

Halton Federal Member Sandy Best Gives Speech in House on New Technical Schools

Halton M.P. Sandy Best gave a lengthy talk on technical school problems Wednesday afternoon of last week in the House of Commons. Mr. Best rose to speak during a general house discussion, following a speech by J. W. Pickersgill. The following is the discussion.

Mr. Best: Mr. Chairman, it was not my intention to participate in this debate, but when I entered the chamber this evening, the hon. member from Peterborough had the floor. His comments were so fantastic that they aroused my interest and I felt compelled to reply to some of the fallacious remarks that emanated from that corner of the house this evening.

I feel that the hon. member from Peterborough has put the record straight in clear and emphatic terms. The hon. gentleman delivered a hard-hitting and excellent speech.

The speech by the hon. member from Peterborough to which we have just listened was somewhat more temperate and perhaps more positive than that of his seat mate from Peterborough, whose speech was one of the most completely negative utterances I have heard in this chamber for a long time. If one sought to attempt to destroy a scheme and pour cold water on a program, one could not have succeeded to a greater extent than did the hon. member. I must say I cannot think of an educational program at any level in Canada which is as significant as this concerted attack by the government.

In my own riding of Halton in Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown, three technical wing additions to high schools have been approved for a total federal contribution of approximately \$4 million and possibly there may be further interest on the part of other communities in the riding. This is partially a sudden or crash program, but in view of the arrogance of the previous Liberal administration with its intellectual wastelands and lost time — and the hon. member for Trinity who spoke earlier — was a member of the former government — surely we have some catching up to do in this country and must get at this rather quickly.

The statistics used by the hon.

member for Port Arthur were, I thought, somewhat erroneous. I do not have all the figures with me this evening. I will accept his figure of between \$120 million to \$125 million as representing the money going into Ontario under the scheme. He used the figure \$20 million for Alberta. Calculations I made just now by asking my neighbours from that province, indicate that since Alberta has approximately only one fifth of the population of Ontario, on a per capita basis Alberta would receive very close to the contribution we are giving to Ontario. To say that nearly all the money is going into Ontario is completely inaccurate and if all the hon. member's statistics are as wrong as those presented this evening I think we can discount almost all the remaining remarks the hon. member made.

Nevertheless, it is interesting to examine the remarks made by three Ontario members, the hon. member for Trinity, the hon. member for Peterborough and the hon. member for Port Arthur. Do they really not wish Ontario to accept this money? Do they feel that the local boards of education and the provincial department of education have no knowledge of the scheme on basis on which to make decisions with respect to the program? The statements made by the three hon. gentlemen represent a significant denunciation of all our municipal boards of education and our provincial department of education — indeed of the teaching profession. I wonder whether those two hon. gentlemen who are members of the teaching profession could re-view the profession today in view of some of the comments they have made. I really doubt that they could on the basis of the comments they have made about the school system and their colleagues in the profession.

Mr. Pickersgill: I thought this was supposed to be a free country.

Mr. Best: Some interesting remarks were made at the conference on education at the recent conference in Montreal and one quotation used by the hon. member for Port Arthur referred to federal leadership and inspiration. I have heard those remarks applied to this program in my area. I have heard it said that

this is an area in which we must move with some speed. I have heard the program characterized as being one of vision. I can think of no program in any educational field — primary, secondary, technical or at the university level — introduced by any municipal, provincial or federal government that compares with the present program.

I mentioned the figures for the province of Alberta. The per-capita grants going into that province are comparable with those going to Ontario. The hon. member for Port Arthur talked about secondary schools. I happened to see the figures just here this afternoon and although I may be inaccurate here, I believe that near Edmonton there is one school which is receiving a total grant of something like \$8 million under this program. This surely is a large specialized school which will give detailed vocational and technical training in some depth.

Ontario perhaps has been able to make some use of this plan with the new Roberts streaming technique. It seems, however, that many of the objections we have heard this afternoon and evening are based on a detailed analysis of municipal and provincial responsibilities. I do not say that this matter should not be discussed to some extent in this chamber; but surely we must rely on the municipalities and on the provinces in their wisdom to work out the details of these schemes within their provincial and municipal jurisdictions. The province of Quebec in a different manner from the province of Ontario. We are not a Conservative government here at Ottawa that wishes to dictate — as I think the hon. member for Port Arthur and the hon. member for Peterborough and probably the near socialist member for Trinity would like to do — the educational programs and schemes of the provinces and municipalities. We do not intend to do that. We wish to grant under a general government and a general scheme, moneys to be used by the provinces and the municipalities according to their methods, and according to their best ways and means. This is our philosophy. If those sitting opposite disagree with it, that is their privilege. Again I think this is a complete renunciation of local responsibility. It can only mean, as the hon. member for Peel pointed out, a complete lack of confidence on the part of the N.D.P. and the Liberals in the authority, integrity and ability of the local boards of education and provincial departments of education. I have talked to guidance teachers in high schools in my riding and to provincial inspectors around Ontario and I find that there is a whole-hearted and warm acceptance of this scheme.

Some remarks were made by the hon. member for Peterborough about the retraining of vocational teachers. We know that this is going on. There are rush programs being carried out to retrain and further train our present vocational teachers in order to bring them up to higher standards for these new classes and these new courses. This is going on. Undoubtedly new teachers will have to be recruited as well. That is being done and I am sure is realized by the provinces and municipalities in question.

I am told that the hon. member for Timiskaming in speaking this afternoon was guilty of a number of inaccuracies — I observe that he is at last listening now — with regard to students being obliged to decide in grade 8 to commit their lives to one course or another. Again I believe the hon. member for Peel has set out the true scheme. There is one year after which students

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
 Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
 Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 9:45 a.m.—Church School.
 10:00 a.m.—Minister's Teenage Bible Class.
 11:00 a.m.—Divine Service. Sermon theme, "Sour Grapes" (Junior Congregation, boys and girls, 3 to 7 years, meets during sermon.)
 2:00 p.m.—Church Membership Class for Young People.
 7:00 p.m.—Youth Group meeting. Fellowship program.
 8:15 p.m.—Adult Study Group in the church parlour.
 Sunday, April 1, 11 a.m.—Spring Communion.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 9:45 a.m.—Bible School Classes for all ages.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Speaker at both services, Rev. James Wilson, Streetsville.
 Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer Meeting. "Holding Forth the Word of Life."
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 Pastor: Rev. James M. Rudd
 39 Nelson Court, Phone 853-0925.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
 Spiritual Life Crusade, Monday, March 26—Sunday, April 1 (Saturday excluded)—Week days, 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 1, 11 a.m.—7 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Alex B. Stein of Hamilton.
 All Are Welcome

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
 33 Churchill Road P.A.O.C.
 Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
 75 Cook St., Phone 853-1357.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
 Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer.
 Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
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 185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2694.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 Lent III
 8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
 9:30 a.m.—Family Eucharist and Church School.
 11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
 7:30 p.m.—Evensong.
 8:15 p.m.—Young People's Film, "The Crucible".
 Tuesday, March 27, Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.
 Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.—Mission Service, "The Rising Power of the Pope."
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 Acton, Ontario
 Minister: The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—Divine Services (A nursery is provided for infants during the 11 o'clock service.)
 The Church School
 9:30 a.m.—The Senior School for those in grade 5 and higher.
 11:00 a.m.—The Junior School for pre-schoolers to grade 4
 7:30 p.m.—Young People's meeting. All over 14 welcome.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1962
 10:00 a.m.—English service.
 2:30 p.m.—Dutch service.
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The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbons, Peter began taking figure skating lessons four years ago in Guelph under the tutelage of Ross Smith of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club and last year, paired with Carol Priano, captured the Western Ontario Novice Junior Pairs title. Peter is presently teaching at Kitchener, Elmira and Beeton and will begin his tour with Ice Capades as soon as he is finished teaching.

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Let's Play Bridge
 By Bill Coats

As every military strategist knows, the best defence is to take the offensive. This applies in bridge as well as in war. On borderline hands, it is better to bid than not bid, because it puts the opponents on the defensive and makes it harder for them to pass information at a low level.

An extreme, but very useful example of this is called pre-emptive bidding. This is an opening bid of three or more, where you actually expect to be set. You make such a bid to disrupt the opponents' line of communication and make it difficult for them to find their best contract.

South's hand in this week's example was held by Brian O'Brien a few weeks ago at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer: South.
 Neither side vulnerable.

North	South
S-9 7 6 4	S-10 6 5 4
H-A Q 8 7 3	H-K J 9 2
D-2	D-A 4
C-J 8 5	C-K Q 7 4

West
 S-Q J 10 3
 H-10 6 5 4
 D-7
 C-A 9 6 2

East
 S-A 8 2
 H-K J 9 2
 D-A 4
 C-K Q 7 4

South
 S-K 5
 H-D K Q J 10 9 8 6 5 3
 C-10 3

West
 S-10 6 5 4
 H-K J 9 2
 D-A 4
 C-K Q 7 4

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Those who take exception to low-tariffs cite dairy products, garden crops and certain manufactured items as good which require some form of protection in Canada. All other items, they believe, would have been 300 points, a small cost to stop an opponent's game.

Bridge Tip: Never preempt if a few cards in the right place from partner would produce game. In general, never make a preemptive bid with more than 10 points in high cards in your hand.

Until next week, remember that "Bridge is a partnership game."

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