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Dear Electors:

"What we have we hold", is a good British slogan—let us make it ours—by courage, vision, sacrifice, and much hard, but joyous labor, the people won the constituency of Saskatoon City—for progress—led by that doughty fighter, Walter George Brown. You put hope into the hearts of struggling Canadians everywhere—let us keep that hope there.

We can best honor Mr. Brown's memory by carrying forward the work he loved—that of liberating from economic and political bondage, the masses—the producers of wealth. But why am I here?—To help.

It was my good fortune to be associated with Western Progressives from the start. When the leaders showed a continuing disposition to reaction and association with the Liberal Party, I, with many others, "broke" and were known as the "Ginger Group". We were the insurgents. Although an Easterner I was not so regarded, and was often asked, "In what part of the West do you live?" My Western viewpoint was the result of teaching in Alberta, and a knowledge of the Canadian economy—the dependence of the East on the buying power of the West. Being always a free member in Parliament I was able to follow the dictates of my conscience, while old party members, even if they lived in the West, obeyed the orders of the Eastern-money dominated Political Machine.

Later, when the Conservatives came to power under Mr. Bennett, we continued to struggle for democratic principles—justice and equal opportunity. This was the period when Mr. Bennett sought solutions by protection, "sound money", and concentration of wealth, resulting in the lowest farm prices and the highest unemployment in our history. Though the names of the Western Progressive groups changed, the things for which we strove (better life for the people), and my association with them, were essentially the same. Liberals came in again to change things—Mr. King said in 1935: "I will end unemployment, abolish poverty, and put currency and credit, in the hands of the people". But has he?

A careful review of the legislation of the past eighteen years shows that practically all Progressive measures originated in the South-east corner of the House of Commons, where the small free groups of members sat. We brought the idea forward, popularized it, and after much hard work on our part the Government would bring in the measure and take all the credit.

Canadians wish to defend our liberties, our democratic institutions, our freedom. But they do not want it to be done by one group while others fatten on the spoils. In the Great War there were gross inequalities of sacrifice. Let us guard against a repetition of such injustice this time. Our men are now in the process of being conscripted. There will be an "all out" war in defence of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the institutions of democracy by these, our men. Let there be an "all out" war in as far as the owners of wealth, industry and finance are concerned, otherwise, under the present system of mechanized warfare, the sacrifices of our men, the primary producers and the workers, will be in vain.

I urge, then, the immediate and complete conscription of all national resources of wealth, industry and finance. And the most efficient organization and use of these resources in the carrying on of the war.

Nothing must stand in the way of the complete equipment, care, comfort, and security of our men. Fullest provision should be made now for

the re-establishment of our soldiers on their return, and adequate provision made now for their dependents. Too many veterans of the last war were neglected and forsaken.

With no less vigour we must defend democracy at home by securing social justice, adequate social services and economic security for all the people—decent wage standards—parity prices for farmers—living conditions which will inspire loyalty.

Yours respectfully,

AGNES MACPHAIL.

We Stand in Complete Support of Every Effort to Defeat the Forces of Naziism and Fascism!

The United Reform Movement of Saskatoon, on entering its third election campaign, restates its unshakeable faith in democracy. The great Canadian who represented our Movement always held that democracy had two aspects. (1) Political democracy, which means the right to vote, to speak, to write, and to worship God according to the principles in which one believes; and (2) Economic democracy which means simply the right to live decently as human beings should live in a rich country, and which places an obligation upon all governments to seek to better the living conditions of all citizens. It is for this kind of democracy that we stand, and it is this kind of democracy which Fascism and Naziism is seeking to destroy in every part of the world. Therefore, we stand in support of every effort being put forward today to defeat the forces of Fascism and Naziism in Europe, in Asia, and on this continent. In our opinion, there is one aspect of the struggle against Fascism that is being forgotten by those in positions of authority in this country. As James Biddle, Solicitor General of the United States, said recently: "We shall not defeat the Nazi evil by emulating its methods". To do this is the depth of disloyalty. Against such a fatal error, we Canadians must be continually on guard.

Deadly blows at the living standards of the people mark the beginning of Fascism. The Mackenzie King government has brought down a budget which will make the rich of Canada still richer, and the farmers, the working men, and the middle class people immeasurably poorer, as Dorise W. Nielsen, M.P., has so brilliantly shown in her budget address in the House of Commons. The government has to date shown no signs of a willingness to take any effective steps to stave off the most terrific agricultural crisis which ever faced the farmers of the West. This is disloyalty.

Therefore, as loyal citizens of this country and the Empire, we enter this by-election with a program which, if carried out, will unite the Canadian people in a determined effort to defeat Naziism in Berlin and Fascism in Rome, and the policies of big business in this country which is continually waging war against the living conditions of our own people.

It is a program which should command the support of every true patriot in this constituency.

UNITED REFORM MOVEMENT OF SASKATOON

Platform

The United Reform Movement, through its candidate, indicts the King government with failure to solve the problems facing the people of Canada. We therefore reaffirm our support of the following program:

- 1.—Effective government control during war time to prevent all profiteering in the necessities of life.
- 2.—The defense of democracy both at home and abroad. Maintenance of freedom of speech and of the press. Rigid enforcement of the right of labor to bargain collectively.
- 3.—Determined measures to eliminate patronage and to curb the operation of monopolistic institutions in order to prevent profiteering in the manufacturing of industrial products necessary to national efficiency.
- 4.—Parity prices for agricultural products which means that the prices our farmers pay for what they buy must be on a par with the prices they receive for what they sell.
- 5.—Social Services—Old age pensions, youth training, unemployment insurance, general health services, and education, must be maintained and extended to alleviate the distress of our people, and to preserve the unity of our country.
- 6.—Courageous monetary and fiscal reform. Financing of the war and social services with debt free money. Placing the main burden of taxation on those who can afford to pay it.

This is the original program of the United Reform Movement which was endorsed by the late Rev. W. G. Brown in our first by-election campaign last December.

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