell short of Liberal promises. Pointing out that Canadians last year had spent more than \$800 million on health care, Mr. Coldwell said health insurance would replace entirely the amounts being spent now by individuals and a substantial part of the present expenditures by federal and provincial governments.

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...of these scholarships is either \$750 or \$1,000...
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...The teacher training scholarship valued at \$750 and one for nursing training valued at \$200 will be available in each of the eight regions...
...both junior and senior matriculants will be eligible for these scholarships...
...the award in each region will be made to the most outstanding student provided that he or she is accepted by an accredited institution...
...for the training of teachers or an accredited hospital for training leading to the status of registered nurse...
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