

Bourassa Called The Real Inspiration Behind Laurier

One of a series of thumbnail sketches on great Canadians prepared by Georgetown high school students as a Centennial project.

by Bill Maves

HENRI BOURASSA

Henri Bourassa was born in 1858. Of all French-Canadians who have been in Canadian politics, perhaps only Wilfrid Laurier and Maurice Duplessis has had a deeper and longer effect than Henri Bourassa.

Henri was never head of a government, nor was he a cabinet minister. Power never came to him all his life but influence he had, so much that some of his rivals, like the great John Defoe said he was the real inspiration behind Laurier.

Bourassa's career was a mixture of success and failure. At times he seemed to hold French-Canada in his hands, and other times he seemed to be neglected and forgotten. In 1896, at twenty seven, Bourassa was elected MP for the area of Labelle, under Laurier's party.

The Boer War provided him with one of the leading themes of his life. Laurier had to inspire Canadian participation in the war and Bourassa criticized Laurier for by-passing parliament. He did not oppose Canada's participation but an inclination on the part of most Canadian politicians to take sides with Great Britain without first considering world problems in a perspective.

Bourassa felt from the result that French-Canadians were becoming the losing partners in Confederation. This fact of Bourassa's soon led him to break with Laurier.

Because of his firm attitude, Bourassa was feared but never

accepted by English Canada. The French looked on him as their most authentic leader, and at the same time kept allegiance to Laurier. Bourassa was regarded by them as the most leading man of their political aspirations but for realization they preferred to give their votes to practical men whom they trusted.

As a grandson to the rebel leader Louis Papineau, Bourassa seemed to play a revolutionary role in the emancipation of French-Canadians. During his long fight with Laurier, Bourassa had defended the rights of French-Canadians because he felt the moral compact of 1867 had been broken. He was a dreamer who dreamed of a Canada that would hold two nations as different as the French and the English.

The new Quebec nationalism of the 1920's sought to achieve more for French-Canada than Bourassa had ever thought of. From 1925 onwards, he became more and more isolated in his own milieu. He was more and more regarded by young French-Canadians as a prophet who had stopped short of drawing a conclusion from his own political message.

Realizing he had his day, Bourassa retired from the editorship of his paper *Le Devoir* in 1932, but he kept his seat in parliament until 1935.

In the early 1940's Bourassa made vigorous speeches against conscription and war policies. But he was too old now so he went back into his retreat, and spent the rest of his life reading and preparing for his meeting with his Creator.

Bourassa's name will long be remembered by Canadians of all origins because he was a man

of principle. Time and again he could have found a seat in any of the leading parties but he preferred to remain isolated.

The decision of his people might not be the one Bourassa envisioned but French-Canadians will always remember him as the man who kindled in them the flame of liberty.

LIMEHOUSE

In Capital as B & P Observer

Mrs. E. Sanford is spending a week in Ottawa as an observer to the conference of Business & Professional Women.

Services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church will be held at 9:45 a.m. beginning May 14, for the summer months. Sunday School will be held at 10:45 beginning on May 21.

The W.I. met in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Wednesday last week.

We are sorry that Mrs. J. Findlay is hospitalized since last Thursday. We hope that she may feel better soon.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. Bourque and family to the village, and wish them success in their new venture, store-keeping. They have purchased the property and business owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Benton for nearly thirty-six years. They took possession on May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hachey motored to Montreal a couple of weeks ago to visit his ill mother and others.

We extend sympathy to the W. Linham family and the D. Joe family in the passing of Mr. Robert Linham, aged 87, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Swackhamer from USA, formerly BC called on Mrs. Mitchell one day last week.

We extend sympathy to Mr. A. Bourque, who flew to Montreal for the funeral of his brother-in-law the end of last week. His son, Michael accompanied him.

Judging Prizes Awarded At Halton Holstein Twilight Meet

by Geoff Taylor

The annual Twilight Meeting of the Halton Holstein Breeders Association was held at Hays' Sales Arena, Friday. Joe Snyder, field man for the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada got the meeting underway with a type demonstration, following which two classes of Holstein cows were judged. Judges for the evening included Don Brethet, Ross Segsworth, Fred Nurse, Bill Bennett and Tom McGee.

President of the Halton Holstein Breeders, Fred Bell welcomed 4-H'ers, parents and friends, and explained the purpose of the program. Professor Jim Grieve of the Animal Science Department, University of Guelph gave an illustrated talk on modern trends in dairying and a brief run-down on the livestock expansion program at the University.

Judging prizes were donated by the following: Ward Brownridge, for the ladies, won by Mrs. Bill Laidlaw, 98 points out of 100; Fred Bell for 4-H

members under sixteen, won by Murray Brownridge 98 out of 100; Don Peer for 4-H members over sixteen won by Susan Marten, 99 out of 100; A.G. Hunter for men, won by Sam Harrop, 100 points. The runners up were: Ladies, Mrs. Barbara Ford 95; Junior 4-H, Sandy Bennett, 98 and Carol Anne Laidlaw, 98; (there was a tie-breaker necessary in this class); men's Allan Brownridge; Senior 4-H, Lois Hunter and Paul Bennett.

Drainage Problem When Road Raised

Reading a copy of a motion dated August, 1965, Jim Costigan 29 Market Street said to council, Monday night, "the town engineer be authorized to check a water drainage problem at 29 Market Street, and catch basins be installed.

He claimed that the town raised the road four years ago, forcing the water onto his lawn and into his cellar. He asked the town to replace the culvert now

Mrs. Pat Kerr Speaker Jr. Farmers Service

by H. J. Stanley

Halton Junior Farmers and friends met for their Annual Church Service in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Sunday evening. Ruth Mason, the County President, was assisted by Lois Hunter, County Secretary and Joy Hayward, Provincial director. The Junior Farmer choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Winifred Newell, sang the anthems, "Let there be Peace on Earth" and "The Glory of the Lord".

Mrs. Pat Kerr Acton the President of the Junior Farmers of Ontario, spoke on "Brotherhood". "What kind of Christians are you?" she asked. "Are you the complaining, self-centred, convenience type? Let us as a group of young Canadians be an example to the rest of the world. First we must start at home forgiving and forgetting. Life is too short to be selfish and unkind. Tomorrow it may be too late. The present is yours. Do with it as you will. We

have so many talents — use them wisely."

Following the church service a Fireside was held, with numerous musical selections.

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Georgetown Bride's Pledges In Timothy Eaton East Chapel

Dr. C. Andrew Lawson was the officiating clergyman at the recent marriage of Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher G. Fisher, 66 Edward St., Georgetown and Robert James son of Sgt. and Mrs. J. Clinton Sturgeon of Orancton, N.B. The marriage was solemnized in the East Chapel of the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto.

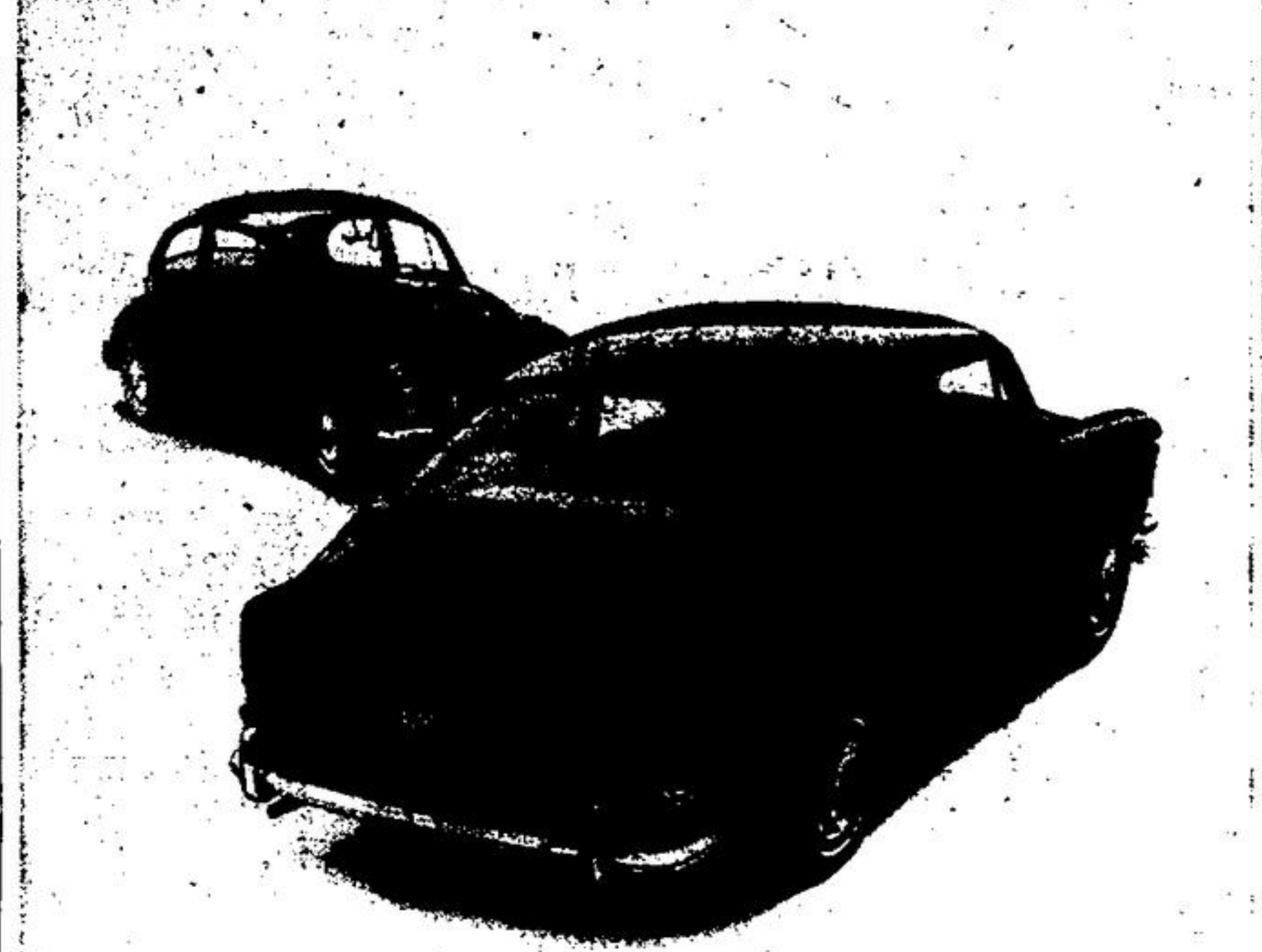
A navy blue linen suit with white under-blouse and navy and white accessories was chosen by the bride as her going away costume.

The couple left for Niagara Falls for their honeymoon prior to making their home in Toronto.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of peau-de-coule with scalloped neckline and bell sleeves; the bodice was trimmed with lace and her short veil was secured by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses and white carnations.

Maid of honour Miss Anne P. Fisher the bride's only attendant wore a full-length yellow satin gown with matching headpiece and three-quarter length gloves and she carried a nosegay of yellow and white carnations. Best man for Mr. Sturgeon was Lester Hilliard.

A reception was held for 60 guests at Frans Restaurant at St. Clair and Yonge Street in Toronto and was continued at the home of the bride in Georgetown.



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