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BEXHILL ON SEA

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Dear Wesley,

It seems such a long time since I wrote or heard from you. I have received some newspapers and copies of the New Zealand Social Credit papers describing the results of the Election there. I do not know if you have them too, but it appears that the percentage of the last elections for SC were 7. something then 11.1 per cent and this last election was back to 8. something so there appears to be a slight return to progress in the right direction.

I wonder if in three years time the percentage will be back and above the 1957 election. I am personally amazed that such a percentage exists but can only explain it by the large number of SC candidates. Once in Britain at Leeds I think, there was a much larger percentage S C but that was at a time when S C was strong in meetings in Leeds. But because the election deposit in Britain is £150 and would undoubtedly mean its loss in almost all election constituencies one can understand that without huge support S C groups cannot meet this,

I do not know if you have heard of "Parkinson's Law" ? It is something which is best described by saying that the more committees get to work, there are more secretaries, and they want a secretary and then the secretary's want a secretary and all the time there is no INCREASE of Production or in services. This man Parkinson had an article in our Main Daily Paper the Daily Mail which has swallowed the News Chronicle. The one line which I picked out in his article was "There should be a BALANCE SHEET for the whole country." I cannot say if he knows the implication of this. I never bothered to write for after many years of writing to the authors of such publications one never gets any reply or if so it is merely a brush-off.

One of our friend's sons has returned from Canada after four years in and about Toronto, first in farming and then in sealing HOOVERS to get sufficient money to return home. I would not say he is the type to succeed in a tough economy such as Canada is, but is a nice fellow, and much more fitted for the Clergy, but he came back with the remark when I spoke of the Alberta Government, and had evidently accepted the conclusion given him by someone that it was the oil revenues which was giving Alberta an edge on other provinces. In spite of the fact that Saskatchewan had even more oil reserves. I have lent him the last few leaflets I received from you. Not that it could do any good with him for he is the least likely to follow up anything.

How are you progressing with the Caravan body ? I looked over a trailer the other day, not that my wife would undertake such a motor tour now, but as an interest. To use a trailer on my car, 18 horse, to tow a small caravan for myself alone would not be sensible. I have spent time ~~xxxx~~ away from home last year in a trip to Ireland, then to Wales and later to Scotland. Actually the last ~~xxxx~~ ten days I have had to keep to my room or house, with a cold on the chest which is most unusual for me but I was very silly about three weeks ago, working in the garden which is very exposed and I got hot and wet and stayed out and dried off in the open instead of coming in and changing. Makes one remember that I am not so young.

With best wishes

