

*The Address—Mr. Blackmore*

Mr. COLDWELL: How ridiculous! Try to get some new ideas.

Mr. BLACKMORE: We are just unsmearing the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggarr (Mr. Coldwell). When he was out in the Red Deer riding he complained that they were attempting to smear the C.C.F.; we are endeavouring to unsmear them. The people must know that socialism and the socialization of business mean the socialization of everything else. It means a loss of their property; it means the end of private ownership, of farms, banks, pensions and insurance policies. The people of Canada are entitled to maximum security, but they are also entitled to full freedom. The policy of the C.C.F. will destroy the principle of freedom and replace it with bureaucracy. Fundamentally and economically there is no apparent difference between C.C.F. socialism in Canada and national socialism in Germany. Although the C.C.F. will take away a man's freedom it will never bring security. The policy of the C.C.F. means not security but chaos. We do not hear of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation attacking international finance.

Mr. COLDWELL: Who said so?

Mr. BLACKMORE: All we know is that it keeps fooling about with unimportant things, threatening socialization of industry and the banks. The reason for it all is that the doctrine and policy of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, in so far as it has a doctrine and policy, are based upon the outpourings of a gentleman called Karl Marx, who died about sixty years ago. It should be plain that Karl Marx did not know anything about the financial juggernaut of to-day or how to tame it.

But behind the Marxian fanatics and the political strategists are the rank and file of the C.C.F., and nowhere in Canada will you find more earnest people and better patriots than these. The common people of the C.C.F. party are just like the common people of any other party. They want security and freedom. They want an end to scarcity and the beginning of abundance. They do not want needlessly to smash anything. They do not want to change the present system for a new one if the old one when reformed will serve. All they want is results. And it is a fortunate fact that the C.C.F. rank and file are still free enough to upset their irrational leaders and follow along lines of practical reform.

Now what about the Progressive Conservative party? A year ago the Conservative party changed its name; but did it change its attitude to the people? There is no real evidence that it has done so, but we must be patient

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and give it every chance to prove itself. I am still waiting and wondering. So also are the people of Canada, because the fact is that not only did the Conservative party add "Progressive" to its name, it elected a progressive as its leader. His name is John Bracken. John Bracken was a one-time friend of the common man.

Mr. GRAYDON: He still is.

Mr. BLACKMORE: What we want to know, what the people have a right to know, is this, is John Bracken still a friend of the common people? Have the vested interests or the Tory party broken John Bracken, or has John Bracken broken the vested interests?

Mr. COLDWELL: And the Tory party?

Mr. BLACKMORE: Is the Progressive Conservative party just as it always was, a hireling of the big interests, or is it at last a people's party, free to really serve? John Bracken had a great chance a year ago. Perhaps that chance remains in this hour of national peril, when the claims of country so far outrank the claims of party. I call upon John Bracken to say where he stands.

Mr. KNOWLES: Where does he sit?

Mr. BLACKMORE: I appeal to him to say that he stands against international finance and for the common man. It is to be earnestly hoped that without a day's needless delay John Bracken will declare, "I am a free man. The vested interests have no hold on me. I am against domination by international finance. I stand for abundance. I stand for the total use of the nation's resources. I promise that I will play my part to reform the old economic system so that it will have the power to put at the service of the people the full resources of Canada no matter what may be the reforms required. I stand for maximum production and for distribution upon the level of maximum production. I condemn the doctrine and system of scarcity; I denounce its supporters. I desire the vote and support of no men who put high profits for the few before plenty for the many. I will purge the Progressive Conservative party of such men."

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): He will be lonely.

Mr. BLACKMORE: If John Bracken will pledge himself that way, then the mighty forces of monetary reform will know where he stands with respect to the common enemies of man.

Mr. GRAYDON: What will the hon. member do if he does that?