

RIGHT or WRONG?

By R. J. Deachman

The most interesting thing from the standpoint of a man who writes is the comment he receives from the people who do the reading. I am at times astonished by the brightness of their minds, the keenness of their perception. Tafe this for instance, it came from an Alberta farmer. It's so long since I first met him that I am not now sure whether it was in McLeod or Pincher Creek. It doesn't matter they are both nice places. He didn't live there, his home was further north. He was a strong Liberal in those days, still is I imagine, but not quite satisfied with things as they are.

"The most charming thing that has happened lately" he wrote, "is Mackenzie King's call to the party to return to the principles of true liberalism. Too many men in the party seem to think that to be a Liberal means to be liberal with other people's money. That is not liberalism—it is socialism."

"As I see it, the difference between liberalism and socialism is this: Socialism aims to take care of every man from the cradle to the grave, without exposing him to the necessity of thinking for himself or planning his own life, just as we do with our cattle and our horses. Liberalism on the other hand should aim to put every man in a position where he can make his own life, carve out his own career, provide for his needs by his own efforts."

"The difference in training will show in the product. Socialism will produce a race of beings meek, docile, submissive, ready to be led to the feast or to the slaughter. Liberalism will produce a race of men who will be masters of their own fate. Which will the young men of to-day choose as his way of life?"

Does a party which once moves off the main trail ever return to it? Will it change its way even when circumstances prove it wrong? I doubt it. Vested interests grow around a mistaken policy—rarely does a party return to a platform it has left. This country will probably reach very high levels of expenditures on social services — if present trends continue. There lies our problem for the next few years. Will we try to redistribute the national income or to increase it? Will we endeavor to build up the national estate so that the capacity to produce will grow with the years?"

Recall to memory the farmers you knew in the old days before you left the farm. They were of two classes, the spenders, those who spent all they earned, sometimes more. Then there were those who, every year, invested a part of their earnings in their farms. Machinery was kept in constant repair, the wet corner was drained, obstructions to cultivation, mainly stones in my day, were removed, the gravel ridge was covered with trees, the barn was painted. These farms grew in beauty, and in value from year to year. The people had better homes because they had better farms.

I wish our governments would catch the spirit of that idea. If they ever do they will worry less about redistribution of the nations present income more about the intrinsic value of the national estate. What we are putting back may be more important than what we are taking out. When we catch that idea the national income will rise, we will have the plant and equipment, it will increase our capacity to produce. It's time to stop talking of what we take out, we should ask ourselves the question: What do we put back? I wonder if my Alberta friend will reply to this—I think he would agree with me.

TALE OF THE OLD WEST

A good story that might well have been included in Gard's notable book of the old days in Alberta. Johnny Chinook, is the one about the famous non-drinker who contested a constituency where most of the voters were hard-drinking miners. The candidate's manager was worried because he knew that if his man so much as saw a bottle he would launch into a strong denunciation of anyone who would have anything to do with such a thing. As this would surely irritate the miners and as the election was not being fought on the liquor issue, the manager decided on a bold course aimed at avoiding the subject.

Accordingly he went through the constituency, keeping a day or so ahead of his candidate, and talking to every party henchman he could find. He told the same story over and over. What he said was that the candidate was an alcoholic whom the sight of a bottle or the smell of drink would send into a three weeks' spree. The result of these advices was that the party workers managed to keep liquor out of the way of the candidate all through his campaign tour in those rough and woolly mining regions. The good man never did find occasion to denounce the evils of drink. It is well-documented history that the sympathetic miners elected him.

CHILDREN'S EARS

Experiments made in some Canadian schools have uncovered a number of unsuspected cases of defects in hearing. Medical authorities believe that corrective measures for school-age children may save many from lifelong partial deafness. Hearing aids are being used widely to give children with defective hearing a better chance in classes and in life.

Fifty Years Ago

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The National Creamery Company, which has been sending all cream bought here to Toronto has commenced to make butter in Milton.

Plums, pear and cherry trees in this neighborhood are covered with bloom, and there will be a large crop of these fruits if they escape late frosts.

All farmers between Peru and Campbellville have agreed to allow no trout fishing on their premises. If they stand by their agreement for a few years they will have good fishing where at present nothing but fingerlings are to be caught.

Last Thursday Duncan McColl died at his residence in Esquering. He had lived in the township ever since he was born there nearly 75 years ago. He left surviving a widow and four sons, Dr. H. A. McColl of Milton, Dr. C. W. McColl of Wyndotte, Mich., John and Dugal McColl of Esquering and one daughter.

MARRIED

PRIME-PRESTON — On Wednesday morning, May 5th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Esquering, by the Rev. C. T. Tough, E. A. Prime of Toronto, son of the late Rev. Frederick Prime, to Christina, eldest daughter of C. P. Preston, Esquering.

ACTON

Acton Council met as a Court of Revision on the supplemental Assessment roll for 1947 on Tuesday evening with all the Council present and Reeve McCutcheon presiding.

The session was held in the auditorium of the Town Hall and about fifty attended. Twenty-eight appeals were on the docket to be heard and the court was one of the liveliest we have ever attended.

At Acton School Board meeting, an application was received for a position on the staff of the Public School.

The secretary reported that there would likely be two vacancies on the Public School staff this year.

The Board instructed the Secretary to write the staff of the Public School offering re-engagement at increases of \$50 and \$100 each. The Secretary was to advertise for three new teachers for the Public School to fill vacancies.

The Secretary was instructed to offer re-engagement to the High School staff at increases of \$200 for the Principal and \$100 for each of the assistants on the staff.—Free Press.

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GEORGETOWN

Council accepted the tender of J. B. Mackenzie & Son to build the new Municipal Building on Main Street at a total cost of \$16,251.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Victor Diggins the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E., had an extremely successful tag dag for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind last Saturday. The sum of \$298.17 was raised through the sale of tags and private donations swelled the total money raised to \$318.17.

May 20th will be a big night in Georgetown when the Hockey Club executive will tender a banquet to the members of the Intermediate "A" hockey team — semi-finalists in the play-offs and who almost brought a championship to town this year. At a banquet in the McGibbon House, windbreakers and crests will be presented to the members of the team.—Herald.

POSTURE AT WORK

Working positions not only have important relationship to health, but have direct bearing on output. National Health officers at Ottawa emphasize that comfortable working conditions help prevent fatigue. Adjustable seats facilitate good posture and desks and work tables with tops which can be slanted, encourage keeping the head up, rather than bent over the job.

FISH STORY FROM FERNIE

May 1st opened the trout season and the modern angler will once again tell his tall stories. However, the student of fossil fishes also obtains occasional "whoppers." Recently the Geological Survey of Canada sent to Dr. L. S. Russell, of the Royal Ontario Museum of Paleontology a portion of a fossil fish that was, when complete, about 5 feet in length. This fossil was obtained from a reservoir site near Fernie, B.C., and is believed to date from the Triassic period, over 150 million years ago. The shape of the body was deeply rhombic, with large dorsal and anal fins, like the modern sea breams, and like the latter the Triassic fish fed on shellfish and other hard food. However, this fossil differs from most modern fishes in having the body covered by a system of heavy, rectangular, bony scales, fitting together like the siding of a house.

OAKVILLE

Dredging operations preliminary to the construction of Oakville's new \$150,000 pier have started.

Construction of an outdoor swimming pool for Oakville in such a location that it could form the nucleus of a community centre was favored by representatives of ten local organizations who assembled in the council chamber Friday evening to discuss the swimming pool project sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Oakville's hockey players, intermediates, juniors, juveniles, midgets and bantams were honored on Wednesday evening of last week at a banquet in St. Jude's parish hall, a banquet graced by the presence of Canada's greatest hockey player and one of the game's greatest exponents of all time, "Syl" Apps, captain of the famed Toronto Maple Leafs, winners of the Stanley Cup and the newly appointed athletic commissioner of the Province of Ontario.—Record-Star.

BURLINGTON

The fifteenth annual display of Physical Education was held yesterday afternoon (Tuesday) at the high school. Despite the inclement weather of the past few days, which prevented outdoor practices, the students made a commendable showing. In the words of the Inspecting Officer, Lieut. J. G. Hayes, it was "tops."

Dr. James Goodbrand was guest speaker at the May meeting of the Thayanenaga Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Dr. Goodbrand, who has just returned after taking a five months course in surgery at Edinburgh, spoke on conditions in Scotland. His talk included a description of the flight over, the fuel situation in Edinburgh and shopping restrictions.

As the result of a near accident last week police have issued a warning that students walking home from school on the roads must stop this practice or their names will be taken and the pupils taken into court. A motorist was obliged to turn out to miss some students and as a result collided into a bread wagon.—Gazette.

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