

"By a Waterfall"



—Photo by Murray Taylor

Parkinson's New Law...

Professor C. Northcote Parkinson is at it again. He has invented — or discovered, or enunciated — a new law. A one-time teacher of history, Prof. Parkinson has gained his own niche in history as either an economist with impudent interpretations of economic truths.

Parkinson's first law concerned work. During the second World War, he has explained, he was a British army major assisting at a combined services headquarters in England that was so secret he never did discover what it was. "Paper flowed onto our desks," he says, "and we worked on from day to day until the day when the Air Vice-Marshal was called away to what I think one might describe as a convention of air vice-marshals. The work to be done dropped abruptly by 25 per cent. Shortly afterwards the Colonel went on leave. The work dropped to 50 per cent. After that the Wing Commander fell sick. I was in command — not the disaster you might suppose; but I noticed, then, that the work had dwindled to a point where I could deal with it in about an hour after breakfast." Out of that experience came Parkinson's Law, oddly enough first published by the London Economist. Work expands to fill the time available for its conclusion.

"That article had a certain amount of success," the Professor adds, "which encouraged me to go further into my studies in administration." The result was a law concerning money. In this second dictum the Professor had government in mind, but individual experience confirms it as a universal truth: Expenditure rises to meet income.

Now, the New York Times reports, Professor Parkinson has come out with a new law, and embroiled himself in British party politics. The Professor, apparently, has not had time to pare his precept down to a few words but the gist of it is that nationalized industries have a built-in tendency toward bankruptcy because the more an industry is identified with government the less chance it has to economize on wages and salaries. "Every man sacked is a voter," says Professor Parkinson. "Every man hired is also a voter. So that each party while in power wants to hire people. It defers the sacking as a task better done by the opposition when its turn for office comes."

Not unnaturally, the Labor Party, which promises nationalization of at least some industries, is not amused. "We don't think it's important enough to take seriously," said a Labor spokesman. "It's absolute poppycock." But is it?

Trustees' Pay...

School trustees will be allowed remuneration in 1965 based on proposed amendments to existing legislation by the Minister of Education.

In Acton the allowable maximum salaries per month would be \$30 for public school trustees and \$20 for high school trustees, based on the enrolment in the two school systems.

At the present there is no legislation permitting payment of school trustees although members of council have been permitted to pay themselves, within certain limits, for a number of years.

Permission to pay trustees is perhaps one more step in the evolution of the provincial education system. In earlier days the administration of the one-room school was not such an onerous task as to require any payment. The one-room schools have disappeared, however, and now the consolidation of schools coupled with increasing enrolments has added new significance to the role of the Board member.

It is a rare municipality that does not raise as much for education as it does for all other purposes. This in itself indicates the growing cost as well as importance of education. With this growth the Board member

has had to accept greater responsibility.

We sympathize with those who serve on school boards. The gamut of their interest must run from curriculum, and salary schedules, through, how to repair a boiler or expand a school.

The Boards are entitled to some remuneration in this age when so little is done for nothing. In the interest of economy, however, we hope the Boards will recognize that the amounts set out by the Minister in the proposed amendments are "allowable maximums." This is to say the matter of payment is still within the hands of the Board but the figures quoted are the top, not the required.

We don't think the permission for remuneration to school boards will attract any better representation, as is sometimes argued. The citizen who gives his services, purely and simply because of his interest in education or in obtaining the best possible educational facilities in his municipality, will devote himself and his time to that purpose.

There has been no rush here to secure election to public school board. It will be interesting to see if the remuneration system alters this condition.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 9, 1944.

Announcement was made by the Department of National Defence that Sgt. W. (Fred) Coles has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal and First Class. No more popular award could have been made and we join with citizens and friends in congratulations to Sgt. Coles.

He has one of the longest service records in Acton or district. Born in Bristol, England, he enlisted in 1897 with his county regiment, Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry. He served in the Boer War from 1899 to 1902. He was discharged and came to Canada in 1904. Immediately upon arriving in Acton he enlisted with the Mallon Rifles. In the First World War, he served overseas. In 1922, he was awarded a medal for Long Service with the auxiliary forces. He has completed 40 years of continuous service.

An only son, Sgt. Ernest Coles is now overseas and a younger brother, Jesse, is at home. While he cannot go active in this war, he is an untiring worker and officer of the Navy League Branch, the War Service League, Red Cross and any place where he can lend a helping hand. The Boy Scouts through the years have had much of his attention and the Legion has in him a staunch member.

Those arrived overseas this week: Clifford Sterritt, Bill Matlocks, Pte. Norman MacDonald, Sgt. Tom Watson, LAC George Hargrave.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerr celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Archie. There was a buffet supper with Rev. Foreman, toastmaster. In the evening, about 80 Churchill folk, neighbors and old friends gathered at their home. Arthur Swackhamer was chairman for a program.

A sacred concert in Rockwood town hall raised \$25 for the Red Cross Bank manager J. H. Gibb was master of ceremonies. Taking part were Mrs. J. Ayles, Miss Helen Bayne, Mrs. Fred Oakes, A. M. Titt, Mr. Titt, Mrs. D. Ward, Neal Hazen, Joyce and Nancy Walker with Dr. Waller at the piano. Keith Hamilton, Murray Thatcher, Barbara W. and Mrs. G. F. McArthur planned it.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 12, 1914.

Premier Borden has appointed a commission to investigate the prohibition of cigarettes.

An amendment has been introduced in the Ontario house which favors giving votes to married women who own or occupy any property.

Referring to a recent hockey match between seven young ladies from Acton and seven from Brimpton, the Brampton Banner reports some dissatisfaction with Ed Ryder, the fair and impartial and competent referee. Who ever knew a referee not being found fault with by the losers of a goal?

The Acton girls played with remarkable skill, considering their two hours practice. Acton goal, Miss Ruby; defence, Misses J. McDonald and V. Burt; forwards, Misses L. Mason, H. Mason, E. Cooper and M. Workman. Acton's strength lay in the two Mason sisters, who can juggle the puck much better than many boys at the game.

Major Noble and Captain Balentine announced that the 20th Regiment, Halton Rifles, will be recruited this year for camp in the old area, the county of Halton, but when arrangements are completed, the southern part of Peel county will be added to the regimental district.

Oakville proposes to appoint a foreman, duties to include sanitary plumbing, sewerage and milk inspecting, at a salary of \$15 per week.

Listed on Lorne School report: Margaret Snyder, Annie Ryder, Edna Johnston, Laura McDonald, John Watkins, Aime Ryder, Isabelle Watkins, Corinne Ryder, Donald McDougall, Effie McEachern, Hugh Brown, Wilmer Watkins, Ronald McEachern, John McDonald, Roy Johnston, Jessie Ryder, Angus McEachern, Hector McDonald, Marie Lantz, Campbell Millar, N. A. Jardine.

A number of Ballinad Young folks took in the moving talking picture show in Georgetown on Monday.

Big Scottish concert in the town hall tonight with Piper Ross of Acton.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON — Councillor Gordon Goodrow, who has held a seat as Ward One representative on council for about three months, handed in his resignation at a recent regular meeting of council. "Council has been split since its inaugural meeting and it remains the same at present," the retiring councillor suggested, "and unless members bury the hatchet and forget personalities the town will get nowhere." Mr. Goodrow is leaving because his firm has transferred him to Windsor.

GEORGETOWN — Whether Georgetown will have a reduction in taxes this year is still a question being debated by two council factions. Mayor Gibson is determined to fulfill his election pledge of lower taxes. But he is opposed by some councillors who claim a reduction now will only mean a substantial jump next year.

OAKVILLE — A delegation of Palermo School parents attended a meeting of the Oakville Board of Education, complained of conditions at the Palermo School. A spokesman for the group told Board members that the school's overcrowded and that the drinking water is poor. Trustees explained that a new well had been drilled and the drinking water would be improved but delegates remained concerned about the lack of facilities. One suggested that the board "scrap the school and build another." A trustee explained that this will be done, but not this year.

MILTON — A tragic but heart-warming story of courage has been unfolding daily for the past six weeks at Milton District Hospital, as the day-to-day progress of a tiny baby is recorded on the charts. The child was born two to three months prematurely and weighed only one pound 14 ounces when she entered the world, yet she is still alive and has a good chance to live a normal, healthy life. Hospital officials said the baby was the smallest ever born and still living in the country. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart King of Lowville.

Temporary Foster Home Care One Service Easter Seals Give

One of the many services of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children is the provision of temporary foster home care for severely handicapped children, whose mothers need some respite from their cares or because of illness or confinement cannot care for them, temporarily.

This Easter Seal Society also makes arrangements for diagnostic clinics for children living in some of the remote parts of the province may have the benefit of medical specialists' examination. The Society also will give vocational guidance to handicapped young teenagers and in many cases assist them to find suitable employment. There is a loan cupboard from which the Society makes available such equipment as wheelchairs, crutches, leg perches, stools, walkers, and other orthopaedic equipment when it is required for a period of up to six months. These are just some of the examples that show Easter Seal funds make certain that no needy crippled child in our province will go without treatment and assistance that he or she might need.

The 1964 Easter Seal campaign must raise at least \$1,000,000 in Ontario to be able to continue the services they are now providing for physically handicapped children in this province. Last year there were more than 16,000 crippled children who received direct care and treatment as a result of Easter Seal gifts.

It is reassuring and helpful to know that every Easter Seal gift will be of some help to a crippled child. In Acton the Rotary Club campaigns for donations, which will be accepted at any local bank.

W.A. Gaiher's Items For Hamilton Bale

St. Alban's W.A. members met Wednesday of last week and attended the mid-week Lenten service together. The regular meeting followed in the parish hall. President Mrs. J. Rol opened the meeting with prayer. Secretary Mrs. B. Bawlis reported that all the articles for the bale are to be in, not later than the April meeting. This bale is sent out from headquarters in Hamilton.

Prayer closed the meeting and refreshments were served.

In 1962, advertisers again spent more money in newspapers than in any other medium, and the newspaper remains overwhelmingly dominant as a local advertising medium.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SAMLEY

Caught between the Seventeenth of Ireland and the Twentieth of Spring, I was in a quandary about a topic for this week's epistle. (A quandary is a cross between an Irish bog and the first day of spring in Canada.)

Come to think of it, the two have a lot in common: the Irish and spring in this country. You never know what to expect. You may be in for a bout of weeping, a hurricane of abuse, or a blast of hot air, from either.

Perhaps it is this unpredictability that makes the company of the Irish and the coming of spring in Canada such a constant source of bewilderment, delight and despair. I speak as an expert. My wife is half Irish and I've battled my way through a good few of those Eskimo's nightmares — first day of spring — in this land.

I never know any more than the kids do, whether my wife is going to hit me or kiss me. And I never know whether the twenty-first of March is going to wrap me in a great voluptuous embrace or flay me with a

wind that would freeze the brains of a brass monkey.

There's a great deal of myth in the popular conception of those tricky twins, the Irish and spring in Canada.

Irishmen are supposed to be bubbling over with the juices of life. They are understood to be warm-hearted, charming, gay and lively. They're expected to be sentimental and eloquent, generous and devil-may-care. And many of them are.

But don't blame me if the first Irishman you meet after reading this is a lugubrious, long-faced, mournful, money-grubbing, pleasure-shunning, nit-picking, self-pitying, people-hating type. Some of them are.

Same with spring in Canada. It's supposed to be a day when the blood bubbles, when the young mothers are all out with their new baby-carriages, when the sun smiles widely over the scene, when the first tiny flowers poke their dainty heads up, and the streams gurgle with rapture, and the air smells and feels and tastes like champagne. And sometimes it is.

But chances are, on the twenty-first of Spring, you'll be racked with flu, you'll have a hole in your rubbers, your eavestroughs will be pendulous with ice, your

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

To "force" declarer means to make declarer trump with his long trump suit before the side suits are set up. The best time to try and force declarer is when the trump have not split too well, this is when one defender has long trumps, too. Many bridge players do not like to make declarer ruff, but many times, the forcing game is the only way to see declarer.

Here is a hand where forcing declarer leads to defeat of the contract.

Dealer — North
Neither side vulnerable

North
S-K Q 7
H-A J 10
D-A 10 6
C-K J 9

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

The bidding:
North 1NT East 2H West 4H
All pass

South's bid of two hearts shows a hand unsuited for no trump. It also shows less than eight points in high cards. North with good trump support and a maximum, goes to four hearts.

West hopes that his singleton heart means that his partner has length in trump. He leads his longest suit in the hope that he can force declarer. Declarer wins the diamond lead with the ace and leads trump. If he takes out all of East's trump, he will have but one left himself. When spades are led, West can win with the ace and lead another diamond. This forces declarer to ruff with his last trump or give up a trick.

As long as the defense leads diamonds, declarer cannot make 10 tricks. Even if declarer leads clubs first and does finesse successfully, a diamond return then will force declarer while the spade ace is still out.

Forcing doesn't always work, but it should always be considered when the defense knows that the trump suit is going to split badly.

This week's winners: first, Mrs. J. Gibbons, Miss Elizabeth Leslie; second, Earl Emord, Mike Lorusso; third, Miss Olive Logan, Miss. Bess Hewson.

The Bible Today

Three million copies of scriptures were moved recently in London, England, into a new warehouse in another part of the city.

The demands now being made on the British and Foreign Bible Society in the packing and shipping of Scriptures in hundreds of different languages — for despatch to all parts of the world, has long overtaxed the original accommodation in Bible House, explained Sir Robert Hutchings, Chairman of General Committee of the Society.

"The size and extent of the move can be judged by the fact that nearly three million volumes in over 400 languages had to be transported," said Sir Robert. "The total weight involved was just under 1,000 tons. This is the largest stock of scriptures in the world."

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