

WANTED—A UNION GOVERNMENT

The following interesting and timely article, written by William Arthur Deacon, appears in the February issue of The Canadian Magazine:
The British North America Act was an experiment in government, without any precedent whatever in imperial behavior. It was devised wisely for the time—for a rural people, minus industries or foreign relations. It was a homespun garment wonderfully warm and durable, that outlasted its makers.
But it doesn't fit us and it is no longer comfortable. Through its holes, all manner of pests can sting us and vermin can poison our blood. For obvious reasons it no longer gives the old protection. You might as well tell a modern farmer who is accustomed to the combine and every modern farm improvement, to do his reaping with a scythe. His answer would be that we have gone beyond those days and that successful farming demands the right tools. Modern government, which is not reasonably scientific, will cease to function altogether.
With the settlement of the West and the opening of the North, Canada's inhabited area is at least four times as great now as in 1867, and many of our worst tangles are clashes of regional interest then unforeseen, since the regions did not exist or have changed their character. Manitoba is distinctly not the Red River Settlement of Riel's day, with half-breeds outnumbering the whites five to one.
Since Confederation have come railways, telegraphs, telephones, automobiles, radios, movies, aeroplanes (with Canada leading all countries in carrying freight by air). Great manufacturing cities and international trading and finance are a product of the recent past. The development of the arts, the extension of universities to a position of world renown, the discoveries of precious metals and scientific advances in medicine and agriculture have given a new and more complex character to our mode of living. How could the Fathers provide for these? But we must provide for them, for they condition our life to a wholly different mood and tempo.
One thing the Fathers saw and sought to provide for. So diverse was Canada even then in scene and occupation that there was danger of men becoming so attached to the close and immediate that they would carelessly sacrifice the greater and apparently more remote things, which they had united to guard. There the B.N.A. Act drafters made what they deemed adequate provision for the over-riding authority of the federal body over the semi-autonomous "rights", or legislative powers of the provinces. As time went on, and the patriotic fervor of the moment faded, men did strive to divert power from the central reservoir in order that local interests might be served and that individual advantages might be gained. Lawyers were clever and court decisions began to sap the supreme authority of parliament. Ever fewer men spoke with the larger concept in view. Canada was so vast as to seem unreal to many. Rare are those who have seen it all, and it was easy for a politician to urge the welfare of friends or his community at the ultimate cost of Balkanizing the nation.
Whatever is done in the way of redistributing privileges and burdens, the successor to the B.N.A. Act ought to be primarily directed to guarding the sovereignty of parliament, that the original and intended unity may be restored. Canadians must be impressed with the fact that they are Canadians first, or as Lord Tweedsmuir puts it, that our first loyalty is to Canada. This is rapidly ceasing to be the case in some areas today. Indeed, these local interests are so firmly entrenched that only a great, concerted movement can bring us back to a proper orientation.
In the past hundred years Canada has known three great political episodes—the winning of responsible government, Confederation and the Great War. In all three, there was national fusion. The Great War, which led to the Statute of Westminster, was conducted by a Union government. Confederation was brought about and could only have been achieved by a Union government—so challenging were the religious and racial factions. Unquestionably, the impressive point in the disturbances of a century ago was that Papineau and Mackenzie travelled parabolic courses while, in Nova Scotia, Joseph Howe was likewise engaged, beginning his agitation in 1835 and winning responsible government for his province in 1843, exactly in time with his brethren in Upper and Lower Canada.
With Canada facing disruption or a new awakening of the spirit of these historic moments, Mr. King can only gain the desired end by going to Mr. Bennett and other leaders as Sir John A. Macdonald went to George Brown. If he wishes to leave his name in history as a statesman, he will at this time insist on a party truth that Canadians of all beliefs may unite in the complex and, at best, difficult task of remodelling the antiquated government machinery.

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LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT
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Although Monday's supplies of cattle was not very heavy, the market opened slow and very little business was done until after the noon hour. According to reports, the dressed meat market was very sluggish last week and prices on all meats, especially beef and lamb, were lower. A number of export buyers from the Old Country were on the market and purchased about 300 steers, but they also were very definite in stating that prices had to be lower to meet the trade overseas.
A few choice heavy steers sold at 6.00, but practically all the good to choice ranged from 5.25 to 5.75; fair to good weighty steers sold from 5.00 to 5.25; common to medium 4.00 to 4.75. In the butcher section, choice steers and heifers ranged from 5.00 to 5.25; fair to good from 4.50 to 5.00; common to medium 3.75 to 4.25. Stockers and feeders were very slow of sale, excepting for a few choice of selected breed and quality, which sold at from 4.00 to 4.25. Baby heaves held steady, fair to good selling from 5.00 to 6.50, with a few extra choice up to 7.00. Choice butcher cows brought from 3.75 to 4.00, heavy fat cows 3.40 to 3.65; fair to good from 2.50 to 3.00; canners and cutters 2.00 to 2.25. Choice butcher bulls brought from 3.75 to 4.25; bolognas from 3.50 to 3.75; heavy bulls 3.75 to 4.00.
In the small meats, the calf trade opened active and steady, due to a good export demand to the United States. Choice calves sold at from 10.00 to 11.00; fair to good from 8.50 to 9.50; common to medium 5.50 to 7.50. The lamb trade was very slow and sales were finally made at 8.00 for choice ewes, with those of medium quality at lower prices accordingly. Best light butcher sheep brought from 4.50 to 5.00.
Monday's hog market was slow, but salesmen were successful in securing from \$7.75 to \$8.35 for truck deliveries. Weather conditions affected the roads, which had considerable to do with causing moderate supplies of hogs. If the runs become heavy, prices are almost sure to work lower, as the outlet of Canadian pork to the Old Country is not profitable at the present prices.

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at a cost of making other peoples suffer or be afraid, or by discarding freedom. These are things we would hate to do, but we have seen others doing them and marching none the less.

We would march, too, but not that way. And we shall, once we do this political job of renovating, to permit our energies proper play. We should like to open our Arctic as the Russians are doing so handsomely; and we can only do so when we secure for ourselves the adequate governmental machinery of a modern state. We should like to know as clearly as Japan does what our external relations should be; and we can find out only when we have new means of instructing a government as to the national will. (This will exists, but is now gagged.)

Canadians by their nature will rise to this new crusade if invited by those to whom they have entrusted power. I should like to call the attention of politicians to the fact that there was no place for Thomas D'Arcy McGee in the first national government. It was a pity, because McGee had done as much as any man to bring Confederation about, with his great oratorical gifts, clear sight and fervent spirit. But, for the sake of harmony, a Protestant from his region had to have a portfolio and McGee was a Catholic. So McGee cheerfully and voluntarily went to the back benches.

Students of history usually forget the name of the mediocrity, who sat in the cabinet in McGee's stead; but McGee is in the school histories. First, he sacrificed his party, then his cabinet rank, and presently his life was forfeited—all for the cause of Canadian unity. Personally, he got not a thing out of it. He lost all. Yet few murdered men, except Lincoln, have shown such vitality after death. His people love McGee and won't let him die. I love him myself.

Just the same sort of united effort is needed now as in McGee's day, effort without pettiness of precedence. Just the same sort of people are here and Canada lives in their hearts unchanged. It was said after the Quebec bridge had fallen twice and was pinned in place at the third effort, that Canadians had never failed in any major enterprise.

The challenge before us is the most severe of our history. We shall have to do this all alone, fighting down the insidious imps of selfishness within us. The roused enthusiasm of this people will be very great. Many will suffer. But Canada will not fall, because she never has; and when the will of a strong people is set on necessary reform, it must prevail. We must slay selfishness if we are to be worthy of our ancestors, of our inheritance, and if we would be called worthy by our descendants.

STRATHAVON

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Ernest McKibbin on Thursday for their January meeting.
Mrs. Art. Torrie spent a day with Mrs. I. Nigh, who is still quite ill. Skating and sleigh riding are the orders of the day in this vicinity.
Miss Mildred Rae of Harkaway is visiting with Mrs. Norman Dixon.
A number of our young sports attended the hockey match at Walters Falls on Friday night.
Mr. Art. Torrie is still confined to the house but is improving very slowly.

TRAVERSTON

February came in decently; January went out much as he lived during the thirty-one days.
Miss Clara Greenwood, Reg. N., after spending a couple of months at the parental home, returned last week to her former position on the Orangeville Hospital staff.
Mr. W. R. Jack lately had a new radio installed and he and his better half are enjoying the fine programs.
We deeply regret the sudden passing of Mr. Nelson Perdue, Registrar of the Durham branch. 'Tis many years since first we made his acquaintance and we ever found him a man of honour and uprightness. Our sympathy goes out to his bereaved partner and the members of the family.

Messrs. R. T. Cook and Hugh McArthur had big wood bees recently, and some stacks of saw log size made the boys grunt. Young fellows don't like cross cutting anything the buzz saw can handle.

One of our older fellows has a sore toe, another has a sore foot, another slid down the barn steps on his forehead; but we won't mention any names for each of them is handy with the shillalah and our cranium is thin in places.

The Trustee Board of No. 5 has decided to purchase an organ for the school's use.

EUGENIA

Rev. Mr. Elliott is holding "revival" meetings in the church basement this week.

On Sunday evening the church service was in charge of the Young People's Union. Announcement of hymns, etc., and the opening prayer was made by the president, Miss Jean Tudor. The address based on the text "Ye must be born again" and prayer was given by Miss Irene Dismore. A story and the prayer of confession was given by Mrs. Chas. Martin. Offering was taken up by Neil Macdonald and Dorland Campbell following prayer by Miss Phyllis Graham, special music and singing by the choir of "Jesus is Calling." Responsive scripture reading was given by Miss Irene Dismore and scripture lesson was read by Miss Evelyn Campbell. Mrs. W. Graham gave a prayer. There was not a very large attendance on account of the bad weather and roads.

A number of friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pedlar of Rock Mills vicinity met in the L.O.L. hall here on Friday night and spent a very pleasant time. During the course of the evening gifts were presented to the young couple who were married last fall.

Mrs. Joseph Williams and son, Joey, and her daughter, Mrs. Elwood Partridge, and husband of Rock Mills attended the funeral of Mrs. Harold Cook on Monday in Owen Sound. Mrs. Cook was formerly Miss Delmar Sadie May Fenwick, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fenwick, formerly of this place but now of East Linton. She was married to Mr. Harold Cook on August 24th, 1935, and resided ever since at Barrow Bay where her husband taught school. She was only 26 years of age; a young woman of fine qualities and was very much loved by all who knew her. The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 2.30 o'clock on Monday, after a private service at the residence of Mrs. Wes. Thompson. Interment took place in the Mausoleum. The news of the death of Delmar came as a great shock to her many friends here. Although she hadn't been enjoying just the best of health, after a few days' critical illness in the G. & M. Hospital, Owen Sound, she passed away. We extend our sympathy to the heart-broken husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fenwick, and her sisters, Mrs. Edith and Elnora and brother Will of East Linton, her sister, Mrs. Russell Linton (Clayton), of Proton, and another sister, Mrs. Clarence Biggar (Martha), of Owen Sound.

Mrs. Elwood Partridge of Rock Mills spent the week-end with her parents here.
Mrs. Frank Taylor of Flesherton spent a few days the past week with her sister, Lucy, and brother, Neil. Glad to report Lucy recovering after her illness.
Mrs. Morgan of Flesherton visited recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith.

The Duckett family received the sad news of the death of a relative, Mr. John Bennington, of North Dako. at the age of 84 years. Mr. E. Bennington of Maxwell is a brother of the deceased. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

Scottish Curlers Arrive to Meet Canadian Rinks



These bonneted Scotsmen photographed in the lounge of the Canadian Pacific liner Du-chess of Bedford on arrival at Halifax New Year's Eve are members of the party of curlers who have come to Canada to meet Canadian adherents of the "roaring game" in many cities and towns of the Dominion. They are all members of the Royal Caledonia Club. Captain William Henderson is seated third from the left of the group.
During a two months' tour they will visit Saint John, N.B., Sherbrooke, Quebec, Three Rivers, Shawinigan Falls, Montreal, Ottawa, Sharnbat Lake, Kingston, Port Hope, Lindsay, Peterboro, Galt, Detroit, Toronto, Welland, Hamilton, Medonte, Fort William, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Banff, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Sudbury, North Bay, Timmins, Swastika, Kirkland Lake, Buffalo, Uleca, Albany, Boston and Portland, Me., and will sail from Saint John in the Duchess of Bedford on February 25.

EBENEZER

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wyvill of Vandeleur were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wyvill.
Mr. Ralph Fitzsimmons of Vandeleur visited at the Fitzsimmons home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkpatrick of Kimberley visited a short time ago with Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Sewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Genoa were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Johnston of Vandeleur.

The annual congregational meeting was held at the Church on Sunday last when favourable reports from the different organizations were given. The officers were re-elected.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the relatives of the late R. W. Wilson and the late W. N. Richardson in their recent sad bereavements.

The January meeting of the Vandeleur W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Russell Freeman on Thursday afternoon of last week. Quite a number of members and visitors were present. Readings were given

by Mrs. W. Swanton, Mrs. Bert Hutchinson and Mrs. Norman Genoa; community singing was enjoyed; a contest put on by Miss Ellean D'Arcy was won by Mrs. W. Swanton. Lunch was served by Mrs. F. W. Taylor and Mrs. F. D'Arcy. Miss Zella Abbey of the Highway North was a recent week-end visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchinson.

BARRHEAD W. I.

Fifteen members and guests of Barrhead Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Silas Hill. The president, Mrs. (Whitehead), was in the chair and Miss Catherine Davidson acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Torry. Letters of thanks from those remembered in illness were read by Mrs. Smart. The answer to the roll call was "Who's Who in Ontario". The members decided to make a quilt to raise funds. The theme for the day was "Talk Happiness, the World is Sad Enough without Our Woe"; Catherine Davidson gave a worth while paper on happiness; a contest sponsored by Mrs. Borinsky was won by Mrs. Jack

Hill; community singing was enjoyed by all; demonstration on coconut candy loaf by Mrs. Ellean HBL. The meeting closed by singing God Save the King, after which lunch was served by the hostess and her daughter, Mrs. Mercer, assisted by the lunch committee.

SCHOOL REPORTS

January Report of
S.S. No. 18, Euphrasia.
Grade 7—Raymond Gordon 68%, Dorothy Irwin 60, Maybelle Hutchinson 59, Bert Sewell 45.
Grade 5—Blanche Clarke 87 (H), Maurice Irwin 77 (H), Alice McDonald 72, Lorraine Hutchinson 56.
Grade 4—Billy Bowen 36 (H), Ileen Clarke 75 (H), Merle Clarke 70, Harold Irwin 70, Victor McDonald 68, Betty Bowen 62.
Grade 3—Mary Leppard 75 (H), James Hutchinson 70, Dorothy Leppard 70, Reatrice Harvey 50.
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