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**EDITORIAL**  
 Our Diagnosis

There are many speculations as to the future trend in politics following the recent upheaval in Ontario. We might as well add our diagnosis. There are several items that make the past election an interesting study. First there is the rise of the C.C.F. to a prominent position; second there is the complete turn of the electorate from the Liberal government to both Conservative and C.C.F. and third we must consider the size of the vote cast in this election in relation to the possible vote and that given in other provincial elections.

With these facts in mind it is quite evident that those who did exercise their franchise wanted a change—one of two things. Perhaps the difference of which these two things desired may be found in the difference between 22 and 15 points. It is very plain that the Liberal appeal of past record was not enticing in the least but that some new program was desired with plenty of promise for the common folk.

Looking at the vote cast it is also very evident that a considerable number of voters were puzzled, uninterested or considered the election unnecessary. That lack of public interest is perhaps the most deplorable part of the whole election. If these voters had made a decision we might have avoided the present undecided state.

It is clear that many voters believe that the old parties have not given due consideration to the promises made the working man and farmer and small business man after they have secured power. The swing toward the C.C.F. means only that many of these voters want to give a trial to something bearing a different label in the hope that the pre-election promises will not be forgotten as soon as the election is over. There is no use trying to frighten the electorate by telling of the unsoundness of the C.C.F. program. We do not believe their socialization plans are possible in the period which most electors anticipated when they cast a ballot for this new party. But sometimes children and grown-ups demand and receive things they desire before they are capable of using the acquired whim. The vote is a clean ultimatum however that people want "a better world", not in the vague and distant future but within their lifetime. The vote is a broad indication to both the old parties to make more speed toward reform even if securing the reform must trample under many of the old ways of doing things.

It's all right to shout that Canadians do not want new "isms" and know that they would be better without them. But progress cannot be retarded, only directed in an orderly fashion. Only by burns does a child learn that a stove is hot and only by trial do a people find out that the road to sure progress is by no new "ism." It is well that the next few years will provide the C.C.F. with a strength in the legislature to show the feasibility of their plans. At the end of this tenure of office the electorate will be better informed, perhaps less puzzled in making a decision. The electors look for something new. Mr. Drew and Mr. Joliffe seem to share the honors jointly. Maybe parliamentary procedure will have to be altered so that two can take the helm. Certainly a little pushing or crowding will upset the boat.

**Kitchen War Front**

The Canadian housewife who has a family dependent on her need not wistfully eye the woman's armed forces or the overalls of the war worker. She can proudly say: "This is my war too" and "man" the kitchen.

There has been an ever-increasing awareness in

recent years of food quality, you may call it "nutrition" or "dietics" as you please. Not so very long ago the average housewife associated these words with diets for individuals or for correction of obesity. Now every housewife may talk intelligently of vitamins, calories and food values and put them to practical use.

Nutrition, now an established science, taking its place in universities, is a very young science but shows a great latent power. The Axis utilized the power of food when they scientifically set about to produce certain deficiency diseases in the countries they conquered. Because of removal of sources of certain essential vitamins, the conquered peoples developed muscular weakness or mental depression or tissue destruction.

The housewife now can assure that this power of food is used as a weapon against our foes—not in a negative manner as the merciless Nazis are doing, but as a positive factor. Food is the hidden weapon of our armed forces, of our war workers and of those people who must carry on civilian life. It is recognized that happiness and food cannot be divorced for food produces health without which happiness cannot exist.

The Canadian housewife is fortunate that her country still abounds in many kinds of food. She can use it wisely. In the first year of the war, Canadian home economists started "Nutrition Services" under which seven provincial committees were set up. Under these, other committees in cities, towns and villages gradually sprang into being, organized their projects flourished. The women in these groups study and share their knowledge of what foods are essential, and how to grow, cook and preserve them.

This is the weapon of the Canadian housewife. It's not a secret weapon, but wisdom and understanding must be applied for the successful use of it. And it has the remarkable characteristic of being an asset in peace as well as in wartime.

The Canadian housewife will strive to use it well now in wartime, and when war plants have been converted to peacetime pursuits, she will insist on this domestic wisdom being made available for the whole world so that there may be health and happiness everywhere.

**A Difficult Task**

Ontario electors went to the polls last week and gave a no decision vote there. In these days when we need to devote all our attention to Canada's part to hasten the day of victory and peace it is regrettable that the banner province of the Dominion finds itself in such a position. We may have a coalition government or, as Col. Drew no doubt more devotedly hopes, a government made up of those of his own followers and some who can be deflected from the Liberal side to form a government. Whatever the union the best that can be hoped for it is that it will carry on until a peace has been declared in the world war. The electorate generally will hope at least that some plan will be developed to carry on for the duration at least.

It would appear that Col. Geo. Drew, leader of the Progressive-Conservative party will be called upon to head up the new government. Much of his effort and that of Hon. Mitchell Hepburn was devoted to criticism of the Dominion Government. It would appear that both were more interested in affairs outside the provincial field, but both will now have a provincial pre-occupation that will keep them busy in the field to which they are elected. It is a test for statesmanship and the ability of a leader to temporize in a critical time. It is a difficult task to confront any man. Much depends not only on his handling of the situation but on the ascendancy of his own or other groups.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

"Let no man who begins an innovation in a state think that he can stop it at his pleasure or control it at his will."—Nicolaï Machiaveli.

"Propaganda is that branch of the art of lying which merely deceives your friends without deceiving your enemies."—Walter Lippmann.

Whoever heads the new Ontario government will have sufficient to keep him occupied without giving much attention to matters outside the provincial field.

"We have a war to win, a peace to make enduring and a world to make livable for the common man—the most interesting period of all history in which to live."—Hon. John Bracken.

The re-establishment of ex-service men in peacetime employment, is, of course, only part of the wider problem of establishing all in positions of economic security.—Cobourg (Ont.) World.

An amendment to the Highway Traffic Act reduces the age limit of operators of motor vehicles from sixteen to fifteen years. Another evidence of getting youth in the harness earlier in life.

An editorial reprinted from The Midland Free Press appears on page seven of this issue entitled "A Substitute for Beverage Rooms." It has much to commend it and offers a definite plan which while not immediate might be more successful and attain better results.

**The Week at OTTAWA**  
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OTTAWA, (CP) — Four Federal seats formerly held by Liberal members of Parliament went to opposition candidates in by-election voting this week—two in Western Canada to C.C.F. standard-bearers; a third in Quebec to a Bloc Populaire representative and the fourth, also in Quebec, to a Labor Progressive.

The voting Monday left the standing in the House of Commons as follows:  
 Liberals, 170; Liberal Progressives, 3; Independent Liberals, 3; Progressive Conservatives, 39; C.C.F., 11; Social Credit, 10; Bloc Populaire, 4; Independent, 3; Unity, 1; Labor Progressive, 1.

There were no Progressive Conservative candidates in any of the by-elections.

Here, in brief, are the results:  
 Stansfeld (Que.) Constituency—Armand Choquette, Bloc Populaire, defeated R. G. Davidson, Liberal and Pierre Thomas, C.C.F.

Montreal Cartier — Fred Rose, Labor Progressive, defeated Paul Masse, Bloc Populaire, Lazarus Phillips, Liberal, David Lewis, C.C.F., Moses Miller, Independent.

Saskatoon (Man.) — William Bryce, C.C.F. defeated C. F. Fildes, Liberal, and Miss Salome Fallstrom, Social Credit.

Humboldt (Sask.) — Joseph W. Burton, C.C.F., defeated Frank S. Krenn, Liberal, and Theodore Langdenhoff, Social Credit.

OTTAWA, (CP) — Numerous reports that prisoners of war in Canada will be used to a greater extent to relieve labor shortages, especially in farming, wood cutting and logging industries, are good news for the Canadian farmer, who already is looking towards improvement of the farm-help situation by the use of soldiers from the Canadian army on his farm.

Completion of the plans for the latter project were announced some days ago by Labor Minister Mitchell and farmers requiring help for the incoming harvesting days must make special agricultural department representative or national selective service officer in their district.

Wider use of prisoner-of-war labor has been urged many times in the House of Commons by representatives of various political groups but it was always represented that the use of such prisoners, especially of German origin, offered difficulties which it was hard to cope with.

**Prisoner Situation**  
 It is possible that now, with mounting successes of the Allied forces on every front and the latest possibility of Axis success fading out every day, prisoners of war now are less eager to rejoin their forces, thus reducing considerably the usefulness of stanching an escape while on work projects.

The constantly growing number of German and Italian prisoners of war now in allied hands is understood to be somewhat of a major problem, with the allies undertaking to feed them, together with the civilian populations in non-conquered countries. In Sicily alone, 100,000 prisoners have been taken.

The opinion has been expressed in some quarters that Axis prisoners of war in captivity in good agricultural country should undertake to produce enough to feed all co-prisoners of war with basic foods.

**Industries Short**  
 While farming is expected to get relief by the use of supplementary labor, high labor priority war industries are short of 30,000 workers, according to Selective Service Director Arthur MacNamara. Industries mostly affected by the shortage are shipyards and industries connected with the shipbuilding industry.

Women are being urged to transfer from non-essential industries to food, munition and household goods factories in order to work a whole day in a plant are asked to work half a day. Foreign representation in Canada was increased in Ottawa last week when the newly appointed Swedish minister Per Wikman, presented his credentials to the Canadian government, a day after Ray Atherton, the Canadian minister in Stockholm, presented his credentials to the Swedish government, succeeding the late Rippon Moffat, had been received by the governor-general in his new capacity.

**Ministers Exchange**  
 Prime Minister Mackenzie King has stated that Canada could not immediately reciprocate in the exchange of ministers with Sweden but would do so later.

The appointment of a Swedish minister to Canada is viewed in diplomatic circles in Ottawa as a definite sign of Sweden's change from its former state of neutrality to that of friendly non-belligerence with the allied cause, when coupled with the decision not to grant transit to German troops on leave from Norway.

**STILL "IF WAR COMES"**

STOCKHOLM, (CP) — A 16-page manual of instructions to all citizens as to their duties in case of war, is being distributed by the Swedish Post Office to all of Sweden's population of almost 6,500,000 people.

**VETERAN RAILWAYMAN TRIED STOMACH FEIST**

News that a new gas source had been tapped near Athabaska, Alberta, stirred memories in Osborne Scott, passenger traffic manager for the Canadian National Railway, who recalled that in 1897, at the age of 16, he was stoker for the first oil-drilling outfit to work at Athabaska Landing. Gas came instead of oil and Mr. Scott relates: "It was on the river shore line and at high water was covered, but the gas still bubbled up. The boys and the odd camper still boil their kettles over it at low water."

**WARTIME WOOL**

As a wartime measure, a large percentage of the wool from farm flocks in Eastern Canada is being graded into two main grades, namely, "Military Style" and "Felting Style." The Military Style wool includes the medium and low medium grades and also the higher edge of the low staple grade. It is suitable for manufacture of military clothing and blankets. The Felting Style wool comprises long strong bright wool of low staple and coarse grades, derived largely from the Leicester, Lincoln, and Cotswold breeds and their crosses.

**New Lancaster to Fly Film Overseas**



Train busters D. M. "Bibby" Grant, D.F.C., and J. A. Morton Ace train buster, Flying Officer D. M. "Bibby" Grant, D.F.C., left, of Watrous, Sask., and his colleague in operations over Europe, Flying Officer J. A. Morton of Didsbury, Alta., will soon be seeing themselves in action. The first Canadian Lancaster being launched next week, will carry a print of the National Film Board's latest movie, "Train Busters," as part of its cargo to England, where airman participating in the filming of the picture will be among the first to see it on the screen.

Edited by the Film Board in Ottawa and being released here in the Canada Carries On Series, "Train Busters," the story of the airman whose targets are Hitler's rail lines and engines, was photographed by R.C.A.F. cameramen overseas. The film shows Grant and Morton, members of the R.C.A.F. Army Co-operation squadron at work, harassing enemy-controlled rail traffic, blocking rail lines and sending Axis engines to repair shops and junk heaps. These train-busters are playing a mighty role in total Allied strategy. An commentary of "Train Busters" relates, "their tactics are ground-drafting; their purpose, to destroy German coastal shipping, military supply columns — and railways; in short to paralyze the whole network of German communications."

That's the job men like Grant and Morton have to do. Through special arrangement with the National Film Board in Ottawa and London, they'll soon see their Mustangs on the screen, heading out over the Channel, in search for their iron prey. The above photograph is taken from a scene in the film.

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