

Mr. Bell

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less prosperity. After 16 years we find in this spring of 1951, a depressed condition of affairs rather than a rosy one.

"We find our Province with a staggering debt of \$17,000,000; with interest and carrying charges of over one million annually; with our roads in a deplorable and in many cases impassable condition, necessitating huge expenditures in the next few months and years, and without finances to repair and rebuild same unless by taxing the already hard pressed farmers, fishermen and wage earners.

Farmers In Difficulties

"We find a large percentage of our farmers in difficult financial straits due to poor prices in the last two or three years for products of the farm they have had available for sale.

"We find them not in a position to take advantage of the high price for beef, dairy cattle and sheep due to the Liberal Government's lack of policy and foresight over the many years they have had the reins of power.

"We find also an unsatisfactory labor and employment policy, little work for our labor forces in the centres and then all our young men and women leaving the agricultural districts to work in the industrial centres of Ontario and Quebec. We find ourselves after 16 years of Liberal rule with depleted assets and a heavily increased debt. It is all right to go in debt provided you are increasing your assets but under Liberal rule our agricultural assets such as cattle have decreased and our million-acre farm has a debt of \$17,000,000, approximately \$1700 on each farm in the Province.

Huge Debt Increases

"Premier Jones speaks of our

assets,—what have we to warrant a continued increasing debt; and at the rate of 1 1/2 millions yearly under the Liberals? Surely our people are realizing that our only assets are the few inches of soil that covers this Province and the buildings thereon and our only returns are the crops and stock that can be raised thereon. We are in an altogether different position than most of our other Provinces. We have no natural assets to borrow against. Only our soil and our hard working people. No oil fields, no gas wells, no gold mines, no iron mines, no coal mines, nothing to put up for collateral or to borrow against.

"We are dependent on our soil and our people and when we go in debt, as has been the Liberal record, then our people must pay and pay now to the tune of \$17,000,000.

"I say to you that the time has arrived to put a stop to this reckless mortgaging of our people's existence. Our people can not stand the burden of further taxation.

"Let the rich Provinces, with billions of natural resources stand the expense, but no, do we get any compensation,—an increased income tax, an increased sales tax, and now a Provincial sales tax of 3%.

Can our people stand the burden, are they to elect a Government who intend to impose 3% more onto an already 10% tax?

This 3% will cost farmers, fishermen and wage earners at least \$1,500,000 annually, according to Premier Jones. A Jones Government will impose it, the Conservatives oppose it, and will not impose it or any new tax. As sure as you are listening to me tonight, the Liberal Government intends to introduce it. This drastic tax was thought up between the Liberal Government at Ottawa and your Liberal Government here. They have worked hand in glove together on it and still are.

Ottawa Despatch

"Just listen to this, and I quote a Canadian Press despatch appearing in the Montreal Star of April 17th. It is headed: 'Further Tax Being Planned. 3% Provincial levy in first stage. Parliamentary action to help bring a 3% Provincial turnover tax into being may be started within a matter of weeks.' Hon. Stuart Garson, Justice Minister, said in an interview today that a new draft of a proposed amendment to the British North America Act has been submitted to the Provinces. Approval of the draft has been received. Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and P. E. I. officials indicated the Provinces may use the added revenue expected to be derived from this source for general expenditure.

"There you have it, ladies and gentlemen, and there you have the reason for calling a Provincial election at this date. Premier Jones tried to run before the storm of protests this taxation will arouse but Ottawa let the cat out of the bag too soon and I say to the electorate of this Province, that if for no other reason, on the 26th



day of April you should vote Conservative and protect yourself from further taxation. A vote on the 26th for your Conservative candidates will be a vote against the Liberal Government's policy of taxation. No doubt many of you have already read the Liberal platform which has appeared in the press recently and which was not published until they could review the Conservative one.

"Have you noticed the clause on taxation, or is there a clause at all? I can find nothing, no guarantee against further taxation although some mention is made of licenses on trucks. This clause 5 apparently was inserted after I had already announced a reduction to our heavily taxed truckmen of this Province.

"I notice by the press that the Premier will announce further planks to-night. Perhaps as a last minute gesture, in the hopes of bolstering his dying cause he will announce a taxation plank, but I am afraid the Minister of Justice with his despatch from Ottawa has already sidetracked that. More planks to follow,—and I suppose right up to midnight on the 25th. Are our Liberal friends getting jittery? Are the reins of power slackening the last few days, and the Premier cannot take up the slack quick enough? Is there consternation in the Liberal camp? Have the Toronto roads failed to mollify the taxpayers of this Province? Can you imagine the waste, the endeavour to hoodwink our people? A man is sent to Toronto to search a muddy street or a lane on some construction job. Imagine the travelling expenses, the cost of photography and the thousands of dollars of advertising fees, while many of our people and travelling public in the Province were bogged down in Liberal mudholes with serious damage to their cars, all on account of the lack of use of some gravel or surfacing material.

"Oh, Mr. Jones, could not all this expenditure to far away places have been put to better advantage? Why not do something here and forget about the Toronto suburbs?

Liberal Platform

"I have taken the time myself to scan the Liberal platform as published. Anything of worth therein has been copied from my platform. It is a platform of probabilities and possibilities. It lacks such promises of 1943 and 1947 as West River Bridge, rural electrification, and a slip at Charlottetown. These were promises, good enough to be elected on in 1947, but now forgotten and never fulfilled and I suppose never intended to be fulfilled.

"It will be amusing to hear Premier Jones later this evening announce further promises. Is his party to be relied on? Is his platform one that is worthwhile to our farmers and fishermen? I say it isn't. I say that we of the Conservative party have a platform that is needed in this Province, a platform that I pledge to see carried out, a platform that will re-establish the farmers and fishermen and wage earner, and restore the credit of the Province.

"I offer to the farmer and fisherman and to those who wish to take up these industries, a chance never before offered in this Province. A chance for every young man to get a stake in the country, to be a raiser of good stock, in short to make himself financially independent. I say to you mothers and fathers, who perhaps suffered from the lack of this chance and still are, that this is your opportunity to help yourselves, to help your children, and to keep your children at home.

"I believe sincerely that it is your

duty to support this policy I offer to you and to support me in my efforts to do something for this Province. Something must be done at once; the time is ripe and don't you forget that if the Conservative Party is not returned on the 26th, the opportunity to assist your sons and daughters is gone for five years, as the Liberal Party have no policy to offer and are set against my policy of assistance.

"Our farmers and fishermen must get some credit and capital. They are willing to work and to succeed. I propose to assist them if given the chance.

Strangely Silent

"Our Liberal friends have not attacked my policy; they are strangely silent. Our Premier must know that capital and credit are needed. I previously mentioned his own case and that of his son.

"Some objection was taken to my remarks by a letter in the press. No offense was intended. Both the Premier and his son have succeeded in farming. They had capital and credit. I desire to give to other farmer's sons in this Province the same chance as the Premier and his son have had—and why not? I venture to say that in ten years' time under my policy, Prince Edward Island will become the mecca of Eastern Canada and Eastern U. S. A. for buyers of foundation livestock. Under my policy, I believe that our fisheries, due to our insular position, will vastly increase and that the fishermen's position will be one of security hereafter.

"I say this is the thing for any Government to do, build up the Province, build up the financial position of its people, build up the assets of the Province and then the financing of the Province will be much easier.

The Conservative Way

"This is my way, this is the Conservative way; attend to the needs of our people now and stop worrying them about new taxes. The Jones Government in the past have been hungry for extra revenues, revenues from the people rather than from Ottawa. They have built up revenue at the expense of the people, over a million in automobile and gasoline taxes, \$675,000 in liquor profits, and still are suggesting new taxes when they have failed to get from Ottawa what we justly deserve.

"Our platform to the people is a final one. It is concise, and not cluttered with high sounding words. We offer fair treatment to our teachers, an improvement, I submit, to that treatment handed out by the present regime. And ever mindful of the struggle of parents we offer free school books, something the Jones Government would not do in the past and won't do in the future.

"We are especially mindful of the deplorable condition of the roads of this Province, we are mindful of the many centres such as Tignish, Murray River, and Georgetown, that have been disregarded for many years by the Liberal Party. We are mindful of our valuable tourist trade that has slumped so badly in the last two or three years directly accountable to the condition of our roads, and we are mindful of the job that will be ours to remedy in this regard.

"The Liberal Party have been in 16 years. Do you wish the present policy to continue or is there any policy? I submit that a policy that has so bogged down after 16 years to leave our roads the way they are as at present should not be tolerated longer.

"To our Old Age Pensioners, to our recipients of mothers' allowances and family allowances, I say to you, do not believe any propaganda that they will be reduced or taken away. That talk is absolutely false. My policy is for increases and we will work towards that end, including Old Age Pensions to all over 65 years and at \$40. No one should have to accept any lesser amount as is so usual today under Liberal rule.

"The Conservative Party have always been a friend of labour. I pledge myself for my party to continue that friendship so that all workers and wage earners and their children may have an equal chance to share in all benefits due to our citizens.

Unwarranted Attacks

"Ladies and gentlemen, I speak to you as a native son, who has striven in my own small way to improve conditions in this Province. I have never had a real opportunity so to do until now. On the 26th of April, you have an opportunity of electing a Government which will endeavour at all times to improve the position of this Province and its citizens at large. If you give me this opportunity



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I will not break faith with you. In an election campaign one is subjected to unwarranted attacks and abuse. That has been my lot from those who are endeavouring to defeat me and my party for their own personal gain. These attacks are as false as the parties who make them, and they will be attended to later.

that of my other twenty-nine candidates. It is for you to decide. If we are returned on April 26th, we will carry out our Platform to the letter.

\$1,000,000 support fund? If you do then support your Conservative candidates. These are the two main issues. "I ask all electors to use their right of voting on the 26th and to all my workers and supporters I urge them to conform to all the rules and regulations of the Elections Act and to make this election a free expression of the will of the people."

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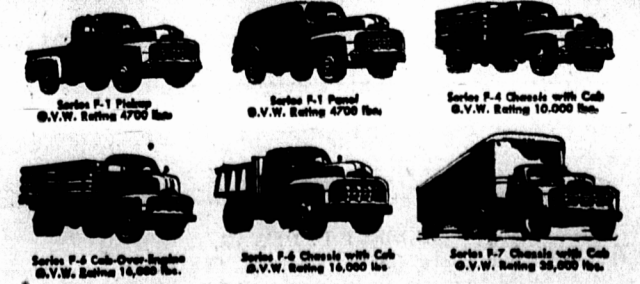
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