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Result From King's "Break" Is Unemployment Parley Plan

Resolution to Be Moved in Manitoba House For Caucus of Provinces - Attempt to Buy Votes

Winnipeg, Apr. 7 (Special).—One of the results of Premier Mackenzie King's saying that he "would not give a cent to any Tory government" for unemployment relief will be a resolution in the Manitoba Legislature proposing a conference of the provincial governments to discuss unemployment insurance.

On a motion of Joseph Bernier to adjourn the House, John Queen, I.L.P. leader, said he would introduce such a motion later in the session.

"The demands which have been made upon Ottawa have been for relief of municipalities, not of the unemployed," he asserted. "In all the discussion not one word has been said about doing anything more for the unemployed than is being done at present. All that has been suggested is that five municipalities be relieved of a part of the small expense they have incurred in giving unemployment relief."

GRAVE PROBLEM

"We are facing a grave problem in Canada, yet we have the spectacle of the First Minister saying he was willing to help those who had Progressive governments, and declaring his unwillingness to help those who had Tory governments," said Mr. Bernier. "If that was an invitation to the people to vote Progressive in order that they should get money, I say it is even more unworthy."

The member for St. Boniface said that it was an attempt to purchase votes openly, to try and get the votes of the people who were suffering. They were told they may have an election this year. Was that the first appeal to the electorate that the Prime Minister was making? It was bringing down the level of political life in Canada. He protested most strongly against Premier King's words.

J. T. Haig, K.C., asked if the leader of the Liberal group would comment upon Mr. King's speech at Ottawa and explain why the Government at Ottawa gave them no assistance.

OUGHT TO REPUDIATE

"The leader of the Liberal party ought to repudiate that statement at once on behalf of the Liberals of Manitoba. Even if it were true that Mr. King did not intend to give any assistance to the Tory party, why did he not give assistance to the Liberal party? If there is to be an election in Canada soon, I am sure that the people will not send the King Government back to power."

J. W. Breakey accused Mr. Bernier of trying to make political capital out of the affair.

Mr. Bernier strongly protested, declaring that it was well known his sympathies were with the unemployed.

Ultimately Mr. Breakey withdrew his remarks.

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