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EDITORIALS

GET RID OF THE PREFERENCE CLAUSE

It is expected that at the next session of Congress a strong effort will be made to repeal or at least materially modify the "preference clause" of the Reclamation Act. This clause provides that public bodies shall have first preference to buy the electric power produced at tax-built and tax-exempt government-owned plants, and that other potential users can only have what is left, if anything.

The effect of the "preference clause" is to put the public bodies, whether they are owned by municipalities, states or Federal agencies, in a favored and subsidized position. One class of power users is badly discriminated against in favor of another class.

On top of that, the "preference clause" has been used as a weapon to further socialization of the power industry and our power-producing and distributing resources. As an example, in a great many instances the only sensible way to distribute

power from government plants is by contracting with business-managed utilities which have the lines and the other necessary facilities. To build duplicating government transmission facilities would be an outrageous waste of money, manpower and materials. But the socialism boosters in Interior and other departments have done and are doing everything possible to force the building of such duplicating systems—regardless of the interest of taxpayers, power consumers or anyone else. And the "preference clause" is part of their kit of tools.

Government-produced power is paid for and subsidized by all the people. It should be sold to any who want it on the same terms, favoring none and discriminating against none. A law which fails to treat all alike is indefensible.

A DOWN-TO EARTH DEFINITION OF BUREAUCRACY

"This anecdote in a recent sermon by the Rev. Kenneth W. Sollitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mendota, Ill., caught our eye:

"I was once in a small hotel in Vermont when one of the guests, a foreigner unfamiliar with American ways, brought the proprietress of the inn a beautiful bouquet. The proprietress was delighted beyond words—until she discovered that her gallant guest had picked the flowers in her garden back of the inn.

"Whenever government hands you a bouquet, you can be perfectly sure it was picked out of your garden. But we go right on accepting bouquets in the vain hope that some day we will get flowers that some-

body else planted and brought to bloom."

"And that is a precise definition of bureaucracy as we see it today."
—ST. LOUIS COUNTY MEDICAL BULLETIN.

Economic Highlights

Most of the August issue of Fortune magazine is devoted to a series of articles on a nation with which we Americans have the closest possible racial, economic and linguistic ties, but about which most of us know comparatively little. Even that little is marred by misconceptions and misunderstandings. The nation is Canada.

Physically, Canada is tremendous. Only Russia and China are larger in area. And she is enormously rich in natural resources—iron ore, oil, all manner of base metals, timber and endless water power. Only the surface of these resources has as yet been scratched.

Fortune offers three reasons why Canada, up to relatively recently, had developed slowly. First, there are her extremes of climate. Second, there is her rough and rugged geography—much of her area consists of mountains and wastelands. Third, people who might otherwise have settled in Canada and helped to build her succumbed to the lure of the more economically advanced United States. Even today Canada's population is but 14,000,000.

Now, however, Canada is still in the midst of a boom of almost incredible dimensions which began some 12 years ago. And it isn't just a speculative boom—it represents real physical development on a

scale that even the U.S., proportionately speaking, has not equaled. According to Fortune, during a period when Canada's population was increasing by 21 per cent, her foreign trade tripled, and her gross national product jumped by 90 per cent. Since the war, some \$20,000,000,000 has been spent on industrial development.

The United States has a very important stake in all this. Americans have invested \$7,500,000,000 in our neighbor to the north, more than in any other foreign country. And 350,000 Americans live and work in Canada—again, far more than in any other land outside our borders.

One of the most interesting of Fortune's series of articles was written by Sam Welles, chief of Time's Ottawa bureau. Mr. Welles, whose article is called "So You Want to Do Business in Canada," starts out by quoting Bernard Baruch's remark, "If I were a young man today I would go to Canada." Then he goes into some of the things Americans who go north should keep in mind.

Number one mistake, he observes, is to think that Canada is "the U.S. with a northern exposure." Canadians have a strong national pride, and they have their own customs and beliefs and prejudices just as we have. As one Canadian industrialist told Mr. Welles, "We want Americans to know we're independent."

Furthermore, Mr. Welles says, where American businessmen dislike their government, Canadian businessmen like theirs. Government officials are generally cooperative and helpful.

Canadians are more conservative than Americans in many ways—22 an example, they don't go in for the high-powered salesmanship that characterizes U.S. business. They are more interested in stability and traditional ways of doing things.

Finally, Mr. Welles advises that



visitors "keep calm about the dollar." Time was when some Americans refused Canadian currency and coins in change and demanded "real money." This sort of things stirred up a great deal of bitterness and resentment. Of late, the Canadian dollar has been worth a trifle more than its American counterpart and the shoe is on the other foot. This quite naturally, pleases the Canadians no end. More important, it is evidence of Canada's coming to economic maturity, and of the bright future almost everyone anticipates for her.

fic Coast Spec. 100, to be delivered as required at the tanks of the School District at Central Point and at Tyble Rock School. Bidder may submit on outline of burner service and maintenance which will be furnished.

3. FUEL OIL: Pacific Coast Spec. 303, approximately 15,000 gallons to be delivered at the Gold Hill School, tank capacity 10,000 gallons.

4. FUEL OIL: Pacific Coast Spec. 200, approximately 4,000 gallons to be delivered to tanks at the Sams Valley School building.

5. SAWDUST: Approximately 1,500 units of sawdust delivered to the schools at Central Point as needed. Sawdust must be fresh burnable Douglas fir sawdust from sound logs with not more than 45% water content. No sawdust which has gone through a heat will be accepted. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of the contract to guarantee delivery.

Fuels as listed are to be delivered between the dates of July 1, 1952 and June 30, 1953.

Bids for any or all of the several items listed above are to be delivered to Mrs. Merle Obenchain, clerk of School District No. 6, Box 457, Central Point, Oregon on or before the date specified for opening of the bids.

LEGAL NOTICES

FUEL BIDS

School District No. 6, Jackson County, Central Point, Oregon, will receive bids until September 9, 1952 at 8 P.M. for items as listed herewith, at the Crater High School building, Central Point.

1. GASOLINE: For approximately 10,000 gallons of gasoline, regular grade, to be delivered as required at the tanks of the School District at Central Point (tank capacity 550 gallons); at Gold Hill (tank capacity 550 gallons); and at Sams Valley School (tank capacity 280 gallons).

2. STOVE OIL: Approximately 10,000 gallons stove oil Paci-



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