

constituencies be divided into units to conform with the requisite number of seats.

War.

With the present international unrest, the danger of general international conflict becomes rapidly more imminent, we, therefore, urgently request that your Government forthwith establish preparatory organization to take a plebescite of the will of Canadian citizens toward participating in war in other countries, and in the meanwhile that your Government make public the assurance that until and unless this is done, no one need leave Canadian shores to fight in other countries.

Government Financing.

We view with alarm the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few financial men or institutions and fear that the establishment of the proposed Dominion Finance Council will not only increase the tendency towards concentration of wealth in the East but will interfere with our provincial rights. We, therefore, voice our protest against the proposed legislation. In our opinion the Federal Government has the power to reduce interest charges in Canada. This should be done, and the provinces should be allowed to borrow money with Dominion guarantees if and when required. Statistics disclose the fact that money is plentiful for investment purposes, both in Canada and in the foreign money market, and provincial bonds backed by Dominion guarantees would find ready buyers at reasonable rates. We believe that Canada as a whole should remain a Federation of Provinces with complete provincial autonomy, particularly in regard to their own financial requirements.

Patronage.

Most governments in Canada have been accused in the past of ruthless dismissal of civil servants. We reiterate our former stand on this matter and demand that political patronage be entirely abolished and that all positions in the federal and provincial civil services, from the lowest to the highest, be filled from a list of applicants who are fully qualified by examination for the positions they desire to fill.

Unemployment.

We regret to note that while governments have planned for some time to solve the problem of unemployment and thus provide an opportunity for Canadian youth to take an active part as useful citizens in productive enterprise, we still find thousands of young men in so called relief camps and unemployed girls allowed to shift for themselves except for the rather futile efforts of charitable institutions to assist them. We urge upon the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary to abolish unemployment which, in our opinion, is unnecessary and constitutes the darkest spot on Canadian culture at this time.

Domestic Rates.

Western farmers would find a profitable market in Ontario and British Columbia for feed grain if the so-called domestic freight rates were reduced to the export level. We reiterate our demand that the government act in this matter without further delay.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

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