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## The Editor's Corner

### POST ELECTION THOUGHTS

It was a surprise to winners and losers alike when the Progressive Conservatives scored such a sweep in the recent provincial elections. Premier Frost's government will have things pretty much their own way with 79 members out of a total of 90 in the new legislature. The CCF is no longer opposition party and the Liberals have taken over again, though 7 seats can hardly be looked on as opposition. Defeat of both party leaders, Walter Thomson and E. B. Jolliffe leaves the two parties even more disorganized.

It is usual for someone to be the goat, and we find public opinion about equally divided on the reasons for the Conservative sweep. In this district, CCF support has never been too strong, and so it is that most people will tell you why they think the Liberals lost, in spite of the fact that it was the CCF which had the main strength in the last parliament. As we said, opinion seems equally divided. Several blame it on Walter Thomson. They disliked his flamboyant tactics and apparent attempts at a smear campaign. Others lay the blame on the doorstep of the Toronto Daily Star, which ceased to be a newspaper for a few weeks and became merely an advertising sheet for the Liberal party. We have heard good Liberals say that they were so sickened with some of the Star propaganda that they deliberately voted for the other party, and a few who would not go that far so just didn't vote at all.

This could be the explanation in and around Toronto. Certainly it would seem that a newspaper's propaganda could be a contributing factor to Stan Hall extending his majority over Dr. Deans from 100 to 2700 in two succeeding elections.

However, it cannot explain the province-wide sweep, for there are many parts of Ontario where the Toronto Star does not circulate in any quantity.

Our view is that the Conservatives, by choice or accident, picked a happy time to further their government by appealing to the people when there were no real issues at stake and when the opposition parties, in desperation, had to create platforms which they could not whole-heartedly put across because they did not sincerely believe in them themselves. The Conservatives, meanwhile, could smugly sit back and keep repeating "Performances, not promises" while Liberals vainly knocked themselves out promising lower taxes and more public service, and while the CCF tried to disassociate themselves from both old parties, which in itself put two strikes against them.

Whatever the reasons, the fact is that in the ups and downs of politics, the dial has completely switched from the days when Mitch Hepburn and his Liberals had things their own way in Ontario. It will switch again, and five, ten or fifteen years from now, the Liberals, the CCF or some as yet unformed party will be winning an election. That's how it is in a democracy, and we wouldn't want it otherwise.

### POT POURRI

It always gives one a good feeling when money is found and returned to the owner. Last week R. E. McKay, Brampton, who is building a new house on the highway near the Limehouse road stepped from his car in town and picked up a wallet containing \$10 which had been dropped by Mr. McBride of Limehouse. Placed in the Herald window, it was soon claimed by the owner. The same day, Bill Chaplin reported finding twenty dollars in loose bills on the street. By coincidence, before he had a chance to advertise it, he found that the money had been lost by a fellow workman. Merchants are reminded that the Herald's new Christmas advertising book is jam-packed with illustrations and ideas for drawing up ads. There is no charge for use of illustrations in the book. . . Looks like a thrilling hockey season shaping up. The Raiders haven't any push-over this year. They are up against strong competition and we should see hockey at its best. . . Those who remember the excellent play produced last year by the 50-50 Club of St. John's Church enjoyed the new production by the same players. The group presented the play at Norval and at Ballinacree, too.

The Daughters of St George's had to cancel their plans to put on their plays at Limehouse and Stewarttown recently, when one of the members of the cast, Mrs. Fred Armstrong was quarantined at her home when one of her children developed scarlet fever. This is one of several we have heard of in town, and everyone is hoping that it won't become an epidemic. Others reported are in the families of the Stan Finlays, William Flemings, Jack Malcolms, and the Gordon Lanes. Doris Silk, a former Smith & Stone employee is now working at Buck's store. . . Jim Crawford has left the R. H. Thompson staff and is working in the city. His position at Thompson's has been filled by baseball coach Vern Bowman, who formerly worked with B. F. Murfin Sheet Metal.

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The town clerk informs that we were wrong in saying that there would be an election this year, whether there was a race for council or not. Council had intended to submit a question to ratepayers asking their opinion on electing school trustees by general vote rather than by the present ward system. It was later found that decision to have this vote should have been made by October 1st and as this was not done, the question could not be put to the people this year. Correcting an error in the account of the S. H. Lindsay's 60th anniversary last week, Mrs. Lindsay was born on the Cook homestead. We reported it as the Bennett homestead. Dave Cook, who now lives in town, sold the farm to the present owner, S. G. Bennett. . . Unseasonable signs this year include a pansy which Mrs. A. Lawr noticed growing in Mrs. J. N. O'Neill's garden, and a report by Agar Ostrander that he saw a goldfinch. These birds, better known as wild canaries usually leave for the south long before this.

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