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COMMISSION—MR. A. STEWART BELIVES SMALL CAPITAL AB-  
SUCCESSFUL SETTLER—REEVE EDWARDS ADVOCATES STIPULATED  
BROKEN YEARLY ON SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT LAND

## Empress Theatre is On Famous Players Canadian Circuit

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Still operating under the old name  
of Empress Theatre, North Battle-  
ford's only playhouse will in altera-  
next few weeks undergo many altera-  
tions, bringing it up to the standard  
of the city theatres operated by the  
Famous Players Canadian Corpora-  
tion Limited, under whose direction  
the theatre is now being conducted.  
Mr. H. M. Thomas, western district

exploitation of the natural resources  
should result in the development of  
pulpwood, ceramic, and hydro-electric  
possibilities of the north. Emphasis  
should now be placed on Saskatche-  
wan's growth industrially, stated Mr.  
Sheldrake.  
Commissioner Neff concurred in the  
witness' suggestion that industrial de-  
velopment would enlarge the scope  
and might even create the need for  
skilled artisans from the Old Country.  
E. Bloomfield, supervisor of the  
local labor exchange, declared that  
this spring had seen the heaviest  
labor surplus he had experienced  
since 1919. This he attributed to an  
unusually early spring which enabled  
the farmer to put the crop in with-  
out extra help, and also the general  
financial condition of the country, and  
to the extensive use of modern ma-

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Again, every dollar mulcted from the Federal treasury for Technical Education, Unemployment, a trans-Canada Highway, etc.—all purely provincial questions constitutionally speaking in their essence—can only leave one dollar less at the disposal of the Federal Government with which to meet obligations totalling millions upon millions for War Principal, War Interest, Pensions and Allowances to widows, dependents and children, and scores of other legitimate developments intimately concerned with the upbuilding of the Dominion. It is time enough for the Dominion Government to contribute to entirely provincial undertakings when a financial survey of the financial resources of any province proves beyond a doubt constructive action ought to be taken. And when this fact is proved any help should be given by way increased subsidies—not free-for-all grants to every Tom, Dick and Harry proposition imaginable.

If Tory Governments provincially are to be allowed to resolute and propagandize continually for the purpose of drawing upon the Liberal financial reserves at Ottawa, instead of financing for their own needs, where would such a policy ultimately lead to? It would disorganize the finances of the nation and bankrupt the Federal Parliament. The thing is preposterous and one wonders how apparently people of gumption can be misled by any such moonshine. If any provincial Government is incompetent enough to not know how to finance its own purely provincial projects it ought to be kicked out of office without ceremony. And that is about the position any advocate of constantly digging into the Federal funds for provincial measures takes when he argues for a continuation of any such policy—simply interceding financially for a few partisan buccaneers who are in the last analysis spendthrifts governmentally with regard to their own monies and anxious to do the same thing with the money saved by wise administration and a policy of moderation and common sense federally. When the people of Canada understand the pith and truth back of Premier King's words, political opponents who have been and are trying to manufacture election material out of them will find they have been indulging in a boomerang—every explosion of sound and fury but sufficing to blow up their hastily constructed fortifications and to hurl all kinds of badly digested protectionist debris against their election citadel already shaking mid the storm.

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