

Press Opinions on Current Issues

HERRIDGE'S VICIOUS POLITICAL TALK

(From Ottawa Journal)

A curious thing is human perversity. We are thinking of statements made during the past week by the leaders of certain political parties, warming up for an election.

Mr. Herridge tells the country that the present Parliament isn't a "free Parliament", that it is "owned by reaction". At the same time a C.C.F. newspaper says: "The two old parties are pledged to serve the vested interests of this country."

Are these statements true? They are not true. They are demonstrably false; and what is more, the people who make them must know that they are false.

Let us look at a few facts.

The so-called "vested interest" of this country, what is it that they call for most? It is for railway unification. Bay St. and St. James Street, the C.P.R. and the banks, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the trust and loan companies—all are for unification.

Are they getting it? Are the old parties, the men who are said to be the hirelings of these vested interests, obeying their masters? They are not. The Government ignores them; Dr. Manion openly defies them. Unification of railways, the one thing near the heart of St. James Street and Bay Street, fails to get a single vote in the House of Commons.

The income tax? For years the "vested interests" have been railing against it. They have been complaining bitterly that taxes are too high; demanding that taxes come down. They have said again and again that the budget must be balanced.

Have they had their way? They haven't. The income tax has been increased. Other taxes have been increased. The budget hasn't been balanced.

What sort of "masters"—are these? And these old parties—what sort of "hirelings" are they?

The C.C.F. this week repeated its ancient statement that "fifty men own Canada." It says: "These fifty men are the real government of Canada, although they do not sit in Parliament."

Who are these men? Where do they live? What are their names? Is Sir Edward Beatty, who wants

unification of railways and can't get it, one of them? Is Toronto's Mr. Carlisle, who keeps demanding a "balanced budget" and can't get it, one of them? Is Mr. George McCullagh, who couldn't buy time on the radio, one of them?

What is the truth? It is that it is doubtful whether there is a freer Parliament in the world than the Parliament of Canada. Talk about the two major parties of Canada being the "hirelings" of "vested interests" is false, vicious talk. There is not a vestige of fact to support it; it is the brain-child of men who are either stupid, or ignorant, or, what is worse, deliberately and recklessly malicious.

The Journal is not one of those newspapers which believe that elections should be pillow-fights; that politicians, in expressing their views or in attacking the views of others, should pull their punches. It thinks, on the contrary, that in a well-regulated democracy every major election should be bitter; that it ought to be fought around vital issues on which there is the sharp steel of controversy.

But stupid falsehood is different. Stupid falsehood, appealing to ignorance and prejudice, to envy and class hatred and bigotry, should be barred.

It should be denounced by every decent-thinking citizen no matter what his party; and it should call for particular reprehension when it comes from those who, adding unction to the rest of their viciousness, profess a superior morality.

BRITISH CHILDREN FOR CANADA IN CASE OF WAR

(From Montreal Herald)

Our old friend the Globe and Mail is getting all het up these days. It is very anxious that Canada should organize itself on a war basis and its latest bright idea on the subject is that Canada should offer to provide a temporary home for children of the British Isles, should war come.

Gratifying response to the idea from the British press has been forthcoming, it says, and it has high commendation for a letter from Mrs. Herbert A. Bruce, whose example it holds up as one to follow. Mrs. Bruce says: "I shall be glad to be of any help, I can, either to take children or to work on a committee."

Commenting on this, our contemporary says: "This is the attitude in which we should all face what is patently a simple duty... Let us get on with the job of organizing it. Time does not permit delay."

The proposal does credit to the heart of our contemporary, but is it practical?

There are in Great Britain some 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 children under the age of 15.

We do not suppose the Globe calculates to bring all these across to Canada for safety, since even if the high average of 1,000 per ship were maintained, it would take 10,000 ships, or at any rate 10,000 crossings, to bring them all here.

Now the total number of merchant steamships in the British Empire from 100 tons up is only 7,613, and the number of these which could carry 1,000 passengers each is very small. Probably in all the world there are not more than 100 merchant ships of 20,000 tons and upwards.

Obviously, therefore, we could not bring all the British children to Canada for safety.

Could we bring enough to make the effort worth while? Could we bring 10,000 or 20,000? And if we could, would that be worth while?

Even bringing that number would entail a vast system of convoys and terrible risks.

We may be sure that in a war such ships—all ships—would be attacked by the enemy from the air and by sub-marines. The sinking of a single shipload of children would make Canada regret that she ever proposed such a move.

And what more pathetic sight could there be than children torn from their parents and their homeland and voyaging across the sea, many of them never to see any of their relatives again, even if they escaped the perils of the voyage under such conditions?

Then again, every ton of shipping in the Empire would be needed for other purposes in war time. A relatively small number of children might be offered a dubious safety on heart-breaking terms. Giving them even that measure of safety would interrupt and delay the main objective, which would be to get on with the war.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Clifford Burr and Miss Edith Deadman are spending this week at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cauthers and family spent last week with relatives at Mansfield, Ont.

Miss Marjorie Carroll, Montreal, is visiting a few days with Drs. Langstaff.

Mrs. R. Mackie and Miss Stella Mackie are visiting relatives in New York this week.

Mrs. Lauder Glass and Mary Ellen returned home on Wednesday after spending ten days with relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston left this Thursday to spend ten days' holidays in Woodstock, Detroit and other points.

Miss Marion Scrivener is spending two weeks holidays with relatives at Cobalt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanners have returned after an extended visit with their son and daughter, in Detroit and Alpena, Michigan.

Drs. Lillian and Rolph Langstaff returned Monday from their summer home on Muskoka Lakes and report a very enjoyable holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and family returned home on Sunday from a week's holidays at Glen Rest Beach, Lake Simcoe.

Mrs. Percy Waters of the well known firm of Toronto Florists will judge the bouquets at the local Horticultural Show in the Arena on Wednesday, August 30. Mrs. Waters is thoroughly skilled in the art of bouquet making and is constantly in demand as a demonstrator of her art.

JEFFERSON PIONEER HAS 85TH BIRTHDAY

One of the oldest churches of St. John's Anglican church, Oak Ridges, which her father helped build, Mrs. James Brown, Jefferson, celebrated her 85th birthday quietly at home Saturday.

Mrs. Brown is the daughter of George Dibbs, a Vaughan pioneer, who settled here 100 years ago. She attended the first Jefferson school erected. Her father's farm is owned and managed by her brother, Geo. Dibbs, who prizes a number of English relics left by their pioneer parents, including a "warming pan". Mrs. Brown has two children, Mrs. Ben Carley, Bolton, and William, Toronto.

The long looked for event has taken place, commercial passenger airplane service across the Atlantic is opened. This service now makes the link which makes it possible for man to fly around the world on scheduled airplanes.

The Atlantic is the most important of the oceans commercially. It is the ocean which for ages separated America until the memorable year 1492 when Christopher Columbus discovered the new world.

Twenty-two paid passengers have made the flight from Port Washington, L. I., to Horta in the Azores, and thence to Lisbon, Portugal, where they landed on the continent of Europe. Lisbon is but twenty-two hours' flying time from New York City.

So aviation history has advanced a great step in the past few years. —Ontario-Intelligencer.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican)

RICHMOND HILL

Rector: Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L.Th. Choir Leader: Richard Edmunds Organist: Miss L. Yerex Sunday, August 20th

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Sunday School children invited to this service. No evening service during August.

MAPLE

Maple Horticultural Flower Show will be held in the Community Hall, Wednesday, August 23rd.

Rev. Sidney Martin will be the speaker at the United Church on Sunday evening, August 20th.

Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, the celebrated blind musician will be the organist at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, August 20th at 7 p.m. Standard Time.

Friends will be sorry to hear Mr. C. J. Robeson of the Superior Store is in Brockville Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

Sunday School and Church Services at Zion Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday in the afternoon at the usual hours. The annual Festival of the Harvest will be on Sunday, September 10th.

Rev. and Mrs. Huenergard have returned from ten days' vacation spent in Haliburton.

The August meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, August 9th. After the business a short program was given. Piano accordion solo by Frances Rumble, guitar selection by Myrtle Keffer, contest, Evelyn Forest; reading, Margery Lloyd. A very interesting demonstration on needlework was given by Doris Cook. Lunch was served by the committee.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cunningham gathered at their home on Tuesday evening. Friends from Hope presented the couple with kitchenware, the Anglican church members pyrex ware, and friends from the 5th and 6th, linen. A mock wedding was much enjoyed.

Newly-Weds Take Taxi

Steaming along in an open air taxi two supposedly blackfaced livermen conducted newlywedded Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald through the streets of Maple following their marriage in Newtonbrook United Church. The couple were then taken by 'taxi' to the home of the bride's parents in York Mills where a reception was held.

Friends of the newly married couple captured them at the church door following the ceremony and took them to Maple where they boarded the open air taxi, decorated with bunting and signs. One of the signs in the front proclaimed the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald. Another at the back supplemented with a baby carriage said, 'We're just out for a little fresh air and sunshine.'

THE FRIENDLY PHILOSOPHER

The trouble with you, I says to the depot agent, is that you talk too much. In fact, that's the trouble with most folks. I remember when my hired man went for a buggy ride with Hank Wilson's hired girl. She didn't look so bad in the moonlight, and after they'd rode along for awhile without nothin' bein' said, my hired man says, "Mary, will you marry me?" "Yes," she says. The hired man didn't say nothin' and they rode along for quite a spell in silence and then Hank Wilson's hired girl jabbed my hired man in the ribs with her elbow and says, "Why don't you say something?" "Seems like there's been too much said already," says my hired man. If he'd had a flashlight along with him, says the depot agent, he would of been able to look before he leaped. You're changing the subject, I says, but since you mention it, a flashlight would have thrown a lot of light on that matter. I know mine has got me out of tight spots. Anybody that's smart will have a flashlight with him every time for an emergency. Yessir.

PRESBYTERIAN W. A.

The W.A. of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. Archie Savage on Wednesday for their August meeting. It was planned to have a supper early in September. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Richmond Hill play in Newmarket tonight and are looking for a good following of supporters to cheer.

FALL FLOWER SHOW

The annual Horticultural Fall Flower Show will be held in the Arena, Wednesday, August 30. The hall will be open to exhibitors at 9 a.m. and all exhibits must be in place before 11.30 a.m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to visit the show in the evening.

BOTH SATISFIED

A golf enthusiast was describing to his friend the varied joys the game afforded him, and wound up by saying: "Do you know, I'd rather play golf than eat!" "But whatever would your wife say to that?" inquired his friend. "Oh, well, you know," was the answer, "she's rather relieved, because she'd much rather bridge than cook!"

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"ICE FOLLIES OF 1939"

A pleasing combination of the carnival and love story. The skating sequences are both entertaining and attractive, particularly an ice ballet in color that is exceptionally lovely.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 18-19

TWO FEATURES

SIDNEY TOLER - DONALD WOODS in

"HERITAGE OF THE DESERT"

Western melodrama based on the novel by Zane Grey. An outstanding drama of top rank. In addition to the needs of vitality and vigorous action, it has a charm and beauty, which makes it top-notch fare.

Also WARREN HULL - MARSHA HUNT in

"STAR REPORTER"

An interesting newspaper story

MONDAY & TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 - 22

W. C. FIELDS - LIONEL BARRYMORE - FRED BARTHOLOMEW

"DAVID COPPERFIELD"

Appealingly lovely is this excellent screen presentation. A picture to delight all.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 - 24

CARY GRANT - JEAN ARTHUR in

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