

EDITORIAL

Pre Election Thoughts . . .

Perhaps some of you, like ourselves, can remember earlier elections where weeks before the election the Tories in one camp and the Grits in the other were not seen in each other's company. We don't argue it was a good thing but certainly both sides took the issues to heart which is more than can be said today . . . Evidence of the apathy was again found in the nomination meeting last week when only a handful of county citizens attended and those attending decided a public meeting following the nominations was unnecessary. Bear in mind, the candidates were on hand and prepared to discuss the issues but the audience was lacking to hear them . . . Quite a contrast to those nomination meetings that were regarded as the highlight of the campaign and usually packed the town hall in Milton . . . Attendance at meetings of candidates has been very poor unless some form of entertainment is offered and the speeches are kept to a minimum . . . This sort of thing isn't only in evidence in this election but has been seen in these parts for the past few years. The public is certainly more interested in a dance and a free lunch than they are in hearing about the affairs of their province, or Dominion for that matter . . . But taxes are certainly a lively topic which doesn't seem listed on any of the platforms. Perhaps that's the reason for keener interest in municipal affairs . . . One cannot help wondering how a platform would be received if it were based on less free public service and reduction of taxes. A plan that gave the worker his money earned without deductions and let him supply his own needs. But perhaps we are already too involved to regain our independence . . . Whatever you think be sure and vote next week and may the best men be chosen for the positions of public trust.

Those Turkey Suppers

The annual fowl suppers have been getting good crowds and proving very popular events throughout the town and district. They undoubtedly offer the biggest food value to be procured these days.

Humanity always appears at its best at a fowl supper. Ask the average person to sit patiently and twiddle his thumbs for half an hour or so on any other occasion and there would be a dickens of a fuss, but a fowl supper! Well, that's a different thing. Dozens of people sit docile, even amiably, awaiting the second or third table with no visible signs of impatience, and then when they do arrive at the table they eat their meal happily, but quickly, to make room for the next battalion of hungry guests.

The meals, of course, are a subject in themselves. Turkey is the favourite of late years, brown, well-done, and accompanied by fluffy dressing. Mashed potatoes, turnips and peas, salads and jellies are a must and what a colorful variety from which to choose. Then the platter of turkey is passed once more, symbolic of country hospitality. It isn't essential that one have a second helping but it's pretty hard to resist. If you have any room left, you go on to pie, any variety you care to name, hot tea or coffee and sometimes an apple to eat in the car on the way home.

It is a terrific job for the women who are augmenting the funds of their society in this manner and for the husbands who are occasionally pressed into service, but for their consolation, it is very doubtful if there is any nicer, more satisfying custom than the annual fowl supper.

Are You Interested?

We people on the North American continent think we are pretty good. Our standard of living is high but so is the cost of living. We claim to be the upholders of Democracy though many of us don't quite understand its true meaning. We all claim to be Christians.

Unfortunately our example isn't the best. The Democracy we uphold by all getting out and voting on election day is something many don't understand and consequently many don't bother to vote on election day. It may be raining, the snow may be deep, there is too much work to do. Men fought for the privilege of voting and women screamed until they were granted equal franchise. Now a 50 per cent. registration for voting is good.

North Americans went over to Korea to show them our wonderful way of life and our wonderful support of Democracy. But, back in 1948, 90 per cent. of the South Koreans registered to vote.

More downfalls of ways of life have been brought about from within a nation or empire than from without. One of the most recent examples was the downfall of France in the last world war.

Stalin and his "Reds" are apparently the next

outward threat but a still larger threat is the inward complacency of the people that inhabit the democratic countries. They seem numb to all the writtings and talkings of the newspaper, magazine and radio.

In cities close to this town knoll Communists can run in an election and poll a large share of votes. France fell quickly in the last war and one of the reasons was the pre-war public apathy that voted into office the undermining leaders.

On election day next Thursday, Nov. 22 get out and vote for the official you think best able to serve, and follow his actions for the rest of the term to evaluate his ability.

Knowing Ourselves

Canadians know more about the United States than Americans do about Canada, reports the Canada-U.S. Committee on Education, but the ignorance on both sides is appalling.

In recent surveys Canadian students, including those attending university, were found to have only the sketchiest knowledge of U.S. history and geography. On the other side of the border more than half those queried could not name the capital of Canada, nor any prominent Canadian since the days of Wolfe and Montcalm. A few thought that Mackenzie King was a hockey player.

This state of affairs, observes The Financial Post, raises interesting questions about the educational facilities offered in Canada and the United States. Certainly our mutual ignorance of each other's country is a constant source of irritation to citizens on both sides of the border and it could become dangerous too.

When they go abroad, Canadians and Americans never tire boasting to less fortunate peoples about how well we know each other and get along on this enlightened continent. When compared with others, it is true, our record has been good. But decidedly there is room for improvement. And the place for that improvement, as this international committee suggests, is in our schools and our press.

Editorial Notes

The only difference (well, almost) between New York and our own hometown is that we don't get a crick in our neck looking at the tall buildings.

Even life-long Liberals will be glad to be greeted on the front page of the Star by the picture of someone other than the Liberal leader in Ontario.

According to an editorial in a neighbouring exchange, Ontario's population, now 4,512,000, will reach 5,000 by 1961. This atom bomb power has certainly been taken seriously in that office.

Two opportunities for citizenship within the next few weeks—a vote on Provincial affairs next Thursday and a voice in municipal government the next week. Don't leave it for some other Joe, but look after the job yourself.

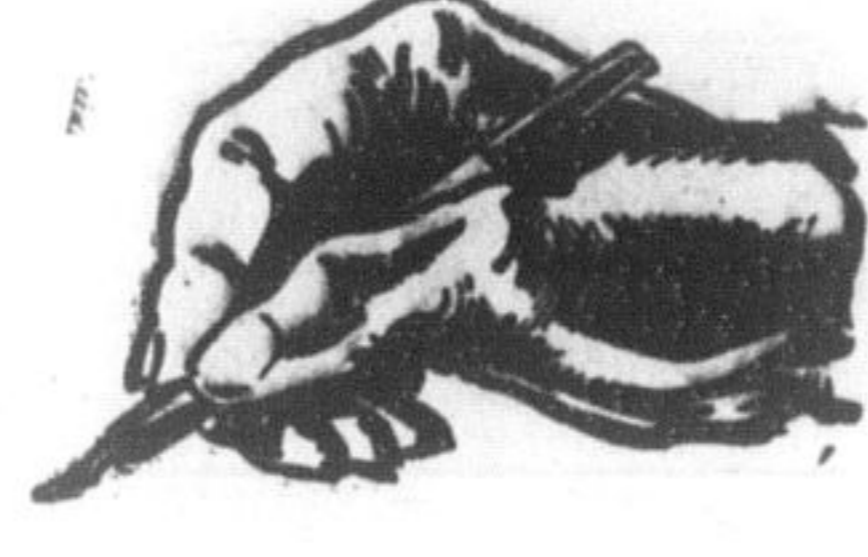
Two sets of brains reduced the accident hazard in the good old traffic days, points out the Montreal Gazette. "The low rate wasn't only the result of low speeds. Two sets of brains were in charge of every vehicle. If the driver didn't have sense, the horse did."

The consumption of intoxicating spirits has doubled in Canada since pre-war days, states the Fort Erie Letter-Review. Beer consumption has tripled. Statistics show that the rising cost of living has had no effect on beer consumption, which has shown a substantial increase since 1944. Whatever Canadians may be going without, they are not going without their liquor.

One of the big troubles with governments, comments the Swift Current Sun editorially, "is that they think they can run your business, and in fact your life, more efficiently than you can yourself. Governments have not the Divine Right to regulate our lives and business, and if the people didn't get up on their hind legs and protest, men in government would eventually want to regulate the way we brush our teeth."

The Midland Free Press resents the recent blowoffs on newspapers at Canadian labor conventions, challenges them to do as newspapers do . . . "Instead of having compulsory check-offs made by the employers on your behalf under a year long contract, why not sell your union activities and your union leadership voluntarily with no strings attached, like the editors and publishers sell their newspapers?"

VOTE AS YOU LIKE, BUT VOTE NOV. 22



"All free governments, whatever their name, are in reality governments by public opinion; and it is on the quality of this public opinion that their prosperity depends."

- J. R. Lowell



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Fifty Years Ago

From the Issue of the Canadian Champion of November 14th, 1901

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Henry Wilson, Ashgrove, when the members of the beef ring treated themselves to an oyster supper.

Ontario swept the Pan American with her fruit exhibit. One State, (New York), had a greater variety of fruit, but for a "general display of fruits of superior excellence" Ontario secured the gold medal. On individual exhibits the province carried off 20 gold medals, 32 silver medals, 38 bronze medals, and 89 honourable mentions.

Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 28th. W. F. Dewar of Toronto, an old Milton boy, joined the celebrated 48th Highlander band last week and it is with that band on their 6 month trip to the United States.

On "Thursday, three valuable colts, two belonging to J. S. Bessey and one to J. W. Bessey were killed near the fifth line N. & N.W. crossing. Five of them had got out of a field and wandered to this spot and a freight from the north cut three of them to pieces. It is said that nearly \$1000 worth of stock had been killed at this crossing during the past summer.

The corner stone of the new Anglican church at the brick works was laid, with due ceremony on Saturday, the people thus celebrating the first "King's Birthday" the present generation has seen. The little church will be known as "All Saint's" Church.

The annual Commencement exercises of Milton Public School were held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, November 12th. J. H. Peacock, Chairman of the school board presided.

**MARRIED** BARCLAY-SCOTT—At the residence of the bride's parents, lot 22, con. 3, Esquimaux, on Tuesday, 29th October, by the Rev. J. M. Hagar, M.A. David Barclay, of Guelph, to Rebecca, daughter of James Scott.

**STOREY-SNYDER**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Berlin, by the Rev. J. Von Piech Duncan Stewart Storey, barrister at law, Midland, to Otilia H. Snyder, daughter of Frederick Snyder.

During 1950 a total of \$60,000,000 was paid out by Workmen's Compensation Boards in industrial accident cases.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of the Canadian Champion of November 19, 1931

Council met Monday night. By-law 638 was read the third time and passed. This by-law was for the purpose of raising \$9,000.00 to cover the town's part of last winter's unemployment relief work.

By-laws 639 and 640 were given the first and second reading. By-law 639 is to provide for the issue of debentures for the sum of \$34,000.00 for the construction of main sewers and sewage disposal work in and for the town of Milton. By-law 640 is to provide for the issue of debentures for the sum of \$20,000. for the construction of a system of storm sewers for surface and house drainage in connection with a system of sewerage for the town.

Dr. Brooks wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" while living in Philadelphia. The organist in his church set the hymn, to music. The inspiration came to the organist the night before the hymn was to be used in a Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Chisholm have returned from their honeymoon.

Brampton is considering the advisability of diverting the course of the Etobicoke River. The cost is estimated at \$125,000.00.

For twelve years a resident of Oakville paid taxes on property that belonged to the town. And the worst of it is, the town is under no legal obligation to reimburse him. Wm. Gilbert sustained a compound fracture of the thigh when he met with a serious accident whilst towing a car for a neighbour. It is expected he will have to remain in Hamilton hospital for 4 months.

Gordon Lindsay, who has been a member of the Milton Public School teaching staff for two years has resigned, having accepted a position as teacher in Hamilton. Miss Ivy Jepsom of Milton, has been engaged as a teacher at Milton Public School, duties to commence after Christmas holidays.

Crowded off the highway at the northwestern entrance to Hamilton near the rock garden Sunday morning, a car driven by Wm. Agnew, Nelson Township, was badly damaged when it hit a hydro pole, which was smashed by the impact. Mr. Agnew's son, William, suffered minor cuts and bruises.

AT THE Churches

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible classes. 11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon. Preacher, Mr. Robert K. Welch, D.L.R., of St. Catharines.

7.00 p.m.—Choral Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, Rev. C. N. P. Blagrove, rector of Fonthill. A Rally of young people from throughout Halton Deanery is being held at Grace Church this Sunday.

Tuesday, November 20—2.30 p.m., Afternoon Branch W.A. at the home of Mrs. R. Ptolemy, Victoria St., 7 p.m., Church Boys' League; 8.15 p.m., Evening Branch W.A.

Wednesday, November 21—4 p.m., Junior W.A. Note: Little Helpers meetings have been discontinued. Thursday, November 22—7 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal; 8 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Rev. H. Woods, Pastor Order of Services (Held in I.O.O.F. Hall)

Friday, 8.30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study at Mr. Long's home. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Worship Service. 7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

Tuesday, November 20, 8 p.m.—Youth Society meeting at the home of Bessie Snow. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951 26th Sunday after Trinity 10.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon at St. John's. 11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon and Church School at St. George's.

3.00 p.m.—Sunday School in Campbellville School House. Everybody Welcome. ST. JOHN'S, NASSAGAWEYA and ST. GEORGE'S, LOWVILLE (Anglican) Rev. R. E. Porritt, Rector

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KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. E. Orsborn, Minister Mrs. G. Newell, Organist

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951 11.00 a.m.—Giving God His Freedom.

7.00 p.m.—Building for Eternity. Tuesday, November 20, 8 p.m.—Coronation Group. Hostess, Mrs. Geo. Dawson.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister—REV. J. L. BLAIR, B.A. Organist, Mr. Robert K. Carr

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951 10.00 a.m.—Senior School. 11.00 a.m.—Worship Service, Nursery Class and Junior School. 7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

Monday, November 19—8 p.m., Young People's Union; 8 p.m., Special meeting of the Official Board in the church parlour. Tuesday, November 20—The Mr. and Mrs. Club will meet at the home of John and Marjorie Purdy. Thursday, November 22—The Prayer Circle will meet at 3.15 p.m. Friday, November 23—8.45 p.m., Tyro; 7.30 p.m., Trail Rangers.

MILTON GOSPEL CHAPEL

In the Farmers' Building

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1951 10.30 a.m.—Sunday School. 6.45 p.m.—Communion of the Lord's Supper.

8.00 p.m.—Evening Service. A group of young people from Bethany Gospel Hall, Hamilton, will take charge of this service. Thursday, November 15 at 8—Women's Missionary Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Fred Robbins. Friday, November 16 at 8—Young People's at the home of Mr. J. Bristow. Tuesday, November 20 at 8.30—Prayer and Bible Study. All are Welcome

BOWES BAPTIST CHURCH

On Highway No. 25 Pastor, Robert F. Snyder

Sunday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—Gospel service in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Milton.

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