

A letter from Kelly

"Smells just like money, sonny"

Here's the final instalment from Miltonian Bill Kelly about his trip west.

Mr. Editor: Before leaving Brian McCristall for a trip up the precipitous Fraser Canyon, I'd like to tell the folk around Milton that we accompanied Brian to Port Moody and saw him turn in a spectacular performance for his baseball team called Mission Molsons, a name that seems oddly incompatible within itself!

I left Abbotsford (and the singular pronoun will indicate that I was travelling alone as Norm had to cut short his holiday for a business commitment) on a clear Tuesday morning which turned into a smoggy, hot Tuesday afternoon as I was travelling through the aforesaid Fraser Canyon.

A plaque at Hell's Gate Fishway affirms that through

some man-made arrangement in the river below, the sockeye salmon are able to get to their spawning ground in spite of the "slide rock".

The first impact of the Fraser Canyon, to this tourist at least, was one of some mild fear of its depth and of admiration for those engineers and road workers who constructed the ledgy roads around its rim. It might have been called "white knuckle canyon road" as one tends to drive with both hands on the wheel in a sweaty grasp.

Later at Cache Creek had to make a decision to turn east to Kamloops and south of point in the general direction of Omagh, or continue up to the Cariboo and Prince George — which I did. This was a fortuitous decision as the Cariboo, Quesnel (the local people say "sanal") and Williams Lake

are real wild west atmosphere with the farmers looking like real live cowboys from the TV — also the Indians, likewise.

Don't know how they'd know who was on whose side, if many rootin' tootin' TV shootin' ever broke out! Actually they all sorta look phoney but I guess that's how they actually dress, though I sure wouldn't want to try to tie my shoe with a pair of those cowboy pants on.

At Williams Lake, there is considerable logging and lumbering so, 'lowin' how this is one of my interests, I got to meet some logging people — through sheer audacity — and got a ride into the wilderness on one of those behemoth smoke-plumed logging trucks. I met Hank what's-his-name at about 7 a.m. and had a spine-crunching but very interesting ride on this \$45,000 "rig" into a logging camp and back to the mill.

Hank was a very interesting, opinionated individual; there was lots of time to establish this, as I'm sure our average speed couldn't have been more than 30 m.p.h.

As Hank shifted through the 20-odd forward gears, of his throaty 350 h.p. diesel truck, we covered many subjects including even "hippies". This subject constantly recurs in western Canada as there are so many of these soapless people here. Hank thought that if they were to receive welfare, they should be shaved and have their hair cut.

We got back to the mill in Williams Lake (one flat ton) about 1.30 p.m.

Drove through more Cariboo to Prince George. Everybody who lives in Prince George thinks it's a great place. It's actually an oasis with its big-city appearance — the Gateway of the North and all that — but it has its shady underworld, too, as it's very transient with its new prosperity. It's the end of the rainbow to many people.

All pulp towns have the same offensive "smell" — really not too pleasant to the traveller. I asked an old fellow how they put up with it and if they ever get used to it: "Smells just like money, sonny," he gasped.

"Maybe the same way we think about a good, big, rich manure pile," I reflected.

Moved on. Saw the big power dam on the Peace River — biggest in North America. Went to Dawson Creek which was hayseeded, then continued on and stayed at Grande Prairie, Alta.

At Grande Prairie, I did the usual perusal of "motel row" and picked one which just happened to be beside a gas station that just happened to burn to the ground at 3 a.m. That in itself was really a good show. The firemen seemed confused at the start as they were yelling at each other. However, I felt that they had the matter well attended when I heard one voice keep yelling "more water, you guys, over here!"

Got some good colored pictures of that. I thanked the station owner, who also owned the motel.

Went to Edmonton for a short look-see and got completely lost trying to get out of that city, then continued to Red Deer for a relative stop (called free-loading). Next morning went to Calgary for more free-loading (a "laundry" stop).

On a sparkling Sunday morning, started out for Regina presumably but kept pressing on to Winnipeg — 827 miles non-stop except for fuel and 10.30 a.m. Mass at Medicine Hat, during which the celebrant instructed the congregation on the basic responsibilities of education (on the parents).

The long homily was continuously punctuated by shrieks of soggy kids in a hot, crowded church. (The total effect of Vatican II hasn't got THAT far yet).

The man who pried my hands from the steering wheel of my exhausted car knew that I had driven from Calgary to Winnipeg.

Twas a good trip except for those trailers and campers. Bill Kelly.



AMONG THE POLITICAL HOPEFULS visiting Milton Fair on the weekend was Halton West Liberal candidate Jack Lush of Burlington, who with his wife is shown looking over an exhibit by Acton Junior Institute in the 4-H and junior farmer hall. (Staff Photo)

Harley to Halton

by harry harley m.p.

Halton's Member of Parliament has begun his regular column again, since the House has reconvened. Readers in his constituency receive regular first-hand accounts of Ottawa proceedings from Dr. Harry Harley.



The Government has survived its first vote of non-confidence in the resumed Session. It did this fairly easily, with some assistance from two Members of the Opposition (one NDP and one Social Credit) and despite the vote of one Liberal against the Government.

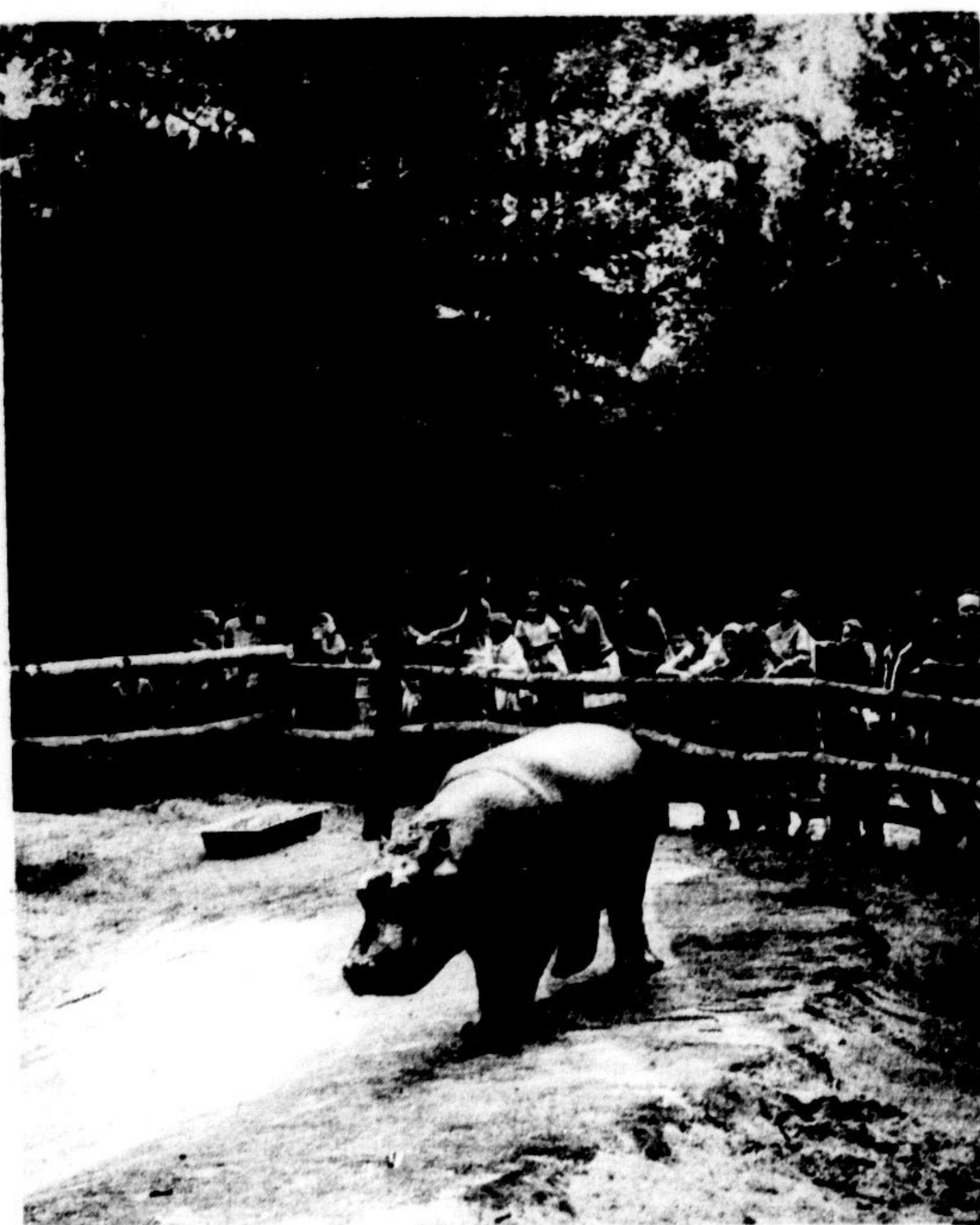
At the present time there are four vacancies in the House of Commons, and in effect this benefits the Government as the majority (3) of the vacancies are in the Opposition. The vote itself was of confidence in the Government and was based on housing policy. I should explain that a vote of non-confidence in the Government, while based usually on one subject, means non-confidence in their ability to govern. If the Government loses such a vote, it does not mean the Government has to change its policy on that particular sub-

ject. It means that the Government has to resign and call a general election. In effect, therefore, a non-confidence motion is a call for defeat of the Government, and a general election. It is not a simple matter of criticism of any particular Government policy.

The Parliament of Canada has since gone on to study the Budget presented last June. The Minister of Finance noted that Expo has had a very favorable influence on our balance of payments and exchange position. In addition tourist attractions during our Centennial celebrations have helped a great deal. The Minister has asked for a voluntary restraint on prices and costs. He has said the Federal Government is reducing its expenditures greatly and has asked for other levels of governments, and people generally, to do the same. He noted the Federal Government has reduced its proposed expenditures for next year by \$650 million, and expects the savings will be increased further. The scale of borrowing of Provincial and Municipal Governments has actually exceeded that of the Federal Government this year and even more so last year. It is hoped other Governments will be enabled to reduce their expenditures as well.

For the next week the consideration of the Budget will continue and will be punctuated by three votes, at intervals of two days, based on Opposition amendments to the Budget.

Harry C. Harley, M.D. M.P. for Halton



A ZOOLOGICAL PARK at Wasaga Beach has been attracting record numbers of visitors this summer. The hippo shown above ignoring the stares of tourists, is just one of the animals which have become permanent residents of the park. Lions, moose, wolves, deer and other native and foreign fauna live next door to each other in a jungle of hemlock and pine. (Ont. Dept. of Tourism and Information Photo)

At Wasaga Beach

Safari through zoological park reveals vast animal menagerie

What started out as a small collection of a few local animals has now burgeoned into a major zoological park which ultimately will cover 200 acres at Wasaga Beach, a Georgian Bay beach resort 90 miles north of Toronto.

Even now, with only the first 25 acres developed, visitors set out on safari past more enclosures than they'd find in many a full-fledged city zoo — and with a lot more atmosphere.

Lions and moose — monarchs in their own right — live next door to each other. Close by, a pair of Asian water buffalo look longingly at a pond built by beaver which have free run of the grounds. There are hippos and bison, cougars and tigers, and Arctic wolves that howl in the night.

Among its latest acquisitions is a young Mysore elephant, a gift from the Government of India.

In a walk-in bird conservatory, its feathery residents include vultures and hawks and other birds of prey. And mal-

lards, woodcocks, blue-wing teal, green herons and kingfishers are just a few of the native birds which make the beaver pond their home in the spring, summer and early fall.

The careful observer might see beaver at work at certain times. These industrious creatures — proud symbol in Canadian heraldry — earn their keep by felling timber for the various animal compounds, and their lodges (huts) are just a stone's throw away.

While adding significantly to Ontario's growing list of "living" tourist attractions (Upper Canada Village, Fort Henry and Stratford, to mention a few), neither the provincial or federal governments have any directive control whatever in this project known as the Ontario Zoological Park.

A non-profit group called the Upper Canada Zoological Society is creating it as a gift to Canada's centennial, raising a needed \$3,000,000 for ultimate development purely through public subscription. And while still far from this

ambitious goal, it is keeping admission prices to a minimal 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for youngsters.

Sparkplug of the scheme is Cas Van Eysinga, a Dutch-born zoologist with two impressive sets of letters behind his name. He is the one who started the unusual menagerie and convinced animal-lovers of the province that a zoological park, equal to anything on this continent, should be developed in this central tourist area.

At the outset, his wife and children worked right along with him. Now it is staffed by trained personnel, and almost every other day brings another animal into the fold.

Many of his new arrivals come directly from lands in which they were born but soon feel at home in Ontario's rugged woodlands. Moreover, through special feeding, about which Van Eysinga is an expert, many of the so-called warm-blooded animals are able to withstand a colder environment than their original habitat.

For example, the lions which restlessly paw the sand of their cage in summer, appear happy surrounded by snow in sub-zero weather. Nothing more than thin polyethylene sheeting wrapped around their cage bars protects them from wintry winds.

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A Georgetown district firm pleaded guilty to a contravention of the Unemployment Insurance Act in Magistrate J. R. Black's court in Milton.



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—Halton's federal M.P. Dr. Harry Harley was guest speaker at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital women's auxiliary dinner recently. He spoke on drugs.

—A monument to Nelson Township will be dedicated on the afternoon of Sunday, October 22 in front of the board of education administration building in Burlington. The Burlington Historical Society has erected the monument to commemorate the township which became part of Burlington in 1958.



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