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The Editor's Corner

HALL FOR HALTON AGAIN

Winning by a slim majority against the Liberal candidate, Dr. F. M. Deans, Stan Hall was recalled for a third term as Halton's member of parliament on Monday. The election was in doubt right up to the tally of the last few polls, the Liberal candidate pressing closely all the way. A surprise in Halton, as it was in the other parts of Ontario, was the upsurge of the C.C.F. party. In Halton, the C.C.F. man polled 500 votes more than in 1945, while the Conservatives lost 900 and the Liberals held their own with a small gain of 50.

Most surprising feature of the election was the personal defeat of Premier Drew in his own Toronto-High Park riding. The C.C.F., which becomes the official opposition in the House won 11 of the 17 seats in the Toronto metropolitan area. While the government will still have an over-all majority in the new Parliament, there will be a much more effective opposition in the C.C.F. which has almost three times their numbers of last year. In a speech broadcast over the CBC Monday evening, Premier Drew warned that the Communist influence was seeping into the province and while he did not name C.C.F.ers as Communists he said they were dependent on Communists for support and were a danger to a democracy. "It may be a fortunate thing that some of these people were elected to the legislature where their statements will face the restraint of responsibility," he concluded.

THE BUILDING BY-LAW CONTROVERSY

The Battle of the Building By-Law is a main issue on the municipal politics horizon these days. Council, after passing the by-law unanimously, seemed to have individual doubts for awhile, but dissenting councillors never got to the point of tabling any motions and Cr. Goodlet ended a lengthy round-table talk at the May 31st meeting by remarking that unless a councillor was prepared to submit a motion for amendment or repeal, the issue should be closed.

An examination of the by-law itself fails to show that it is unduly restrictive. The only contentious point might be the raising of the minimum value from \$3000 to \$5000 for a house built in Ward 3 which was included because of representations made by ratepayers in that ward through one of their Council representatives, Cr. Goodlet. If the great majority of ratepayers in any area favour a certain measure and this does not unduly interfere with the rights of other citizens then we can see no harm in granting their requests.

A careful examination of the facts of the controversy downtown would indicate that Cr. Whitmee is the only Council member who stood for a correct interpretation of the by-law as it pertains to fire control in the business district. Certain clauses relating to fire-proofing new buildings were put in the by-law for a specific purpose and the fact is that a building now under construction fails to meet these requirements.

However, Council, in view of extenuating circumstances which existed, has allowed Mr. Cordaro to continue with the building and this too should be a closed issue.

It is too bad that the controversy should result in a personal feud between Mr. and Mrs. Cordaro and Cr. Whitmee. It is a councillor's duty to speak up for what he believes in and let the majority opinion rule. In this case, Cr. Whitmee stated his beliefs and a motion was passed with his the only dissenting vote. This is not an unusual procedure at all in Council, for certainly it would be inconsistent for a man to uphold one side of an argument, then vote with the opposition unless he had been convinced that he was wrong. Statements were made by Mrs. Cordaro after the motion was passed which might better have been left unsaid. Cr. Whitmee was only human in replying to these when he got a chance at the May 31st meeting. Both parties spoke in anger and we had hoped that this would be the end of the matter, but this week a letter appears in this newspaper, sent both to Council and to the press. The sentiments expressed about the building by-law are in order for it is any citizen's privilege to discuss municipal policies publicly and the columns of this paper are always open for that. Personalities are another matter and ordinarily we should not print portions of this letter, but in view of the circumstances we shall do so. In all fairness to Cr. Whitmee we will allow him the same privilege, but it is not this paper's policy to publicize private feuds and after this, the matter will be a closed issue as far as we are concerned.

A THREE-SCHOOL AREA

We are hoping to have good news to report next week about the outcome of a meeting tonight between the North Halton High School Area Board, representatives of the various municipalities which it in-

cludes, and members of the School Board and Council of Georgetown which has been a hold-out in any area plans to scrap existing schools. If a plan can be worked out whereby Milton, Acton and Georgetown will each have a high school, with one of each specializing in commercial, shop work and agriculture, then a sensible solution will be arrived at and Georgetown will have justified her stand in the matter. In the future our neighbouring towns will thank Georgetown for saving their schools and we can foresee good results to all concerned when a 3-school area takes shape. It should be clearly understood that we in Georgetown would not look on the 3-school idea as a temporary measure. If we are any judge of public opinion, the majority still oppose closing the school here. Under any circumstances, there should be no closing of any of the three schools without a vote of ratepayers in the municipality effected.

POT POURRI

Another of those weeks the Herald occasionally runs into happened last week with too much material for a 10-page paper and not enough for the 12 pages which have been more the rule than the exception lately. The several items held over are included in this edition.

The advertising benefits of the Liberal Rally last Wednesday were limited to word of mouth, as the news report of the meeting appears after the election. Like other people, the editor likes to make the most of his time and a two-hour meeting must produce some "copy" to make it worthwhile so the report appears for what it is worth.

Approval of the project is being expressed by the buying of tickets for the Lions Club lucky draw, funds from which will be used to erect a band-shell in the park, and ticket sales are brisk.

Nostalgia is the theme of most musical entertainment on the radio these days with hit songs harking back to the early '30's. The latest "Little White Lies" was one of the songs with which Rudy Vallee and his Connecticut Yankees wowed 'em in those days. The songs from "Good News" including the popular "Best Things In Life Are Free" have retained their freshness for an even longer period and they recall the stage version which was the first stage show we ever saw. Dorothy McNulty (now Penny Singleton), the radio and movies "Blondie" was one of the stars and was endorsed time and again to dance the Varsity Drag.

A reader has suggested that a committee be set up in town to organize flood-relief for the West where disastrous floods have done unprecedented damage. Nice to see the tennis court at St. George's Church in use again. The red clay makes a wonderful surface for the game. Attention has been called to the spelling of convener which up to the present has always appeared as convenor in the Herald. A search through the dictionary fails to find any justification for the "or" ending, so we shall take Mr. Webster's advice and change back to the orthodox.

NOT MUCH
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