

Maiden speech hits at CN

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cent residential. I can find no justifiable grounds to abolish railway service in this community."

"I take strong exception to the cavalier methods used by the C.N.R. prior to making formal application to the Board of Transport Commissioners. It was just over a year ago, October 13, 1967, to be exact, that Mr. R. T. Vaughan, vice-president of the Canadian National Railway wrote to Dr. Harry Harley who at that time was the Federal Member of Parliament for Halton County, advising him that the first stages of implementation of what the Railway calls the Master Agency Plan would be put into effect on 6th November of that year."

"The first stage, Mr. Vaughan pointed out, involved the taking away of certain work from the station and placing it in the hands of the Master Agency in Guelph. This included express, freight, and telegraph service. The Agent would not carry out any work as far as the public was concerned. This was to be in the nature of an experimental period which would probably last until mid-January or early February of this year."

"The Railway further stated that following this trial period the whole matter would be reviewed and looked at in the light of whether an application should be made to the Canadian Transport Commission for approval to institute the Master Agency plan in this area. Apparently the matter was reviewed by the Railway and a decision made in the light of its effect on railway operations alone. No users of the railway were asked to give any facts or express their views as to the effect of this re-arrangement of service. Quite understandably the people of Acton wanted their side of the story to be heard before the application reached the Board of Transport Commissioners and the Board agreed to hold a meeting. This meeting was held on 17th

October, 1968, in the Acton Town Hall, presided over by Mr. W. J. Rupert, District Inspector for the Railway Transport Committee and six representatives of the Canadian National Railway."

"I will not go into the details of what took place at that meeting. Sufficient for me to say that the Railway officials were grilled, admonished and lectured by the people in attendance. Mr. Rupert heard such descriptive adjectives as "shocking", "rotten" and "costly" to describe the service the railway was giving the citizens of Acton."

"Mr. Rupert stated that his report of this meeting would not be made public but would go to the Railway Transport Committee."

"I submit, Mr. Speaker, that this procedure is not democratic and I challenge the right of the Committee to keep this matter secret since it affects the future of a town and its people."

"I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that this meeting should have been held long before the phasing out process began."

"Talking to many of the people who attended this meeting, it is the unanimous opinion that the decision had been made by the CNR to go ahead with their application regardless, and in spite of what transpired at this meeting. Their decision had, in fact, been reached before they came to Acton—in other words—"The Public be damned!"

"I sincerely hope that this does not reflect the attitude of the CNR in their activities throughout Canada."

Turning to the housing problem, Whiting made a strong plea for bringing the per unit cost of housing down by a "considerable amount" by standardizing building codes and construction standards as well as the use of new building materials. "We need more houses and we need more money in order to build these houses... and we must find

new sources of money," he said.

"I submit that the first step be the establishment of a National Building Code which would be basic in a revised program of housing developments and that any expenditure of NHA funds be contingent upon the adherence to this Code," he asked.

Mr. Whiting said the National Research Council could approve new building materials so that municipal officials could avoid taking the responsibility of allowing new methods and new materials to be used.

"A comprehensive National Code would allow many companies to increase their research and construction of prefab. houses which could be sold in all provinces. It would also enable them to deal with only one source (the National Research Council) to get their new ideas and innovations approved. It would mean an immediate decrease in the cost of new houses in Canada. The adoption of the National Building Code is one positive step which would receive considerable public approval and would further emphasize the Government's sincere desire to solve the housing problem by taking positive action."

Taking Oakville as an example, the Halton M. P. said, "Consider that a detached house costs approximately \$28,500 in Oakville which is 25 miles from downtown Toronto. In order to buy one of these houses, the purchaser must have a down payment of \$10,000 and earn an income of over \$8,000 per year to qualify for an N.H.A. mortgage. However, the average family income in Oakville is \$6,235—the highest in Canada. Only 15% of Canadians make over \$8,000 per year. Simple mathematics will show us that very few people have \$10,000 cash. Financial institutions apply the rule that the applicant cannot afford more than 27% of his income for mortgage, interest, principal and taxes."

"A man earning \$5,000 a year can, therefore, afford \$110 per month towards his house payments. If he were fortunate enough to live in an area where taxes are \$300 per year, or \$25 per month, he could afford \$85 per month to pay interest and principal at 8% per cent on a 25 year mortgage of \$10,000. If he saved 10 per cent of his gross income for five years, he could have \$2,500 for a down payment and the total price he could then afford for a home would be \$12,500."

"This poses the question, Mr. Speaker, how many families earning \$5,000 can afford to save 10 per cent per year and where can you buy a house in an urban, or semi-urban, area for \$12,500?"

"A man earning \$5,000 must pay considerably more than 27 per cent of his income for shelter if he is to live by Canadian standards. He must pay a proportionately high rent for an apartment or town house or wherever they will take children, or he is driven to buying a more expensive house on a re-sale basis by taking a second mortgage with the likelihood of spending 45 or 50 per cent of his income for shelter."

"High mortgage payments and rents are a major cause of family breakdown because they take milk from the baby's mouth, shoes from his feet, deprive him of proper care and frequently the loving care of his mother

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GLORIA BROWNE led her school mates in a solemn tribute to John Bruce, who retired last week at 80 years old after 12 years crossing guard on Hwy. 7. Mr. Bruce was presented with a black leather wallet and key case, and a signed letter of thanks from the student body.

(Staff Photo)

"STAY ON TOP WITH BOOKS"

YOUNG CANADA'S BOOK WEEK

Young Canada's Book Week will be celebrated from coast to coast from November 15th to the 22nd. By setting aside this special week each year, librarians have an opportunity to inform parents and teachers of the wonderful world of books for boys and girls.

To celebrate Young Canada's Book Week, a company of talented young actors will present a performance of 'Aladdin and the Magic Lamp' in five different centres throughout the SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM. This production is a rock version of one of the most popular stories from Arabian Nights and features Aladdin as a 'hip' genie.

At the following location:
MILTON—ONTARIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (AUDITORIUM)
Ontario Street South — (Tel. No. 878-3201)
Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

NASSAGAWEYA TOWNSHIP

Nominations

For Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Three Councillors for the Municipality of Nassagaweya, and One Representative for the Halton County Board of Education from Acton and Nassagaweya for the Years 1969 and 1970

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1968

AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, BROOKVILLE

Nominations 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

In the event of a poll being demanded the balloting will be held on Monday, Dec. 2, 1968, at the following places:
Polls open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

LIST OF POLLING PLACES

For polling Subdivision No. 1 — Lots No. 1 to 10 inclusive, in Concessions 1, 2, 3. Polling Location, Residence of Beverly Ella, Campbellville, Ont. Charles King, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 2 — Lots No. 1 to 10 inclusive, in Concessions 4, 5, 6, 7. Polling Location, Residence of Robert Elliot, Campbellville, Ont. Roy Wood, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 3 — Lots 11 to 21 inclusive across the whole Township. Polling Location, Brookville Hall. T. Kennedy, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 4 — Lots 22 to 28 inclusive and Lots 30, 31, 32, Concessions 5, 6, 7 and Lots 30, 31, 32, East Half Concession 4. Polling Location, Residence of Duncan Moffat. Art Diamond, D.R.O.

For Polling Subdivision No. 5 — Lots 30, 31, 32, in Concessions 1, 2 and 3, and the West Half of Concession 4. Polling Location, Residence of Hugh MacPherson. Mrs. Helen MacPherson, D.R.O.

Nassagaweya, November 6, 1968.

J. C. McINTYRE, Clerk

The Tax Collector will be in the Township Hall one hour prior to the Hour of Nominations to issue tax certificates.

Library Report

By Mrs. Isabel Watson

"Richer Than All His Tribe" by Nicholas Monsarrat is placed on the Island of Pharamaul off the South West coast of Africa; which has been a British Protectorate for over a hundred years. In 1956 this author told in "The Tribe That Lost Its Head" the terrible story of revolt in this island. This novel now opens with celebrations of the island's Independence Day.

He is a past master at unfolding the rising of this young country and the pitfalls that come to such countries that become victims of "Too much, too soon". He gives us a masterly picture of high hope betrayed into squalid failure as has been portrayed in other countries just as it has happened here in Pharamaul.

Isaac Asimov, one of our great science fiction writers of today, has come up with his first mystery novel, "A Whiff of Death" which is a compelling mystery in its problems and reality.

Agnes Sanford's newest book "The Rising River" really follows about the same people that we met and enjoyed in "The Second Mrs. Wu". It is a missionary teacher story and in it, the author foretells the infiltration of the communistic element that has certainly happened to China. It is an interesting story, explaining many of the manners and ways of life in China.

"The Guns in Paradise" by Fred McClement is the saga of the cruiser Emden which played such a part in the naval part of World War I 1914-1918.

Eric Nicol has written "A Scar is Born". This was written after his play Like Father, Like Fun, which was so successful in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, was taken to New York. Under the title "A Minor Adjustment", it closed after only three performances. Now he writes of his misadventures on the Great White Way.

Bruce Sander's "They Caught These Killers" has twelve cases of famous murders and how these killers were caught.

In a new biography of ill-fated French Queen, Marie Antoinette, the author, Dorothy Moutton Mayer, traces her life from her early years to her untimely and tragic death at the hands of revolutionists of that terrible time.

John Selby has written an account of all the China Wars

from 1840-1900, called The Paper Dragon. It describes Britain's relations with China in the nineteenth century, the Opium Wars, Britain's acquisition of Hong Kong, the Taiping Rebellion, Lord Elgin's Mission to China, and the burning of the Summer Palace of the Manchu rulers at Peking.

For our young readers, "The Story of Man", "The Earth's Surface" and "The Sea's Inhabitants" are in that new series "Finding Out About Science."

"East Africa" by C. Kerby gives a realistic account of East Africa as it is today, including their way of living and historic background. The author was a surveyor in this area and as such travelled extensively to many out-of-the-way places.

DOLLAR DADDY

WEEKEND SPECIALS — THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY

Listerine — (Reg. \$1.29) Pkg. of 12's
Mouth Wash 93¢ **J-Cloths 57¢**

ANACIN TABLETS
(Reg. \$1.35)
NOW
99¢

BY THE CANYON
CIGARETTES
Reg. \$4.19
King Size **\$4.29**

Reg. 12 for 55¢
MODESS
SPECIAL
29¢

Savings Up to 50% on Clear-Out Merchandise

Save - Save - Save

15% OFF

All Men's and Ladies' Clothing



The Flora Shoppe

FOR QUALITY — STYLE — VALUE

sophisticated

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Kitten

IN MACHINE-WASHABLE
PURE WOOL

What could be more sophisticated than this burton-to-the-neck cardigan, with collar, mock pocket, flaps, three-quarter length sleeves and Continental band and cuffs? Its made of pure wool English botany, is machine-washable — glorious new Fall shades to choose from.

Sizes 34-42 Each \$16.00

Superbly styled skirt, elegantly tailored in pure wool worsted, woven from superfine English botany, fully-lined, dry-cleanable, dyed-to-perfectly-match all the new Kitten Fall colours.

Sizes 8-18 Each \$17.00



Kitten **BOTANY WOOL SWEATERS**

Dylanize*
FOR MACHINE WASHABILITY

DRESSMAKER PULLOVER

Really really easy-to-care-for is this raglan full-fashioned 100% superfine English Botany wool sweater... the semi-turtleneck collar adds to its charm! "Dylanize" for machine washability. Mothproofed.

Sizes 34-42

Each \$11.00

SLIMS—These are superbly tailored in pure wool worsted fabric, woven from 100% superfine English Botany and dyed-to-perfectly-match any Kitten Botany wool sweater!

Dry-cleanable.

Sizes 8-18

Each \$18.00

*T.M. Stonehouse (U.S.A.) Inc.



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IN MACHINE-WASHABLE
PURE WOOL

This casually elegant machine-washable English botany full-fashioned pullover has a V-insert mock-turtle neckline with zipper closing, long sleeves, Continental band and cuffs, and comes in exciting new colours.

Sizes 34-42 Each \$15.00

Superbly styled slims, elegantly tailored in pure wool worsted, woven from superfine English botany, dry-cleanable, dyed-to-perfectly-match all of the new Kitten Fall colours.

Sizes 8-18 Each \$18.00



PURE VIRGIN WOOL
Look for the Woolmark on the label

Slims 8-18
Sweaters 34-42

Shades Available — Skirts - Slims - Sweaters
● JUNIPER GREEN ● NORDIC GREEN
● BLOSSOM PINK ● DEEP VIOLET
● RED VELVET ● SPANISH GOLD

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