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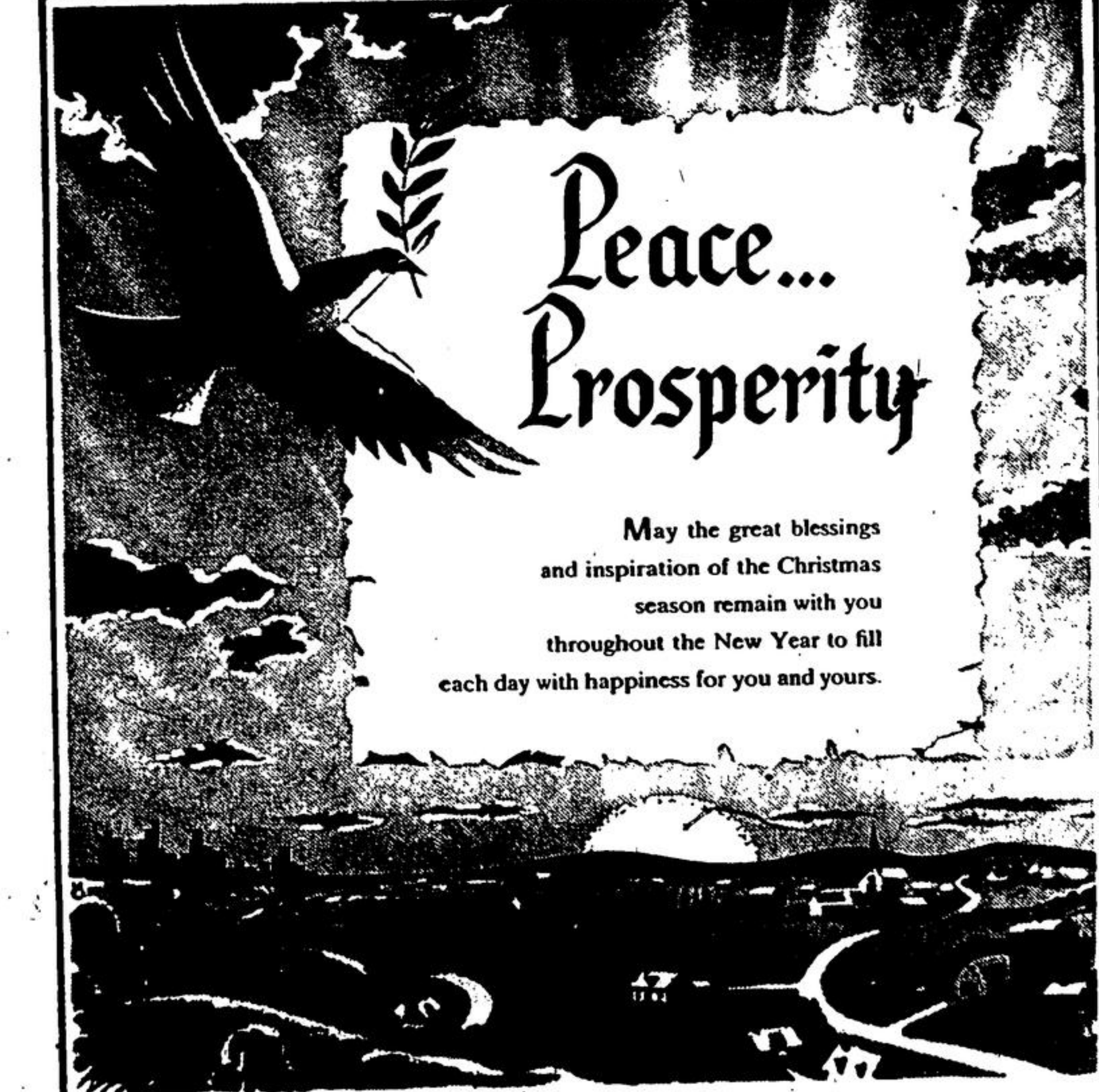
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**Pays Tribute to Sybil Bennett  
Best Makes Maiden Ottawa Speech**

Making his maiden speech in parliament on December 9, Halton MP Sandy Best spoke at some length on a motion presented by the OCF concerning Canada's 100th anniversary ten years from now.

In his speech which occupies several pages of Hansard, the official report of the Commons debates, he paid tribute to the late Sybil Bennett, his predecessor as Halton's federal member, and touched on many localized problems of the county which he represents.

Mr. Alexander Best (Halton): Mr. Speaker, in rising to take part in the debate on the resolution now before us, and to speak for the first time in the house I should like to congratulate you, rather tardily, I admit, on the high office and time honoured traditions to which you have succeeded. Through you, sir, I should like to congratulate the Speaker as well on the fine exercise of his powers, his great discretion and his very considerable humour and his wide and human tolerance in the past eight weeks. Through you, sir, I would extend to the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, the gratitude of all members of the house for the vigor and dispatch with which they carried out their duties.

I could not talk further without referring to my predecessor in this house, Marion Sybil Bennett, member for Halton from August 10, 1953, until her death on November 12 just a year ago. Many of you knew her, valued her keen ability, her warm personality and glimpsed the unsurpassable bravery with which she faced her long and terrible illness. If I can bring to you only a fraction of her insight and her dedication to the affairs of this house, I will indeed be grateful and content.

I would suggest, sir, that the resolution before us today is somewhat deceptive in its impli-

cations. I have read it, and examined it a number of times. I have listened with considerable interest to the remarks of the various members who have spoken on it this afternoon. We have just heard the hon. member from Jasper-Edson (Mr. Yuill) and before him the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Chevrier) who discussed the various St. Lawrence seaway problems of considerable interest and made a number of suggestions, largely based on fact, which I would say contained much of interest. I would add, however, and I think hon. members on the government side of the house would certainly agree, that the statement of the hon. member for Laurier, that only consideration is required for this resolution, has in it a somewhat interesting meaning.

I can quite understand the reference by the hon. member for York W. (Mr. Hamilton) to the abdication of our position of responsibility if we are prepared to accept the resolution. I feel that is just what we would be doing and I noted the rather pious references to political considerations by the hon. member for Laurier when commenting on these suggestions. I would say that the resolution expresses the sentiments of all of us but in large part sentiments, and not ideas based on hard, sound thinking and constructive practice having regard to the way the resolution is couched at the present time.

The sentiments of our party are, that we could not support the idea of a committee which would take over in a rather vast and amorphous form functions of the house, the special committees, and of the cabinet, and to deal with all the matters that came within the breadth of this omnibus resolution. It has much of interest in it, but, as the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) said in speaking of other things the other day, it would make a caricature of parliament if we were to support it at this time.

I was interested in the remarks of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) when introducing the resolution. The debt of all of us in this country to Sir John Alexander Macdonald is one that is well remembered. The hon. member mentioned that the resolution has been on the order paper for the past three or four sessions and quoted certain newspaper articles at some length. For instance, he referred to an article in the Ottawa Journal by Mr. Norman Smith in support of his contention that consideration should now be given. But I would draw to the attention of all members that Mr. Norman Smith's article had to do with a plan for Canada's birthday and concerned planning for a specific occasion, for the observation of this anniversary, and not for a vast host of projects which come rightly within the responsibility of the government, the cabinet, and parliament working each day and each year in the next ten years.

That, to my mind, is the obvious and very conclusive difference in our thinking. This great omnibus resolution has tremendous sentimental appeal, but is put in such a manner that we could not possibly agree with it. I would be quite willing to say that we should have the Queen here, which would be a wonderful thing, that we should have the Olympic games, a NATO meeting and music festivals, but these are not the things mentioned in the resolution before us at the moment. The things to which I have referred should be matters for consideration by a definitely established anniversary committee.

The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre referred to a speech by the former prime minister at Hamilton, Ontario, last March and the somewhat, shall we say, coloured words of the Toronto Daily Star. But here again we are dealing with generalities and nothing but generalities and sentiments, which are common, of course, to Canadians all across the country. Reference was made also to the words of the present Prime Minister in the blue and white election document which we have seen wa-

ved in the house from time to time. Surely all Canadians agree that Canada has a great future, but this resolution is not the proper means by which to bring it about. We have seen this fine document put out by our party on many occasions. I believe the hon. member for Westmoreland (Mr. Murphy) has read from it from time to time. In view of his dedication to the document and the useful knowledge that he must have gained from reading it, we sometimes wondered why he does not cross the floor of the house. Let us, however look at the problem in more detail.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Have you read it yourself?

Mr. Best: Oh, very much so. The eight weeks that have passed since the historic opening of parliament by Her Majesty the Queen have been most heartening and fruitful. From the wording of the resolution one would perhaps think not.

Mr. Winch: I understand now why it has taken you two months to get to your feet.

Mr. Hamilton (York West): That is uncalled for.

Mr. Best: It seems to me that in the past the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch) has said that he is a socialist and therefore, he is practical. I would say, sir, that this resolution is the greatest example of impracticality that I have seen in my short time in the house.

Mr. Winch: I hope you will be here when I speak.

An Hon. Member: Sit down.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): All that is wrong with it is that the Conservatives did not move it.

Mr. Best: Under the leadership of the prime minister and members of his cabinet, we have seen the unveiling of a program of wise and constructive policies long since due. We would hope, Mr. Speaker, that this is only a beginning, that vigorous and far-reaching projects will be planned for the future and that the heavy burdens of cabinet responsibility and administration will not paralyse initiative and vision as they have for so many years past.

Let us look at this resolution in a more specific way. The county of Halton, which I have the honour to represent, is an old and historic riding, unchanged since confederation these last ninety years. Within its boundaries, it contains almost every conceivable variety of occupation and outlook. It is, in many respects, a detailed cross-section of eastern Canada. The effects of the St. Lawrence seaway, of the automobile and aircraft industries, of agriculture, of construction, the vast problem of roads and services and above all of education, are brought together and felt more keenly, perhaps, in my riding than in most others.

For many years the population growth of our county, and my riding, for they are identical has been the largest in Ontario, closely followed by that of Peel, whose hon. member has recently led our NATO delegation to Paris. Together our ridings stretch from Toronto to Hamilton from the shores of Lake Ontario to the higher land miles of the north. Halton is the home of the giant Ford assembly plant, as well as the location of a host of smaller industries; the residence of thousands of workers commuting to the aircraft factories at Malton and the employees in the Hamilton and Toronto areas. Through our lands pass the major arteries of transportation, superhighways, and many lines of both major railway companies. The vast and rapid growth of population has brought with it numerous problems of servicing and safety. The extension of postal deliveries of level crossings are matters which demand close attention.

We may be more aware than most of the necessity for change and planning than this resolution indicates. As a matter of fact, I would feel that the greatest anniversary committee — possibly I am prejudiced in this — could be and will be, the same Conservative government that is sitting here now, giving leadership, unity, ideals and action, as it did 100 years before, in the heroic days of Macdonald and Cartier.

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