

EDITORIAL

Pre Election Thoughts . . .

Perhaps some of you, like ourselves, can remember earlier elections where weeks before the election the Tories in one camp and the Grits in the other were not seen in each other's company. We don't argue it was a good thing but certainly both sides took the issues to heart which is more than can be said today . . . Evidence of the apathy was again found in the nomination meeting last week when only a handful of county citizens attended and those attending decided a public meeting following the nominations was unnecessary. Bear in mind, the candidates were on hand and prepared to discuss the issues but the audience was lacking to hear them . . . Quite a contrast to those nomination meetings that were regarded as the highlight of the campaign and usually packed the town hall in Milton . . . Attendance at meetings of candidates has been very poor unless some form of entertainment is offered and the speeches are kept to a minimum . . . This sort of thing isn't only in evidence in this election but has been seen in these parts for the past few years. The public is certainly more interested in a dance and a free lunch than they are in hearing about the affairs of their province, or Dominion for that matter . . . But taxes are certainly a lively topic which doesn't seem listed on any of the platforms. Perhaps that's the reason for keener interest in municipal affairs . . . One cannot help wondering how a platform would be received if it were based on less free public service and reduction of taxes. A plan that gave the worker his money earned without deductions and let him supply his own needs. But perhaps we are already too involved to regain our independence . . . Whatever you think be sure and vote next week and may the best men be chosen for the positions of public trust.

Those Turkey Suppers

The annual fowl suppers have been getting good crowds and proving very popular events throughout the town and district. They undoubtedly offer the biggest food value to be produced these days.

Humanity always appears at its best at a fowl supper. Ask the average person to sit patiently and twiddle his thumbs for half an hour or so on any other occasion and there would be a cickens of a fuss, but a fowl supper! Well, that's a different thing. Dozens of people sit docile, even amiably, awaiting the second or third table with no visible signs of impatience, and then when they do arrive at the table they eat their meal happily, but quickly, to make room for the next battalion of hungry guests.

The meals, of course, are a subject in themselves. Turkey is the favourite of late years, brown, well-done, and accompanied by fluffy dressing. Mashed potatoes, turnips and peas, salads and jellies are a must and what a colorful variety from which to choose. Then the platter of turkey is passed once more, symbolic of country hospitality. It isn't essential that one have a second helping but it's pretty hard to resist. If you have any room left, you go on to pie, any variety you care to name, hot tea or coffee and sometimes an apple to eat in the car on the way home.

It is a terrific job for the women who are augmenting the funds of their society in this manner and for the husbands who are occasionally pressed into service, but for their consolation, it is very doubtful if there is any nicer, more satisfying custom than the annual fowl supper.

Are You Interested?

We people on the North American continent think we are pretty good. Our standard of living is high but so is the cost of living. We claim to be the upholders of Democracy though many of us don't quite understand its true meaning. We all claim to be Christians.

Unfortunately our example isn't the best. The Democracy we uphold by all getting out and voting on election day is something many don't understand and consequently many don't bother to vote on election day. It may be raining, the snow may be deep, there is too much work to do. Men fought for the privilege of voting and women screamed until they were granted equal franchise. Now a 50 per cent. registration for voting is good.

North Americans went over to Korea to show them our wonderful way of life and our wonderful support of Democracy. But, back in 1948, 90 per cent. of the South Koreans registered to vote.

More downfalls of ways of life have been brought about from within a nation or empire than from without. One of the most recent examples was the downfall of France in the last world war.

Stalin and his "Reds" are apparently the next

outward threat but a still larger threat is the inward complacency of the people that inhabit the democratic countries. They seem numb to all the writtings and talkings of the newspaper, magazine and radio.

In cities close to this town known Communists can run in an election and poll a large share of votes. France fell quickly in the last war and one of the reasons was the pre-war public apathy that voted into office the undermining leaders.

On election day next Thursday, Nov. 22 get out and vote for the official you think best able to serve, and follow his actions for the rest of the term to evaluate his ability.

Knowing Ourselves

Canadians know more about the United States than Americans do about Canada, reports the Canada-U.S. Committee on Education, but the ignorance on both sides is appalling.

In recent surveys Canadian students, including those attending university, were found to have only the sketchiest knowledge of U.S. history and geography. On the other side of the border more than half those queried could not name the capital of Canada, nor any prominent Canadian since the days of Wolfe and Montcalm. A few thought that Mackenzie King was a hockey player.

This state of affairs, observes The Financial Post, raises interesting questions about the educational facilities offered in Canada and the United States. Certainly our mutual ignorance of each other's country is a constant source of irritation to citizens on both sides of the border and it could become dangerous too.

When they go abroad, Canadians and Americans never tire boasting to less fortunate peoples about how well we know each other and get along on this enlightened continent. When compared with others, it is true, our record has been good. But decidedly there is room for improvement. And the place for that improvement, as this international committee suggests, is in our schools and our press.

Editorial Notes

The only difference (well, almost) between New York and our own hometown is that we don't get a crick in our neck looking at the tall buildings.

Even life-long Liberals will be glad to be greeted on the front page of the Star by the picture of someone other than the Liberal leader in Ontario.

According to an editorial in a neighbouring exchange, Ontario's population, now 4,512,000, will reach 5,000 by 1961. This atom bomb power has certainly been taken seriously in that office.

Two opportunities for citizenship within the next few weeks—a vote on Provincial affairs next Thursday and a voice in municipal government the next week. Don't leave it for some other Joe, but look after the job yourself.

Two sets of brains reduced the accident hazard in the good old traffic days, points out the Montreal Gazette. "The low rate wasn't only the result of low speeds. Two sets of brains were in charge of every vehicle. If the driver didn't have sense, the horse did."

The consumption of intoxicating spirits has doubled in Canada since pre-war days, states the Fort Erie Letter-Review. Beer consumption has tripled. Statistics show that the rising cost of living has had no effect on beer consumption, which has shown a substantial increase since 1944. Whatever Canadians may be going without, they are not going without their liquor.

One of the big troubles with governments, comments the Swift Current Sun editorially, is that they think they can run your business, and in fact your life, more efficiently than you can yourself. Governments have not the Divine Right to regulate our lives and business, and if the people didn't get up on their hind legs and protest, men in government would eventually want to regulate the way we brush our teeth."

The Midland Free Press resents the recent blowoffs on newspapers at Canadian labor conventions, challenges them to do as newspapers do . . . "Instead of having compulsory check-offs made by the employers on your behalf under a year long contract, why not sell your union activities and your union leadership voluntarily with no strings attached, like the editors and publishers sell their newspapers?"

VOTE AS YOU LIKE, BUT VOTE NOV. 22



"All free governments, whatever their name, are in reality governments by public opinion; and it is on the quality of this public opinion that their prosperity depends."
—J. R. Lowell



THE GOOD OLD DAYS
MAY HAVE SEEMED
BETTER

BACK IN 1901

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 14, 1901

Hesperer has passed a by-law to prohibit expectorating on the sidewalks or other specified places. Acton should follow Hesperer's example in this respect with slight modification perhaps, but should add a request that all ladies discard the trailing skirts which sweep up so many abominations and disease-producing germs.

Another distressing threshing accident occurred at the farm of Mr. D. Cook, Ballinacree, last Thursday forenoon. John Kentner, thresher was working about the cylinders as the machine was in motion when his sleeve caught in one of the wheels. Although for a time it was feared the poor fellow would bleed to death, fortunately the flow of blood was stopped and Dr. Bradley dressed the painful wound which required seven or eight stitches.

Particulars of a unique Halloween approached Mrs. David McKewen Sr., who is at present residing with her daughter, Mrs. John Stephenson, Main St., determined to give her grandchildren a Halloween treat. Invitations were sent out and when the evening arrived every one of her 30 grandchildren was present.

Mr. C. Totton, who has been ticket agent at the Acton station in the past year, has been moved to the agency at Danfield, near London. Mr. D. McBride of Brampton has been appointed to the vacancy.

Death ended the sufferings of Mr. Robert Swackhammer last Friday. It was hoped for some time he would recover from his terrible injuries but the shock was more than the constitution could stand. The funeral from his father's home lot 18, concession 4, Esquesing was perhaps the largest that ever came to Churchill cemetery. Over 100 conveyances gathered at the residence and by the time the Acton crossroad was reached fifty or sixty more were added.

DISABLED EARNING LIVING

More than 800,000 disabled men and women are earning their living in Britain today, in normal occupations. They owe their independence and self-respect to Britain's rehabilitation and resettlement program, one of the nation's most remarkable postwar achievements.

BACK IN 1931

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 12, 1931

The first snow fall of 1931 can be recorded in the district as November 5th.

The hockey boys have started in-to training exercises, preparatory for the coming season. Trainer Ecleshall is putting the boys through their paces.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill, of Munroe, Mich. made a brief call on Acton friends Tuesday.

At a get-together meeting of the men teachers of Halton County at the home of J. A. Lockhart, Burlington, a Local Council of Men's Federation was formed.

Another important change in business was made this week. Mr. E. E. Barr of Wingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barr, of Acton has purchased the business of the Superior Store. The store has been closed this week for extensive changes. Friends in the home town will be glad to welcome Mr. Barr back. Mrs. Barr and son will join him in Acton soon.

The thirteenth Memorial Service on Remembrance Day was largely attended. The town hall was packed to its capacity. The address was delivered by Rev. P. A. Sawyer, L.Th.

MARRIED—At the United Church Parsonage, Stoney Creek, on Saturday, October 31, 1931, by the Rev. Henry Cotton, Margaret Ella Snyder, to Hubert Allan Comfort of St. Ann's Ontario.

DIED

HOLMES—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Tuesday, November 10, 1931 Emma Leona Holmes beloved daughter of H. S. Holmes, Acton.

RATIONING ON WAY?

Direct government rationing on things like refrigerators, cars, radios, etc. is threatened for 1952, reports The Financial Post. The reason is shortages, forecast by U.S. authorities, in steel, copper and aluminum.

Canadian officials remained sceptical of the dire but official U.S. warnings which have been sent several times.

Now, Canada has a flexible, almost informal, method of putting scarce raw materials where they are needed most.

But if American warnings prove correct, we will be forced into a system whereby the Government will be making decisions as to how many cars, refrigerators, radios etc. would be produced.

AT THE Churches

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Miss O. M. Leonard, A.T.C.M., Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951
10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. Subject: Life's Basic Questions.
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship. More of the old hymns. Kadosh—Rockwood the Beautiful.

Thought for the Week
"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not."
(Emerson)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Lawton, B.A.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951
Trinity XXVI
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginner's Class.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
A Welcome Awaits You

Presbyterian Church of Canada
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Rev. Walter McCleary, D.D.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Auxiliary Service. Rev. G. L. Royal, B.A., guest speaker.
Visitors are welcome

Baptist Church
ACTON
Mr. D. W. Hunter, Student Pastor.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—The Faith that Counts as Righteousness.
7:00 p.m.—The Man who Wrestles with God.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Friday—4 p.m. Mission Band; 8 p.m. N.Y.P.U. cancelled this week.
Tuesday, November 20, 8 p.m.—Mission Circle, Mrs. Coulson. Welcome to All

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Westbound
10:17 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:23 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kitchener only)
Daily except Sunday and holidays
Saturday, Sunday and holidays

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Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sundays 9:54 a.m., 7:10 p.m.; Sunday only 8:10 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 2:04 a.m. Sunday and Monday only, 12:38 a.m. daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m. Flag Stop, 7:44 p.m. Daily except Sat and Sun, 6:10 p.m.; Saturday only 2:36 p.m.; Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (flag-stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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