

Because that province has suffered three crop failures in recent years and has been struggling with that difficulty and because of the incidence of low prices, it was perhaps thought that misery and unrest might be capitalized better there than in any other part of Canada. The people of Saskatchewan realize the causes of their trouble and that they do not lie in the direction suggested by my hon. friends of the cooperative commonwealth.

For my part I am not concerned with the name of the organization; not half as much concerned with it as are those hon. gentlemen themselves. I find in the cities of Saskatchewan they call themselves the Independent Labour party and in the rural parts of my province they call themselves the United Farmers of Canada. This was the case until they had a convention in Saskatoon. At that convention someone wanted to call them by their true name of socialists and be honest with the world, but others said that they would not catch as many votes as if they called themselves Farmer-Labour, so Farmer-Labour was the name, and is yet, so far as Saskatchewan is concerned. Then they held a convention at Calgary at which there were gentlemen who wished to call the organization socialistic, but that suggestion was not carried out for the very same reason that obtained in Saskatchewan, namely that they hoped to deceive the people as to their true aim by calling it the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. I have under my hand what are reported to be the words of the leader of that party, as follows:

And the name? Ah! that was a bit of a sticker. A conference less in earnest about fundamentals might have easily gone on the rocks over the name. "Socialist," suggested the Farmer-Labour group from Saskatchewan; "Socialist," urged the Labour group from B.C., which now calls itself the Socialist Party of Canada. But socialism is so vague, including Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Herriot and the Nazis and Fascists, as well as the bolshevists.

It includes the bolshevists as well, although we have been hearing these days that the bolshevists and communists are quite different from socialists; but these are the reported words of the leader of that party:

Moreover, many people have been prejudiced against the word who might have otherwise accepted the idea.

Had I been a socialist I would have been quite content to use that name; I would not have tried to deceive the people as to the real object of my propaganda by adopting a name that was not true to the ideas I was endeavouring to inculcate.

I am not particularly concerned with whether this organization is Russian or other-

wise, whether its aims and objects are the same as those of Russia, or whether they are successful there or not. What concerns me is whether it can be successful in Canada. If it would improve our conditions in this country to adopt socialism, and I thought it would, I would be a socialist to-morrow. The name has no terrors for me, although it seems to have had for the founders of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. These men say that they are not communists, that the communists hate them and have nothing to do with them, that they oppose them, and my hon. friend from Winnipeg North Centre to-day attempted to tell us that communist second choices in the election in Winnipeg went to Mayor Webb; but he did not tell us what proportion of those second choices went to Mayor Webb and what proportion went to the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, or whatever name they give the party in Winnipeg.

Mr. HEAPS: None.

Mr. TURNBULL: My hon. friend says none. I will tell you what happened in Calgary, where we had an election not so very long ago. We had an independent running there representing the same thought in that city, and the people evidently thought so because they elected him. We had several other candidates running in Calgary. We had a communist candidate running there as well, and although the electors had three or four other candidates to vote for, those who voted for the communist candidate gave their second choices to the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation candidate in Calgary to the ratio of 7½ to 1. That is the way the communists hate the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation in that city.

Mr. GOTT: That ought to make an imprint.

Mr. COTNAM: Nothing registers.

Mr. TURNBULL: I am not particularly concerned with what economists say about this new party. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre said a few moments ago that anyone could quote a few sentences from a speech or writing and make them mean something entirely different from what the author intended. I will accept him as an authority on that. If the economists have been thus misquoted by anybody in this country, it is by the friends of the socialist party in Canada. They will quote Sir Josiah Stamp, Sir Arthur Salter and all the other economists you can name, but I defy the members of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation to put their whole program before