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It's Happened Before

Announcement that Prime Minister King is to be opposed in the by-election in Glengarry by an unknown candidate, unsupported by any party, reminds us of the time twenty-five years ago when ex-Premier Drury of Ontario was obliged to run in Halton County against an unknown candidate from Toronto by the name of Edward J. Stephenson.

Perhaps some of you recall that election in February 1920 John F. Ford had been elected U. F. O. member for Halton by a considerable majority (there were three parties then too) and he resigned his seat to allow ex-Premier Drury to enter the Legislature as head of the U. F. O. government. It looked like an acclamation until the entry of Edward J. Stephenson, of Toronto, who termed himself an "independent people's soldier's candidate."

The election resulted in a win for Mr. Drury by a majority of 2,250 votes although there was only a light vote polled. Three places in the county gave Stephenson majorities: Georgetown, Milton and Bram Military Hospital.

Feeling Public Opinion?

A week or so ago the Toronto Globe and Mail published a news article purporting to come from Queen's Park stating that the Liquor Control Board would close women's beer parlors during the day hours as a preliminary step to closing them entirely.

Apparently the story was just a feeler in an effort to get public reaction on the matter and looking over many of the weekly newspapers last week we found those who still express opinion on the liquor subject very much in favor of closing the women's beer parlors and many of the women regretting that the news was not a fact.

Of course women who do patronize the beverage rooms will raise objection to their closing, but fortunately the majority of women do not patronize beer parlors and if the Ontario government wanted to find out which way the wind blows it will find that closing the women's department of beer distribution is a very popular step.

The Toronto Evening Telegram, one of Ontario's leading dailies and a strong supporter of the Drew Government, says: "It is to be hoped there is truth in the report... The only improvement we could recommend is that they be closed at once and forever." It adds: "The system... has been more harmful to womanhood and morals in this province than was the saloon of unhalloved memory."

A New Governor-General

The appointment of Field Marshall Alexander as Governor-General of Canada will be acclaimed by all and he will be welcomed to Canada by all Canadians. A brilliant war record has made him the hero on several occasions during the campaigns now ended.

From the astounding list that was each day having new and popular names added to it no better choice could have been made. It may seem strange, but

until the announcement of appointment the name of Field Marshall Alexander was not among the list of those prominently mentioned for the position.

Such is often the way with announcements being made by Prime Minister King, and usually the choice when finally made is one that is most suitable. It is well too the appointment was made before a longer list of eligibles had to be discarded.

Canada is honored by the appointment of Field Marshall Alexander. His achievements and record are such that he brings to the high office a dignity and record for service which makes Canadians at home and abroad proud of such a representative.

Tragedy that Can be Avoided

Long-needed and long-deferred municipal works in hundreds of Canadian communities will now be getting or should be shortly final blueprinting. The planners would do well indeed to heed the warnings of Dr. D. V. Currey, St. Catharines medical health officer.

Polio (infantile paralysis) is still one of man kind's most horrible perils. About all the medical men know about it is that human sewage carries the virus that spreads the disease.

Municipal sewage disposal systems may be said generally to have reached the stage of satisfying opinion on aesthetic grounds, but most of them are still pretty poor on health grounds. Dumping raw sewage into lakes and streams is still the common practice. The out-house still features Canadian farming communities.

Every year a lot of Canadians are going to go through a serious illness and emerge with crippled bodies and limbs because of medieval sewage disposal practices. Financial Post.

Rations and Rations

For any Canadians who feel disposed to express vexation at the return of meat rationing there is a sovereign mental remedy. It lies in consideration of the food regulations under which the people of Great Britain have lived for more than five years.

The British meat ration is based on value. Each adult may buy weekly meat valued at one shilling and two pence, or about 27 cents. It averages out at about one pound, and that includes bone about two-fifths of average pre-war consumption.

A bare statement of the figures should be enough to evoke in the mind of any Canadian the difficulties British women face in making say, a four-pound roast or joint spin out for a week in a four-member family.

And in Britain there is not the variety of vegetables that we in Canada know. It is true that cabbage and Brussels sprouts are plentiful and cheap, and that potatoes, carrots and turnips are usually available in season. But it is not uncommon to see green beans, when they first come on the market, priced at \$1.75 a pound, and asparagus at \$1.50 quite out of reach of the average family.

Britons have been healthy on their wartime diet. But it is such simple fare beside that which Canadians have known in the worst of times that it is a matter for contrast rather than comparison.

Add to this one particular situation—food—the inconveniences of transportation curtailed beyond anything we know in this country, clothing worn shabby, scores of amenities not yet restored. Even with the blackout and the bombing over, the average Briton is still living under conditions that would make him think the situation in Canada a foretaste of the millennium.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We're going on holidays next week. Meet you next time on August 10th.

Apparently Churchill wasn't as popular in England as he is in Canada and the United States. But of course it was ever thus.

The Ontario budget estimates increases in the budget revenues more from auto license fees and \$1,000,000 in profits from the Liquor Control Board.

It is said 17,000 persons have left the U. S. pay rolls since Truman became president. Canada might well follow the example and aid in a return to civilian employment.

The week-end fatalities last week were listed as ten killed in motor car accidents and ten drownings. One type of news that doesn't change much whether it's in wartime or peace.

In these days of heroes returning from the war zones you can see more kissing scenes at the railway stations than at the movies—and they're thoroughly genuine.—Summerside (P.E.I.) Journal.

It's still permissible to serve beans on meatless days without the pork. Nobody wanted the scrap that's usually found in the can anyway so why not eliminate it before the can is sealed. It's duty was completed.

"As I understand the case," said his honor the judge, "you and your husband had an argument and you were kicked in the ensuing rumpus." "No sir," replied Mandy. "I was kicked in the stummick."

Orchard Oil Heaters Used Against Nazis

Wartime Smoke Screens Developed from Farmers' Crude Oil Burners

LONDON (CP)—Orchard heaters used by farmers were the origin of smoke screens used to such good effect by the Allied troops in Britain and on the Western Front.

Fruit growers with offices in London's noisy Covent Garden were surprised when the day after the war began they received a government order requisitioning all their heaters. Designed to protect fruit crops against frost, these heaters which burn crude oil seemed of little war value, but the growers turned them in.

From these contrivances which spread smoky clouds of black smoke developed the Halar and Ekso smoke generators which saved thousands of civilian lives before D-Day and more thousands of soldiers after that. The 66-mile smoke-screen which Field Marshal Montgomery used to cloak preparations for the Rhine crossing last March was but one example of their worth.

They were used aloft and ashore and as late as April 30, 1944, German aircraft which attacked a major unit of the fleet off Plymouth were felled by smoke. Ports where "Mulberries" the famous floating harbors were constructed, valuable dams and power plants were suitably hidden from the enemy planes.

THE STRIDER BEAN

Strider is the name given to the bean, originated in the Horticultural Division, Dominion Experimental Farms Service, that has been under test for several years. It is a cross between Stringless Refugee Wax and the little known but very early maturing variety called Princess of Artois. Strider is earlier maturing than Stringless Refugee Wax and is a true bush variety, produces oval stringless, wax pods, and appears, as intended, to escape anthracnose infection. The seeds are white and very desirable for baking purposes. In other words it is a dual purpose variety, suitable for use as a snap pod bean and the ripened seed is suitable for baking purposes.

Seized Film Used in Operator Tests

Aspiring Motion Picture Projectionists Practice on Well-Used Movie

REGINA (CP)—A sound film seized by the Saskatchewan government years ago is run off hundreds of times a year in the province—without benefit of audience. The sound effects of furious fighting are lost on an empty room.

The film is entitled "Air Eagles" and the government seized it because it was being shown in the province without having been censored by the Saskatchewan censor. Now it's being used to put would-be motion picture projectionists through their paces.

Aspiring projectionists undergo rigid tests in a modern projection booth in the basement of the normal school building. Those wishing to qualify run through the "Air Eagles" film under the watchful eye of a government theatre inspector.

They must know how to operate projectors, co-ordinate sound and film and splice film when it breaks and handle it so as to prevent fire. Operators are issued three classes of certificates and must complete written examinations as well as practical tests.

The film censor of Saskatchewan is Ives D. J. Vaughan, an Anglican chaplain who since his appointment has lived in Winnipeg. He now views all films scheduled for Saskatchewan release there, and the provincial government is considering a suggestion that he make his headquarters in Regina.

Mr. Vaughan rejected only one picture in 1944. It was turned down because it contained a scene showing the birth of a baby.

If the censor is moved to Regina, all new pictures to be shown in Saskatchewan theatres will first be run off in the theatre division's new projection room. They'll have an audience of two, the censor and his secretary.

Anyone else thinking of having a sneak preview of the new pictures will be disappointed. There's a large "No Admission" sign on the door of the new projection room and it means what it says.

Business Directory

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Table with 2 columns: Train Name/Type and Time. Includes Going West and Going East schedules for various routes.

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Advertisement for AYLMER CHILI SAUCE, featuring an image of a bottle and promotional text: 'Adds zest to summer meals! 2 bottles 29c'.

Price list for various products: Heinz Tomato Soup (16 oz. 90c), Aylmer Vegetable Juice (16 oz. 170c), Cocoa (1 lb. 240c), Mother Jackson's Munchies (2 lbs. 230c), Tablets (2 lbs. 250c), Soap (2 cake 110c), 2 in 1 Liquid White Polish (1 qt. 140c), Wilson's Fly Pads (3 lbs. 250c), Aylmer Apple Juice (13-oz. Btl. 120c), Kraft Velveta Cheese (5-1/2 lbs. 20c), Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinners (170c), Aylmer Fancy Tomato Juice (20-oz. Tin 90c).

Advertisement for Heinz Condensed Vegetable Soups and Londonderry Ice Cream Mix. Includes images of product cans and prices: 2 10-oz. Tins 25c, 1 qt. 14c.

Advertisement for Quaker Muffets, featuring a circular logo and prices: 3 lbs. 25c. Also lists other products like Jars (89c, \$1.05), Jar Rings (25c), Crystals (100c), Certo (25c), Spice (25c), and Ammonia (50c).

Price list for fresh produce: Firm Green Cabbage (6c per lb.), Fresh Homegrown Bunch Carrots (8c per lb.), California Grapefruit (3 for 27c large size 100c), Fresh Blueberries, Watermelon, Pears, Canteloupes (Special Week-end Prices).

Fruit and vegetable prices subject to market fluctuations. Coupon to use August 2nd: SUGAR, 46 to 61; PRESERVED, 33 to 37-1/2; BUTTER, 90 to 110.