

fair test of the Coalition Government, according to observers.

Coalition, they say, was then too young and too obviously untried. Now it is beginning to show up as a firm amalgam and public confidence is increasing.

The momentous nature of the Government program as laid out, first in the Throne Speech and then in Mr. Hart's massive oratorical tour-de-force of Wednesday, will convince the people of the province, it is felt, that the Coalition means business when it talks about reforms and reconstruction. It cannot be stressed too much that the program is a revolutionary one. And the most revolutionary fact about it all is that Mr. Hart, the orthodox financier of past years, has come out as a public ownership man.

B. C. ELECTRIC

The proposals to buy out the B. C. Electric, the implications of which seem to have been misunderstood by some of the newspapers (not, however, The Vancouver Sun), are a definite lead to the municipalities.

Although the CCF, through Mrs. Steeves on Thursday afternoon, quibbled because the Premier, while failing to give assurance of public development of hydro power, has announced the Government's willingness to facilitate development on the Coast by eastern industrial interests, it is thought in other quarters that Mr. Hart's move on the B. C. Electric matter, taken in conjunction with his rural electrification program, is evidence of a willingness to submit to the direction of public opinion.

AFTER 10 YEARS

The provincial civil service is an anvil upon which plenty of sparks can be struck and Herbert Gargrave, who represents Mackenzie riding for the CCF, struck plenty indeed in the House, Friday afternoon.

He demanded to know if the new acting secretary of the Rehabilitation Council is the same man who was connected with the provincial relief department 10 years ago, when he, Gargrave, was on relief.

He recalled he had had to see the council's secretary (thus answering his own question in the affirmative) at that time.

"Never have I been so humiliated, never have I felt so degraded," he said. He charged that one of the chief reasons for the famous "Hamilton Hall" relief riot of 10 years ago in Vancouver "was that this particular gentleman was the investigator, judge and jury of every single man on relief."

Turning to Hon. Harry Perry, chairman of the Rehabilitation Council, he asked that he investigate his secretary's record.

"I wonder if this appointment is one of which the minister is proud?" he asked bitingly.

(John T. Gawthrop of Victoria was named acting secretary of the Rehabilitation Council. He is listed in the directory as an investigator for the provincial government.)

PERRY MAD

Mr. Perry was on his feet, fighting mad. He called "grossly unfair" Mr. Gargrave's criticism of a civil servant "when he is not here to defend himself." The secretary complained of, he said, is one who has been of special assistance to the council. "I've never heard the like of this before," he said heatedly.

Two of the CCF ladies, Mrs. Steeves and Mrs. MacInnis, broke in here: "The premier did it!" they claimed.

This was an obvious reference to Mr. Hart's warning about political interference with the civil service earlier in the session.

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Appointment By Maitland

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter
VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C., attorney-general, was made subject of a CCF attack in the Legislature, Friday, when Herbert Gargrave, CCF, Mackenzie, former provincial secretary of the party, expressed "surprise" at one of Mr. Maitland's first official appointments, that of a crown prosecutor in Vancouver.

This prosecutor, Mr. Gargrave said, "was, if I am rightly informed, a former law partner of the attorney-general and I really thought from statements of the government supporters that that sort of thing has been abolished."

S. J. Remnant, former partner of the attorney-general, was appointed County Court prosecutor last spring.

Mr. Gargrave made some capital of the Conservatives with respect to Coalition. He gave credit to the government for adjusting some matters, but added that the Conservative attitude was inconsistent because in the federal field they still attack the Liberal government, and prepare for an election on party lines.

In the main, Mr. Gargrave who represents a logging constituency, applied himself to the future of the B.C. logging industry, criticizing the industry's production methods and recommending the government study the Swedish government logging practices, and even those of Nazi Germany, where wood alcohol and wood sugar plants are being multiplied to such an extent that lignin as a raw material for fire-proof plastics has now become a real industrial proposition.

Declaring the fuel shortage in B.C. is the result of lack of planning, Mr. Gargrave stated that the logging industry had planned for it and that in his constituency, while the population went short of fuel, they saw thousands of units of hog fuel piled up, some of it shipped from Vancouver mills.

Back of Pender Harbor, 50 miles or less from Vancouver, are thousands of acres of low commercial timber, which could be developed by a small operation, the logs boomed to Vancouver and processed at a small mill solely for fuel purposes. The government, which owns most of these timber limits, owes it to the people to take all possible steps, he said.

MLA's Clash On Japanese

Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter
VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—Heated debate over disposal of Japanese Canadians broke out in the Legislature on Thursday after R. C. MacDonald, Coalition, Dewdney, advocated sending all Japanese to Japan after the war.

MacDonald was challenged by Herbert Gargrave, CCF, Mackenzie, who declared the CCF is seriously worried about minorities in Canada. Gargrave recalled one of Hitler's first actions was to play up to the minorities of the Sudetenland.

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Gargrave if the CCF is in favor of returning the Japanese to B.C.

Mr. Gargrave said, as far as he knew, the CCF had never discussed the matter—the majority of the Japanese have not yet left B.C.

He contradicted Mr. MacDonald's statement that the U.S. was figuring on sending its Japanese to Japan. He drew to Mr. MacDonald's attention an article in this month's Reader's Digest—"American soldiers with Japanese Faces."

Mr. MacDonald doubted Japanese are in the United States army.

"They are, they are," cried several CCF members.

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