

"Democracy"

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expected to make a wise choice of those who determine the general political policy of the nation, it is agreed that the legislative assembly in a democracy be elected. But in view of the fact that the general public cannot be expected to make a wise choice of experts, it has been considered wise in Britain and Canada to have the executive body made responsible to the government. Also that there should be a permanent civil service not directly elected, but chosen for their ability to render professional and technical service. The United States' System has proven the disadvantages of making judges too directly sensitive to public opinion. Nevertheless there is a danger of having the civil service too insensitive to public opinion and too lacking in understanding of and too little in sympathy with the ordinary everyday life and problems of the people.

As we have already intimated we cannot have truly democratic government unless government policy is understood and approved by the general public. This end may be achieved by a thoroughly upright and honourable presentation of the issues on the platform, in the press, over the radio and in local clubs organized specifically for the political education of the people.

Unanimous consent to the policy of the government is neither possible nor desirable. For if democracy means complete unanimity, there is more real democracy in Germany and in Fascist Italy which achieve unanimity by a monopoly of mass propaganda and by a forcible suppression and even liquidation of those who disagree. Then we shall discover as Plato did, that to get complete democracy ends in tyranny. But so far from unanimous consent to government policy being their ideal, representative governments would not know what to do without a vigorous opposition able to offer constructive criticism. The Bolshevik maxim, "No opposition party and no opposition within the party", is the very antithesis of democracy. Democratic equality is not an equality of sameness of view, but of difference. We want everyone to have a voice in the affairs of his country in so far as each has his own peculiar contribution to make. It is expected that by free discussion the one-sidedness and the self-centredness of personal views will be eliminated and a principle of action adopted which each can feel does justice to what was vital in his own contention. Thus we achieve a real process of collective thinking or general conviction on vital matters.

The 19th century opened with the idea that in a true democracy there should be the very minimum of state interference with the life and business of the individual. Ruthless unregulated competition encouraged the current belief that life is essentially a struggle in which it is to be expected that only "the fittest shall survive," and produced the horror in industrial life which shocked even the complacency of Mid-Victorian England into the "state interference" embodied in the Factory Acts.

In this century it has been boldly declared that the control of the financial and industrial world by a few dominant wealthy men made democratic politics a sham. The resultant struggle between Capital and Labour split Society into factions incorrigibly out of sympathy with one another. The failure of economic leaders to devise means whereby distribution could be enabled to keep pace with production has resulted in a host of undemocratic ills including widespread unemployment and national and international unrest which interfered disastrously with the cardinal purpose of democracy, which is to make possible to all the "good life", or that fulness and completeness of life in the truest and highest sense of the term which was Christ's ideal for mankind.

The pressure of circumstances and the outraged cry of the oppressed have made political leaders increasingly aware that in a democracy no man can be considered free to push his own projects in utter disregard of the welfare and rights of his fellow-men. There is much truth in the assertion that the survival of democracy and the cure of the international situation, depend upon the Democratization of Industry.

By the abuse of freedom we are apt to lose it. The more irresponsibility there is, and the greater the insistence upon their rights by people who show a callow disregard for law and duty, the nearer the democratic state comes to being unwieldy, and invites the rise of a dictator. We are not democratic in spirit or in practice until our lives demonstrate our recognition of the

EUGENIA

The Late Mrs. Wm. Wilson

A sad gloom was cast over the community when it was learned that Mrs. Wm. Wilson had passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy McMillan on Thursday, January 17th. The late Mrs. Wilson had been as well as usual until Thursday forenoon when she was seized with a heart attack from which she never recovered.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Isabella Armstrong, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong of the 10th line, near Eugenia, was born May 22nd, 1865. She was married fifty-seven years ago to the late Mr. Wm. Wilson, who predeceased her forty years ago. After their marriage they settled on a farm on the 10th line. To them were born eight children, namely: Mrs. Fred Jamieson, 8th Line, Artemesia; Mrs. Traynor of Silverton, B.C.; Willie, who was drowned in the Hydro Lake in 1916; Jack of Kimberley; Mrs. Roy MacMillan of Eugenia; Mrs. A. B. Johnston of Toronto; Wesley, killed overseas in 1918, and Gordon of Kimberley. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. McWatters of Elmvale.

The late Mrs. Wilson was a kind and loving mother, very devoted to her family. She was also held in high esteem by all who knew her.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon to Markdale Cemetery. After a short service at the house, where Rev. Mercer and Mr. Beaton rendered softly, "Rock of Ages", the remains were taken to the church where Rev. Mercer preached a very comforting sermon. The hymns used were "Abide With Me" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". The choir rendered "There is a Land that is Fairer than Day." The pallbearers were Messrs. Wm. and Earl Gordon, Wesley Armstrong, Wm. Reid, Sidney Griffin and Wm. Walker.

Among the floral tributes were: wreaths from the family, the Johnston family, Hollinger family; sprays from the Eugenia friends and neighbors, Wilfred Plant and family and a basket from the grandchildren.

Friends from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Plant of Meaford; Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin of Heathcote; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Griffin of Caledon and Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Toronto, the members of the family, with the exception of Mrs. Traynor of B. C.

We extend our sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Mr. Chas. Park has taken a position in Owen Sound.

Messrs. Cecil Magee, Elward Campbell, Burton Campbell and Gordon Stewart are working in Hamilton.

Miss Irva Magee and Mrs. Cecil Magee have gone to Toronto where they expect to secure positions.

Mrs. Mike Rowe (nee Evelyn Campbell) has returned home from Baysville.

Mr. Milburne Phillips, who is employed at Orangeville, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. Frank Cairns visited a few days with friends in Toronto recently.

fact that every human right involves the corresponding duty of making some worthy contribution to society in return for its benefits. Christ, the world's truest democrat, taught and exemplified the truth that we are put into the world to serve and not simply to be served, to give as well as to receive, the greatest of all citizens being the one who serves most wholeheartedly, and most disinterestedly, most wisely and well.

It would be a great day for democracy if everyone could be convinced that the true ideal for society is not to bring all people down to one common level but to make all sorts and conditions of men to aspire to the loftiest aims and ambitions. The complete standardization of modes of living and thinking aimed at by Communism is as foreign to true democracy as the Nazi creation of masters and slaves and the destruction by them of all joy and hope in the breasts of millions of people.

An indispensable factor in the development of a genuinely democratic citizenship is the recognition of the price to be paid not only to achieve but also to maintain liberty. We learn from the fall of France that a true democracy is built up and safeguarded by making its people concerned not so much with making the world soft and easy as with making moral fibre hard and strong and character thoroughly upright, honourable and dependable. The future of democracy in America will be bright if its inhabitants value it enough to pay, if necessary, the price which the British have been paying to defend it.

Coming Events

DANCE—Remember the Dance at the Arena each Wednesday night.

DANCE—In Markdale Orange Hall on Friday, January 29th, auspices of the Cherry Grove Achievement Club. The dance announced for Jan. 22nd is called off because of the High School Carnival and Dance. 20-1p

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of **ELIZABETH MCCLUNG**, late of the Township of Holland, in the County of Grey, widow, deceased, who died on or about the 1st day of October, 1942, are hereby notified to send in to Lucas & Glass, Solicitors for the Administrator with Will annexed of the estate of the said deceased, on or before the 6th day of February, 1943, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said date the Administrator with Will annexed of this estate will distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, to the exclusion of all others, and he will not be liable to any person whose claim he shall not then have notice or for the assets so distributed or any part thereof.

Dated at Markdale this 19th day of January, 1943.

LUCAS & GLASS, Markdale, Solicitors for the Administrator with Will annexed.

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NOTICE—Would appreciate the early return of books loaned by me from time to time, particularly those with green cover, explaining the Church Catechism to Confirmation candidate. Rev. C. O. Pherrill, Markdale. 21c

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Rocklyn Agricultural Society will be held in the hall at Rocklyn at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25th, 1943. C. R. Gordon, President; John Clarke, Secretary. 21c

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Markdale Agricultural Society will be held in the office of the Department of Agriculture on Saturday, January 30th, 1943, commencing promptly at 2 o'clock p.m. Members are urged to come prepared to assist in the business.

James McLoughry, President
Russell Freeman, Secretary.

AUCTION SALE—At the Welsh Scales in Markdale on Saturday, January 30th, commencing at 2 o'clock. Household furniture, etc. B. H. Walden, Auctioneer. If you have anything to sell see the auctioneer at once. 21-2c

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Markdale High School CARNIVAL IN MARKDALE ARENA Friday, Jan. 29

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