

WHICH PARTY— LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE

Is the Farmer and Workman's Friend ?

READ THE RECORD —IT SPEAKES FOR ITSELF . .

Old Age Pensions

The King Government, in its election advertising, takes credit to itself for having passed legislation instituting a plan of old age pensions, said pensions consisting of what it calls "a liberal allowance of \$20.00 per month."

Of that amount the Dominion pays only half. Unless the other half is put up by the Province there is no pension. Therefore you have no pension rights, but must pay for those in Ontario.

To appreciate how grudgingly the King Government gave even that much, it is only necessary to cite the fact that, as reported on page 316 of Hansard for 1929, Mr. King expressed himself as of the belief that the payment of money to the Provinces by the Dominion for old age pensions was a thoroughly vicious principle.

The Conservative Party, on the other hand, stands pledged to an old age pension scheme, under which the Dominion will shoulder the entire load, and give every deserving person of seventy years of age a pension of \$20.00 per month.

Judge for yourself which Party is more advanced in its principles of social legislation.

Fair Wages and The Eight Hour Day

In 1919 a Conservative Government in the name of Canada, signed the Versailles Treaty, thus subscribing to the clause which was designed to ensure labour an eight hour day and fair wages.

On taking steps to make this operative in Canada, the then Conservative Government found that the question of jurisdiction, as between the Dominion and the Provinces, was at issue.

To overcome this, it called the Provinces into consultation, but before Federal action could be taken the Liberal administration came into power.

That was nine years ago. In the succeeding eight years, the King Government did nothing to implement Canada's solemn and pledged word . . . not even in the case of workmen on Federal Government contracts, where there never was . . . never could be . . . any possible question of jurisdiction.

This year, after having been forced into taking action by the Conservative Party on the floor of the House, it at last came through. The result is Canada now has "An Act respecting fair wages and hours for labour employed on Dominion public works."

If the King Government was as zealous in promoting the principles of organized labour as it claims to be, why did it delay the enacting of this legislation for nine years?

Soldiers' Pensions

Another betterment, for which the King Government seeks to take entire credit to itself, is this year's revision of the War Veterans' Allowance Act.

In that revision, the feature of greatest importance to the war veteran is the provision giving him what is known as "the benefit of the doubt." Formerly an applicant for a pension was required to prove that his disability was a result of injuries sustained, or illness contracted, in the war. If he couldn't submit such proof he didn't get his pension.

It was Mr. Bennett, back in April 1927, who first moved an amendment to bring about this very reform. But the King Government would have none of it. Two cabinet ministers spoke against it, and when the vote was taken, every Liberal member in the House at the time voted against it, including the Prime Minister.

But when, in November last, Sir Arthur Currie, from a sick bed, issued for this reform an appeal that swept the country, the King Government realized it would have to accept the very principle it had previously rejected.

Now it seeks to make a virtue of what is seen to have been a political necessity.

What the Conservatives Have Done for Agriculture and Labor

It granted \$1,000,000 a year for Agricultural Education

It granted \$1,000,000 a year for Technical Education to aid workers

It gave \$20,000,000 for Highway Construction.

It was the first to sponsor Old Age Pensions, the first to urge investigation of Unemployment and Sickness Insurance.

It Protected our Dairy and Vegetable Markets.

It has made Trade Unions Legal

It established a fund of \$25,000,000 for the building of moderately priced houses for workers.

It established nation-wide Employment Bureaus.

It was the first to choose a Minister of Labour from the ranks of trade unions.

It made available over \$1,800,000 for relief during the 1920-21 Unemployment Crisis.

What the Liberal Party Has Done

It stopped the grants for Technical and Agricultural Education, for building moderately priced homes, for the Construction of Highways.

It allowed New Zealand to kill our Butter Market.

It carried out the Old Age Pension Scheme in favour of Wealthy Provinces only, depriving the Poorer Provinces of any benefit.

It now allows U. S. A. to kill our Potato Market.

It sidestepped Unemployment Insurance and Sickness Insurance Recommendations.

It sent thousands to the U. S. A. in search of Livelihood.

It let thousands of Canadians go hungry last winter and refused to do anything for the temporary relief of unemployment.



VOTE CONSERVATIVE

