

Foundation of Our Free Democratic System

The main thing to keep in mind when considering the present problems of municipal government is that it was conceived as the Adm. base of our free democratic or before the 4th structure. Bringing the problems of 1950, on and after which public affairs right to the door of the common people, pioneered by the said Administration, is a new nation, introduced by the said Administrators which our forefathers at that time have not perceived, exercised and defended. Hamilton, this 21st century, is a sphere of education and citizenship in which individual aptitudes are opened the door to higher public ambitions. Service on municipal councils was considered an honor and a duty and "democracy" was held to be something more than mere phrase.

Today we find great changes and many new problems facing the present generation in the administration of municipal government. The rapid pace of industrialization and transportation; the trend to centralization; the public demand for more and more social services have all combined to throw new weights and stresses into the scale of local government. At the same time we find a tendency among the younger generation not to bypass the study of government but to shy away from public life and the responsibilities and criticisms that go with it.

Many of us are old enough to recall the earnestness with which our fathers tackled the problems of municipal government. They literally threw themselves into local election contests, accepted authority, understood criticisms and carefully nanced the public works that made the modern towns and cities live in today. They viewed with wary eye the paternalism of senior governments. They held that democracy required rigid adherence to the principle of untrammeled local autonomy.

But the fast pace of modern living has brought vast changes that many of us appear to accept with little study and with calm implicity. Municipal councils we accept and even demand more and more handouts from senior authority to finance local needs. Sidelines for education, hospitals, creation, roads and streets, fire protection, or what have you, have come the order of the day. And with all this, local public debt seems to be steadily mounting with large burden still carried by property owners.

This mounting burden of pure-municipal debt has gone along with greatly increased provincial subsidies. The old warning that doubts from outside sources imply invite increased spending seems to apply pretty well today. There is a breaking point. Here may well come a time when the source that pays the money goes along a weakening of local autonomy and a lessening of sense of individual responsibility on the level of municipal government. This is not only an accepted fact but a growing fact.

Where the authoritarian principle permitted to intrude, at that time precisely is where true democracy begins to fray and unravel. The consciousness of this trend today is brought forcibly home to the readers of weekly newspapers of today. They live and move among very people who make up the roots of prosperity of the whole. No section of the public is more concerned with preserving freedom than the weeklies. True freedom cannot have full effect without the preservation of fullest measure of local autonomy exercised on the level of municipal government.

The time is here for a broad adjustment in this country of the old scheme of responsible representative government. There is a growing trend toward a better understanding in Dominion-Provincial affairs. It would appear to the part and wisdom and statesmanship to broaden the conference on national welfare to include outstanding authorities on municipal government and build a framework along lines indicated in the Sirols report. Certainly we cannot afford much longer to continue along the casual lines that are too much in evidence all over Canada today in the realm of municipal affairs.

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Church News

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister—Rev. E. J. Phin
Mrs. Wright, A.T.C.M.—Organist
and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1950
10.00 a.m.—Senior S.S.
11.00 a.m.—Preacher: Mr. T. Dodds, Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterdown.

7.00 p.m.—Preacher: Mr. T. Dodds.
The monthly meeting of the Maple Leaf Group will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Waldie, Thursday, Feb. 2, at 3 o'clock.

A Cordial Welcome Awaits You at Knox

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister—REV. J. L. BLAIR, B.A.
Organist—Mr. Robert E. Becktel, A. T. C. M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1950
10.00 a.m.—Senior School.
11.00 a.m.—Worship Service. Theme: "Modern Gods" Junior school.

7.00 p.m.—"Interceding Prayer." Mon. Jan. 30—C.G.I.T. will meet at 7.00 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 31st—Annual Pot Luck Supper of St. Paul's Church W.A. will be held in the S.S. Room at 6.15 p.m. All the ladies of the congregation are invited.

Thurs. Feb. 2—Trail Rangers will meet at 7.00 p.m.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rector
Rev. J. Homer Ferris, B.A., L.Th.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1950
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Tuesday, Jan. 31st—2.30 p.m. Afternoon Branch W.A. 7.00 p.m. C.B.L.

Wednesday, Feb. 1st—4.15 p.m. Junior W.A. and Little Helpers 7.15 p.m. Junior Choir; 8.00 p.m. Senior Choir.

MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH

In the Farmer's Building

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1950
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School.
6.45 p.m.—The Lord's Supper for Believers.

8.00 p.m.—Evening Service. Mr. Gordon Williams, of Toronto, will bring us the evening message. Musical talent will favour us with a number of selections.

Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 8.30—Prayer and Bible study.

Thursday, February 2nd at 8.30—Women's Prayer and Bible study.

All Are Welcome

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

REV. H. WOODS, Pastor
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(Held in I.O.O.F. Hall)

Friday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Long's home.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1950
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Worship Service.

7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Tuesday, 8.30 p.m.—Young People's Service.

Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.—Women's Auxiliary at Mrs. Sherratt's home.

Everybody Welcome

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OMAGH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1950
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.

3.00 p.m.—Special gospel service. Rev. Robert Watt, dynamic preacher, Mr. Swallow, cellist and John Nicol, viola, and other musical talent will be present.

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THE LETTER BOX

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son pays two thirds of our school costs, we would be getting a \$160,000 school at an actual cost of about \$30,000 to North Nelson tax payers. To me this is good common sense. We would merely be getting back some of the money we are paying for consolidated schools in other communities. However, it is not just a case of school costs in South Nelson versus North Nelson. The rate South Nelson is growing, more schools will be needed in the near future and maintenance expenses will increase accordingly. For example, \$8,000 was spent last year to provide the children of South Nelson with bus transportation to and from their modern schools while our children still have to walk to one room fire traps. Just check the difference in enthusiasm between children in South and North Nelson as they go to school to find the real value of modern schools.

We suffer this one sided situation because our thinking has been dulled by that ever popular cry "lower the taxes." I am just as much in favor of low taxes as anyone in Nelson Township. For that matter, who isn't? But we should not let our leader's continual repetition of "lower the taxes" make us penny wise and pound foolish. For the life of me I cannot see why we should pay one third of the \$313,000 for South Nelson schools and not let South Nelson pay two thirds of our proposed \$160,000 school.

I have heard it said we must listen to the voice of the people. To me the voice is the experience of people who have had both the old and modern schools. Consolidated schools have been the trend for over 25 years and their continual growth, especially in South Nelson, shows what the voice thinks of them. I have talked to taxpayers in several communities that now have consolidated schools and in every case they thought the new schools were the best investment made.

To all those who want North Nelson to become a more enlightened community for its people in general and the children in particular, I suggest we make every effort to see justice done for North Nelson. For a start we may well ask our leaders what they are protecting us from besides a modern school. Unless we receive equal benefits with South Nelson, unity is poor protection against higher taxes.

E. H. Tilsworth,
R. R. No. 6, Milton

GOOD SEED FACTOR IN FIGHTING WEEDS

Good seed is better able to fight weeds. To be certain of obtaining good seed, buy only certified or registered seed. These grades are derived from crops inspected in the field and for which certificates are finally issued by the Plant Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Certified Seed and Registered seed are legal grades under the Seeds Act of Canada. A variety is accepted for registration only after it has been carefully compared with other varieties and found to be deserving of a place in some part of the Dominion. Registration or certification of seed implies that the crop from which it has come must have been inspected in the field and found to have the required degree of purity of variety and kind. It must also be free from weeds and seed-borne diseases within certain limits. Before seed can be sold as registered or certified, it must have been subjected to field inspection as well as a purity and germination test, and, if up to a certain specified standard it is tagged and sealed in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Seeds Act.

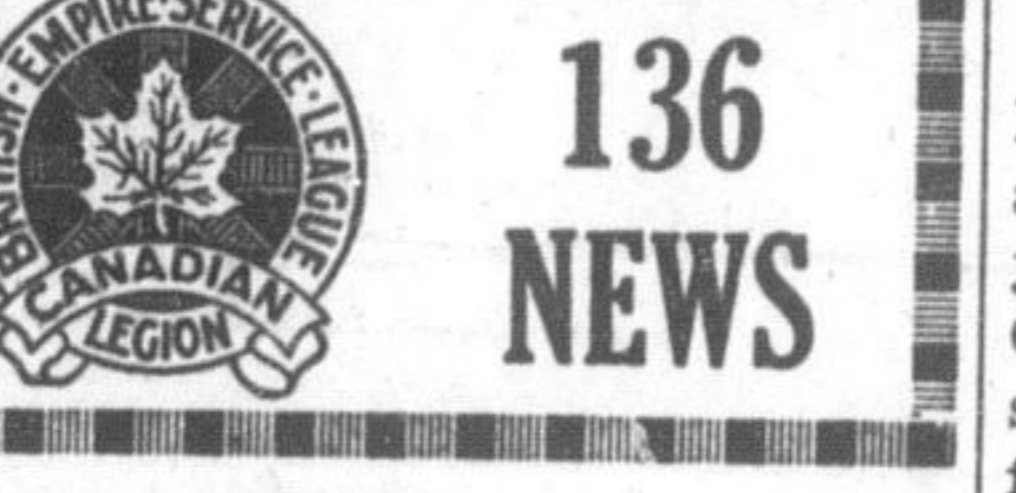
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BRANCH 136 NEWS



A large attendance of members unanimously endorsed a resolution sponsored by Comrade B. C. McNab in respect to the identification of every citizen in Canada, at the regular meeting held at Legion Hall Monday evening.

The resolution to be forwarded to the Provincial and Federal Resolutions Committee, asked that when the census was taken during '51, that a portrait and fingerprint scheme be inaugurated and placed on a registration card to be carried by every person in Canada. "We of the B.E.S.L. believe that this is essential for security reasons and the apprehension of criminals," the resolution concluded. The resolution, it was felt, was needed in Canada and would be one of the most important to be discussed at future meetings.

Comrade Pete Thomas praised members and the executive for the efficient manner with which the Branch was operated. He said past improvements had made it one of the best in the district.

The chairman of the sick committee reported five members on the sick list. He said a further report would be made after a visit to the hospital. Chairmen of other committees announced more detailed reports of interest to every member would be discussed at the next meeting.

HOLLAND TEACHES LESSON IN PRACTICAL ECONOMICS

The editorial page of the Montreal Gazette is campaigning to show the stupidity and tragedy of destroying food at any point in the world while other points are in need.

Planned destruction of surplus food gives Socialists, Marxists, and men everywhere a just cause for indicting both government and business. In answer to this problem the Gazette printed the story of a bumper crop yielding a surplus of 200,000 tons of vegetables in Holland. The Dutch Government attempted to sell this surplus to American and British authorities in Germany, but the latter had neither the funds nor the authority to buy it.

"The Dutch government," says this story, "had little to be thankful to Germany." Professor Egbert DeVries, special economic adviser to the Dutch Ministry of Overseas Affairs, had even less to be thankful for. He had, in fact, every reason for hating the Germans who had put his wife in concentration camp where she died during the German occupation.

DeVries, however, saw the impossibility of building a decent world on hatred. Through his own change of heart he was able to induce the Dutch Government to send this food as a gift to the Ruhr. And, when he found the Germans had no means of transporting it, he was able to go back and induce his cabinet to defray the transportation costs.

"The aftermath of this action," says the writer, "was an improvement in trade relations between Germany and Holland. . . . And it resulted in hundreds of Marxists re-examining their own philosophy of hatred and reaching a conclusion like that of Professor DeVries."

This action, starting from change in one man's heart, transformed economic loss into gain. Out of man-splitting self-concern and disagreement it produced a nation-uniting force. It met the tidal wave of an idea that cannot be legislated, organized or bombed out of existence, and overcame it with the power of a superior idea.

BIG FARM SPENDING

The typical Canadian farmer spent \$50 on new equipment in 1938 and last year he spent \$237 reports The Financial Post.

Partly this is due to a catching up on depression—and war-born backlog in demand—but more so to increasing mechanization.

What's taking place on Canada's farms today is one of the least-publicized indicators of Canada's development, but it's an equally significant and necessary counterpart to our recent emergence as a manufacturing power.

1950 PROSPECTS GOOD

Next year could prove another big one for Canada says The Financial Post, but there are some warning signals to watch. There will be no more special cash disbursements on account of wheat and income tax as there were in this year, exports are slipping, and there is increasing spottiness in unemployment, warns The Post. On the other hand, conditions are still prosperous in the United States and provided this continues it would have an enormous and favourable influence on conditions here.

SPLENDID WORK FOR WORTHY CAUSE BY LOCAL RESIDENT

The work of Miss Elsie Hume, R. R. No. 5, Milton for the Canadian March of Dimes was the subject of a special article by Charles Clay, one of the officials of this splendid fund. Here is an extract from this article which shows what can be accomplished for a worthy project.

Elsie Hume of R. R. 5, Milton, Ont., received a letter from our executive director, Horace Brown, as did tens of thousands of her fellow Canadians. It was a letter asking for help to organize the Canadian March of Dimes.

Thousands of Canadians responded generously, so much so that the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis (the Canadian March of Dimes), of which I have the honor to be the first president, is now a reality. But it remained for Elsie Hume to write out by hand ten copies of Horace Brown's letter and send it to organizations in her community.

The other day, the Canadian March of Dimes received a letter from Elsie Hume with which was enclosed a cheque for fifty dollars. Mrs. Hume apologized for not having sent the money sooner but it had taken so long to copy out all those letters by hand! Would the Canadian March of Dimes send her some typewritten copies so she could try to get more money?

The Canadian March of Dimes would and could.

About two weeks later came another letter to the Canadian March of Dimes from Elsie Hume. It contained a further cheque for \$93.60. This was a donation Mrs. Hume had collected from the Omagh Women's Institute, the Nassagaweya Institute and the Limehouse Women's Institute. Altogether, Mrs. Hume has sent the Canadian March of Dimes \$133.60.

And apparently she has just started.

Thoughtful Canadians will very heartily agree with James S. Duncan, head of Massey-Harris, in his contention that we need more people, argues The Financial Post. We are flirting with grave consequences so long as we remain a sparsely populated country.

Thirteen million citizens scattered along a 4,000-mile line that seldom exceeds a hundred miles in width cannot hope to hold permanently an area that in Europe or Asia would have three or four times that number.

NEED MORE PEOPLE

We have only to look our own country and the United States over to see the tremendous advantages of opening our doors wide to immigrants. These people have built new industries, new processes and new ideas to this continent. They have been among our leading inventors. They have opened new areas. They have provided us with the great bulk of our manual labor but also, if not in the first, then in the second generation, with a large proportion of our leading scientists and industrialists.

Name a score of really outstanding citizens of this continent, men or women who are world famous for their contributions to civilization, and invariably you will find many who are not more than second generation North Americans.

TOO MUCH OIL

Only a year or so ago no one was sure of getting oil enough to run a furnace. Now they are talking surplus. The new production in Western Canada has changed the picture. Says the Financial Post: "When the Edmonton-Superior pipeline was announced, many thought it was the answer. Now that the cheering has died down, a more sober appraisal of the situation has caused many to change their minds."

"In fact, there is a growing feeling that by the time oil starts flowing to Superior on its way to Eastern markets, the over-all market problem may be even more acute than it is today."

"At present time estimated efficient production of oil from existing wells in Alberta runs around 125,000 barrels daily. But only some 65,000 barrels are being sold—all in the three Prairie provinces. Daily market to be made available in Ontario areas once the pipeline is completed and sufficient storage and tankers made available also runs around 65,000 barrels. But facilities to take full advantage of this market couldn't be available before 1952 at best. In other words we have potential oil production in Alberta now for the total indicated market that won't be attainable until 1952. But what will the oil supply picture be by that time?" Hope lies in exports to the heavily populated areas in the western United States.

PARENTHOOD

A young father was telling a group of friends what a bad time he had when his baby was born. Finally, a young matron inquired: "Who had that baby, anyway?"

The young man nodded toward his wife. "She did," he answered quite seriously. "But she had an anesthetic."—The Reader's Digest.



NEW RAIL CHIEF: Donald Gordon, C.M.G., devoted his first hour in office as president of the Canadian National System to a press conference. "We are conducting a public service, and it is essential that the management should know what the public is thinking and that the public should be informed of what the railway is doing," he said. "I hope, as soon as circumstances will permit," continued Mr. Gordon, "to go over the system. I want to get to know the men and women who make it tick. The railway is faced with almost every kind of problem one can think of, but it seems to be a first-class working organization and its foundation is sound. My work with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, perforce, kept me in touch with every phase of our economy, and in that respect my duties will be similar with the transportation system. We must provide a service to every phase of Canadian industry, and make our contribution to the progress of the country."

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