

EDITORIAL

It's Your Turn

Every Canadian has had during the past few weeks platforms, promises and performance of all parties put before them from newspapers, public platforms and by radio. The Canadian election has been a major subject of discussion for the past few weeks. Candidates, leaders and cabinet ministers have met many of the electors and many young Canadians who a few years hence will be the electors. This week will see the close of the campaign.

It is your turn to take your part on Monday. Whatever your choice it is a duty for everyone who has the privilege of living in a free democracy to get out and make that decision that is yours and yours alone. If you cannot make up your own mind, there are always plenty who will supply an argument in favor of their choice. We could offer guidance ourselves to those who might be doubtful but we believe every Canadian over 21 years of age is quite capable of making his or her own decision.

The important citizenship duty of every Canadian is to vote on Monday. Do not let it be said that the government to be elected was chosen on a minority vote. Do not let holidays or other matters interfere with your going to the polling booths on Monday. It takes little time. The polling places are open sufficiently long for all to be served. You will not have another similar opportunity for four or five years and the government which the majority select on Monday will be the one which will make the laws and regulations under which you will live for some time.

The choice is for not only the government that will be in office but also the individual who will make the best representative for Halton in that government which will take office. You have three choices for candidates in Halton. Make your own selection. But whatever you do be sure to vote on Monday. In Canada your ballot is your own secret—a privilege which many people in other parts of the world do not enjoy.

A pre-holiday news item in a neighboring daily informed its readers that "Mondays' garbage would be collected on Saturday previous to the holiday." Truly worthy of being called news.

Who Is To Blame?

We picked up the item which follows from the Fort Erie Times-Review. It is not necessary to make any comment but it would be well if all parents read it and made a self analysis.

"Three youths were recently given suspended sentences in court here following the theft of a car. They were from families in Toronto. None of the parents appeared when the case first came up before Magistrate Johnstone Roberts and when the accused were asked where their parents were, it was learned they had very little association with their homes and one youth did not know where his parents were at the time.

"Another explained that his father and mother were about to leave on an extended trip to Europe and did not have time to come to Fort Erie.

"Always showing a keen interest in young people, the magistrate remanded the case and requested the parents be contacted. Only one couple appeared for the trial upon police request. The court was appalled at the parental neglect in letting juveniles go uncontrolled with no home life encouraged.

"The magistrate said the parents were as much to blame in this instance as the children, and following a serious talk with the lads, he gave them a chance to prove their being able to behave themselves. One youth will report every three months for a year and appear once before the magistrate personally during the course of a year."

Better Every Day

Some times in our desire for greater things in the future we overlook the things that are happening today. We all want lower taxes but we heard little comment on the tax reduction which affected every pay envelope on and after July 1. Last week a small notice appeared in all the newspapers stating that effective August 1st, benefits will be paid for days of illness, injury or quaran-

line, under the unemployment insurance commission.

We who have lived over the last 50 years are perhaps more likely to notice these constant changes and benefits that Canadians enjoy today. Many of us in this age group were raised and raised families without the benefit of children allowances, mother's pensions, compensation benefits and such like. None would want to revert to those days and the over 50 group will recall the struggles that many mothers made to keep families together and provide food, shelter and clothing when fathers had passed on.

Great strides have been made in the Canadian home life in the past 50 years. The years ahead will see more advancement as we are able to meet it. Matter of fact that over 50 year old group now anticipates the benefits that will be theirs when they reach the three score and ten and are not able to continue to earn a livelihood.

These are indeed great years to be living in this Canada of ours. Every day sees improvement in our living conditions.

The holiday season is nearing an end and most folks have had fine holiday weather the past month or so.

Beating the Indians

Last week-end a riot that police had to quell with tear gas occurred at Prince Rupert. It started after the beverage rooms closed. In nearly every city from Vancouver to Halifax police report disturbances regularly and it is not surprising that most of them occur around the beverage rooms. It is not surprising either how many of our so-called accidents on our highways are caused after folks have taken too much intoxicating liquor.

The Indians called it fire water and the white man in his jurisdiction over the Indians was smart enough to make laws that intoxicating beverages were not to be sold to Indians. The red men got out of hand and caused damage to the white man's property. They staged riots and became the tools of leaders who wanted to have control over them.

Trouble seems to be that the white men aren't smart enough to keep intoxicating beverages away from themselves. Of course, they have the same effect on white men as on red men. Many a group of pale faces has been led astray when they were loaded with fire water. The Indians couldn't make bigger fools of themselves when loaded with liquor than many of our citizens are doing today. But so often we put profit and money accumulation above the things which do harm to our fellowmen. Seems as if it won't be settled until everybody goes on the "Indian List."

Our Changing Fuels

As a source of fuel, coal has yielded first place to oil in the United States. For 50 years other energy producers have been nibbling away at what once was virtually the sole source of commercial power.

Last year, notes The Financial Post, 39.4 per cent. of the power generated in the U.S. came from oil, only 34 per cent. from coal. And that lead for the rival fuel, it is generally expected, will tend to increase in the immediate future.

What is true of the United States will certainly be true of Canada. Here, too, coal is losing out to oil, and especially with the two principal users, the railway locomotive and the home furnace.

For years the cost of mining coal has been rising because mining wages have been rising.

If coal is to continue as a major source of fuel and the coal mines a major source of employment, then real costs of production must be brought down to a point where coal can compete with other fuels. That's the fundamental problem.

Many of us can recall when grandpa worried about depletion of the woodlot and good hard wood was the principal source of fuel for heating our home. Many of us recall the first coal stoves and the advantages they had in keeping a fire on all night and making it possible to put a foot on the floor without a stocking on it. It was coal's advantages and very reasonable price of \$5 or \$6 a ton which established it as fuel for homes. Now oil seems likely to be its successor for more convenience and lower heating costs.

Reading Between The Lines

BRIBERY CAUSES BY-ELECTION IN 1892 ONE CANDIDATE TALKED 'UNTIL DARK'

by Jim Dilla

I realized that elections had changed somewhat over the last years according to reports from those who have seen more elections than I have, but while searching for some other information in the files of 1892 a definite example came to light.

Evidently at the general elections on the previous March 5th, 1892, David Henderson was elected with a majority of about 120 over his opponent John Waidie. The election was protested and at the trial on the 5th of November was voided for bribery by an agent and a new election was the result.

The files report extensively on the meetings and in part, reporting on the Liberal Conservative nomination meeting tell us, "Mr. Henderson on coming forward to accept with loud applause, and he at once began an address on the public questions of the day, and in an exhaustive speech of one and a half hours duration, held the close attention of his audience as he clearly unfolded the policy . . . He dealt at great length with the protective policy of the Government and particularly with the sugar duties, blinder-twine question, hogs, horses and barley as they were affected by the policy of the Government . . ."

Two candidates were in the running—one David Henderson, the Conservative candidate and J. D. McGregor, the nominee of the Patrons of Industry . . . will contrast reputation, ability and supporters during the coming week and measure contestants at the close of the polls next Thursday evening," the file reports.

One of the candidates on the platform is recorded.

"It was late when Candidate McGregor arrived . . . After a few introductory remarks he called for the opposition, if any, to take the platform. Mr. Henderson went forward amid applause. A somewhat stormy time ensued in arranging the time he should occupy. The Patrons and their friends desired to limit him to half an hour. Mr. Henderson appealed to the audience stating that he had come all the way to Oakville to attend the meeting and wanted an hour and a quarter at least. He was granted an hour and the meeting proceeded."

"Time was called and Mr. Henderson concluded . . . he commenced his address by referring to the fact that Mr. Henderson had been twice unseated; has supported corruption in the past and would do so again. He gave the planks of the P. of I. platform as loyalty to the mother country, rigid economy in every department, abolition of the Senate . . ."

According to the early reports this was the first time in Halton that the Reform party had no candidate in the field. The nomination meeting typifies the early adventures of political gathering.

"The hall was densely crowded by people from all parts of the county and many could not gain admittance . . . The two Patrons of Industry wanted a time limit fixed for the speakers, but to this Mr. Henderson would not agree . . ."

"After speaking for about two hours it became apparent that he (McGregor) was determined to take advantage of Mr. Henderson's arrangement and speak all afternoon, there being no time limit. The audience showed signs of uneasiness as well as the speak-

ers who were to follow. Finally the chairman was appealed to and after a wordy contest of several minutes the speaker concluded his address. Mr. Henderson then came forward and spoke until dark, giving the electors an able and exhaustive address. The third speaker was never heard."

A week later the Free Press reported that "The by-election in this County last Thursday resulted in a great victory for Mr. Henderson who has now been returned to the House of Commons the third time within four years."

Can Shorten Life With Over-Eating

Over two million Canadians are reducing their life expectancy by over-eating and overweight persons are currently our primary public health problem, states the Reader's Digest.

"That overweight is a major factor in many of the diseases that cause death after 45 is shown conclusively by life-insurance statistics. Heart disease, whatever its specific cause, is always aggravated by obesity. A recent study of the health of Army officers revealed a greater incidence of high blood pressure among overweight individuals."

Contrary to popular belief, overweight afflicts all economic groups about equally, not primarily those of high income. Physical examinations of 5,000 employees of an industrial firm disclosed that overweight among executives and non-executives was about the same—one out of four. To-day, because of generally improved living standards, the workman is as likely to "dig his grave with his teeth" as the executive.

The great majority of overweight persons acquire their excess poundage simply by overeating. On proper diets such individuals can bring their weight back to normal and maintain it so.

The article warns, however, that "no easy way to reduce is safe; no safe way to reduce is easy." Diets should never omit essential food elements or decrease calories to the point where weight loss is too rapid. Special cooking is not needed. Unbalanced diets recommended by food fadists lack nutritional essentials and may seriously impair health. Drugs, too, should be avoided.

Consult your doctor on any weight-reducing plan, the article counsels. Only a physician has the knowledge and skill to evaluate both the physical and emotional status of the individual, as well as his degree of overweight.

Seek Opportunity Not Job Security

"To-day's college graduate does not give two hoots about security. He hardly ever asks about pension plans when he looks for a job. 'The opportunity here after' says a university placement officer.

An industry representative who interviewed 1,500 applicants this year, said "only about five were really concerned over pension plans and holidays instead of the kind of job they could do."

Another told the Financial Post that an average of one student in 15 seemed to rate security more important than opportunity. But he felt some of this is because pension plans are now taken for granted and the student looking for a job never questions their existence.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 6, 1903

The congregation of the Knox church gathered on Thursday evening in reference to the call to be extended for a new minister. The opinion of the meeting was unanimous in favor of Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., of Stouffville, who made so favorable an impression here some weeks ago. Rev. Mr. Wilson is a married man and if he becomes pastor will bring to his work here a helpmate who is spoken of in the highest terms, a lady who takes an active interest in all church work. He also has a small family.

"From inside information it is learned that the elections will be held on October 12," says a Montreal despatch to the Mail and Empire. It is suspected that Sir Wilfred would appeal to the country immediately on his return from the coronation.

After several unsuccessful elections the conference of cardinals at Rome have elected Cardinal Sarto, successor Leo XIII. He now reigns over the Catholic world as Pius X.

Dr. John Lawson, V.S. has returned from a trip to the west. In Manitoba at the Oak Lake fair he tells of seeing the grooms and cattle attendants exceedingly well dressed in patent leather shoes, diamond studs, etc. He thinks anyone who is congenial to farming or ranching and anxious to make money can make no mistake in going west.

A very comfortable automobile of the "touring car" pattern passed through town on Monday evening. From the advertisements—5 piece parlor suite, parlor table, \$30;

bedroom suite, surface oak, springs mattress, table, chair rocker, \$25; kitchen, one table and four chairs, \$3.50.

The Pavement Co. is making good progress with the paving on Church Street. Already two blocks from Guelph to Frederick Street, are ready to receiving their coat of cement.

Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 1, 1933

Picnics in Acton Park are quite popular these days. Mrs. Margaret Stammers has sold her bungalow on Main Street to Mrs. Margaret Graham, of Copper Cliff.

On Monday evening a town Softball League was organized with teams representing Boardman Cut-Soft, Beardmore Tannery Howatson's Shoe Factory and a Town Team. Twilight games will be played two nights a week.

It was just thirty-four years ago (1899) last Saturday, July 29 that the Acton Lacrosse Club defeated the Galt team in the Royal District by a score of 6-2, and there were 1,500 spectators in Acton Park to witness that event.

Linehouse and Church Hill United Churches held a combined picnic in Acton Park and a splendid time was had. Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Stephenson were active in assisting to make the event such a fine success.

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2:08 p.m., 5:08 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:25
p.m., 9:58 p.m.

Westbound
10:27 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m.,
5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m.,
11:32 p.m., 1:12 a.m. (Sun to Kin-
chenery only.)
a - Daily except Sunday and hol-
days
b - Saturday, Sunday and hol-
days

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Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sun-
days 9:55 a.m.; 7:10 p.m.; Sunday
only, 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sun-
day Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.;
Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11
p.m.

Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Mon-
day 2:22 a.m.; Sunday and Monday
only 12:05 a.m.; 7:10 p.m.; Sunday
only, 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sat-
urday and Sunday 5:58 p.m.; Saturday
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SUNDAY AUGUST 9th, 1953

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. For character development.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Thought for the Week
This is what Christianity is for—to teach men the art of life. And its whole curriculum lies in one word, "Learn of Me."
(Anonymous)

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SUNDAY AUGUST 9th, 1953

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—United service.
Friday—B.Y.P.U. cancelled.

More than a billion new trees grew in the forests of the pulp and paper companies last year.

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9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Rev. Alex J. Calder, B.A., B.D.
7:00 p.m.—Service in St. Alban's Church
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Tenth Sunday after Trinity
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Members of the Presbyterian, United and Baptist Churches are welcomed heartily to this evening service.
"Be that followeth Me, walketh not in darkness," with the Lord. These are the words of Christ by which we are taught to imitate His life and manners, if we would be truly enlightened, and be delivered from all blindness of heart. Let us meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ.
Thomas A. Kempis
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