

The Left in Canada

While Britain's Labor Government tries to make that country as shining an example of peacefully-achieved socialism as Russia considers herself of revolutionary Communism, Canada has a major socialistic experiment of her own.

In Saskatchewan, midwest agricultural province (corresponding to a U.S. state), the Canadian Cooperative Federation (CCF) party is trying to build a Socialist economy. If CCF succeeds, Canada could go the way of Britain.

Insurance Law. Latest socialistic move by Saskatchewan's CCF: A law compelling automobile operators and public schools to buy insurance from a state-owned company.

Insurance is only one of 11 businesses into which the government of Saskatchewan has entered. Others are a brick plant, woolen mill, shoe factory, tannery, box factory, seed cleaning plant, fish-filleting business, fur-marketing business and bus system.

How much these ventures will earn or cost Saskatchewan's taxpayers isn't known yet, because most of them only commenced operations during 1945. A hint of the cost popped out in the provincial treasurer's budget speech. He said: "The people of Saskatchewan will not be frightened by a \$60 million budget if necessary." (The 1944-45 budget totaled about \$30 million.)