

Stabilization
of Silver —

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The Right Honourable R. B. Bennett,
Ottawa, Canada,

Sir;

It is of great interest we read of the possible stabilization of silver through the adoption of the "super-bank of the Empire" using the new monetary unit the 'Rex' as suggested and outlined by J. F. Darling.

We all expect great things of our new Premier, and although the present day problems offer more obstacles than usual to cope with, which have been brought about by the depreciation and debasement of Silver, there is a golden opportunity to be taken advantage of. That of transforming Canada from a land of insolvency, unemployment, breeding place of Bolshevism, misery, despair, want, hunger and crime, to a state of solvency, with unemployment absorbed in developing Canada's vast resources thereby wiping out causes of Bolshevism, revolution and crime, and restoring happiness and contentment to all, -----by----- our "Premier" being instrumental in bringing about the Stabilization of Silver.

Lack of standard money is wrecking capitalism, society, and civilization, not only in Canada, but through-out the world, and unless a stabilization of metals is brought about at an early date, chaos, anarchy and revolution will plunge mankind into abyssal depths from which it will never be able or possible to recover. Bolshevism is getting such a hold; the times of depression and unemployment being ripe for recruiting vast numbers to their ranks. Men having families who are in want, unable to get work and facing another hard winter, are getting desperate, and one hears many threats of revolution to come about soon.

I understand a certain party who has always been an agitator, and who is not long returned from a trip to Russia ((and it is said to be in the pay of Russia)) is zealously working amongst the unemployed here in B. C.

conferring with lieutenants in various eastern cities, etc., and have the people so worked up they are ready to strike at any given time, which I daresay will come about in the fall unless conditions should change very much for the better in the meantime.

Sandon, a Silver-Lead-Camp, in the heart of the rich Slocan district — having produced ores running up to 13,000 ounces of silver and up to 80% lead —, many mines in which have each paid millions of dollars in dividends, population has dwindled from over 3000 to less than 200, and the mines all closed down tight, not even any development work being done. Under the present conditions, and, with no future to anything, it is impossible to get any monied interests interested in silver and lead properties. Real worth-while properties too, in proven ore zones, having unlimited possibilities (noted mining men having claimed that the district so far has only been barely scratched) and being offered at prices in accordance with the present times, and, at the present time one could get development work done for much less than half of what it would cost in normal times. What an opportunity for investment, — that is, IF, Silver and Lead will ever again be of any value — ?? and at the same time affording work for some of the unemployed.

If something of this nature could be taken over by the Government -- in a big way -- accomplishing development of our natural resources, enriching the material wealth of our country, whilst relieving the unemployment situation. Would this not be a more satisfactory solution -- also more satisfactory to the morale of the people -- than paying out millions of dollars in 'DOLES', for, "No value whatsoever in return" ?????????? AND, the good roads this country is so sadly in need of, that could be built for this money, at the same time keeping the unemployed busy, and their minds occupied with work and construction, instead of what they are now doing, (nothing) but congregating, talking with nothing but destruction in mind, and spreading Bolshevism propaganda. ?????????!!!!

Of all the "Reds", I.W.W.'s, etc., (graft) that I have personally seen accepting doles these past several months, -----well-----, it just makes me sick, -----and, convinced, that the country is going absolutely to the "DOGS". It is very apparent that the appalling state of affairs is not fully realized or something would have been done 'ere this to -----!!

The stabilization of Silver would immediately change

this country from despondency to prosperity, which would alleviate the unemployment question, as nothing else possibly could. " The Solution of the Silver Question would Be The Solution OF The Unemployment Question "

President Wilson of the United States , a great man missed immortality when he turned down the opportunity of stabilizing Silver. Had Silver been stabilized at that time., the present crisis would not have come to pass. THEREFORE, all the greater glory for " Our Premier " and "Our Country" IF our "Premier" brings about the RESTORATION OF SILVER, at this time.

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In anticipation, that Canada, a land of golden opportunity with a wealth of natural resources, has a man at the Head of it's Government that will have the POWER to pull it out of this present morass.

Respectfully,

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