

Party Spokesmen Give Pledge to Aid Prosperity Moves

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"Fifth—These provinces produce 10% of the entire output of the minerals of Canada. This is a large percentage when it is remembered that not a pound of coal is mined in Ontario or Quebec. For 1924 these central provinces consumed almost two and a half million tons more coal than the total production of this necessity in Canada. 80% of this total consumption was of coal imported from the United States.

"Sixth—Of the central electrical stations engaged in the sale or distribution of electric power (i.e., available 24 hours per day at 80% efficiency at a minimum flow), 65% is within the boundaries of the central provinces. The same area contains 85% of the turbine installations.

"Seventh—Ontario and Quebec paid 71% of the amount collected in 1925 by the Department of Customs and Excise in the way of war tax revenue (including refunds), plus the Income War Tax and the Business Profits War Tax (including refunds).

"Eighth—These central provinces, notwithstanding the fact that they contributed 81% of the above taxes to the Dominion, only received 31% of the subsidies and other payments by the Dominion Government to the several Provincial Governments in the year 1925. These figures speak for themselves.

IMMIGRATION POLICY

An intelligent immigration policy is of vital import to the Central Provinces and to the Dominion as a whole. Our belief is that this great problem of immigration is very easily solved. Let us provide employment through the establishment of new industries and by the enlarging of our present institutions, for tens of thousands of new citizens, and these will flock to us without the necessity of any elaborate scheme of advertising. Let us provide employment in pursuing some of the questionable methods of the past to procure immigration. All the large manufacturing

now developed, or that are in process of development, will be fully occupied, and it will therefore be necessary to go further afield to tap the many fine water powers, which are as yet unharnessed. One of the easiest and most logical means of increasing the wealth of our people is by developing all the great water powers that are ours.

EXPORTS OF POWER

"In this connection the question of the export of power to the United States is one that is of vital importance to Canadian industry. Such exports should be watched with the greatest care, not only for the present but for the future.

MINE DEVELOPMENT

"In calling attention to the great development of mining in the central provinces, it is advisable to point out that adequate means of transportation is essential to this valuable industry, which, in spite of the large amount of wealth already extracted, appears to be still in its infancy.

"If, too, these mining territories are to be developed as quickly as seems desirable, all possible means of protecting the interests of the investor, whether Canadian, British or other, should be adopted.

TOURIST TRAFFIC

"Another source of wealth that has hardly yet been touched is the tourist traffic, which promises to be stupendous during the next few years, as great and permanent highways are opened up through our beautiful country of mountains, lakes and rivers.

PURPOSE OF BOARD.

"The particular reason why I ardently hope that this Canadian Board of Trade may have a solid and permanent foundation is that I believe it may be used, as possibly no other organization can be used, for the fulfillment of the objective I have here outlined. If the business men of the country, through their respective Boards of Trade, emphasize through a system of education the value of unity of spirit, thought and action between their several provinces, then it may be that within the lifetime of many here present we shall see a more happy, more prosperous and more united Canada.

"It is my belief that the solution of our problems will come only in proportion as the average citizen is taught to take an intelligent interest in the affairs of his country; and he may be best stimulated to do this through the work and co-operation of the Canadian Board of Trade when it fully functions according to the ideas and ideals of its founders.

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Lt.-Col. Webb Speaks

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(a) Why? Because it is a great big business requiring a big far-sighted policy of vision extending not only from the Maritimes to the Pacific Coast, but into the distant future. At least 100 years of national development, and after that into a greater status of nationalism of the future ages.

(b) Why? Because a policy of continuity must be laid down along lines of consistency in (1) not only bringing people to our shores, but (2) to make it possible for them to live a good living, (3) our own people too to make a good living, and above all (4) to keep our own people in Canada, and (5) the new Canadian to remain here. (6) to bring about a natural assimilation of all peoples into one great British Canadian nationalism (7) by means of the development of all our great national resources i.e., agriculture in all its branches, the forests, the mines, industries, transportation, education, religion and social life.

(c) The policy of assimilation is perhaps as big a problem as any in so far as our future nationalism is concerned and this factor alone is justification why a commission should be appointed. One has only to know Canada, particularly in the West, to realize how serious this factor is. It is not sufficient to call our new Canadians good fellows and sing their praises just before a provincial or federal election, and after it is all over call them foreigners and treat them as such and leave them all alone until the next election comes around. What I am sorry to say the general policy today. Therefore, how can we ever expect to develop nationally. The

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