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A Critical Election

Canadians everywhere are expressing deep concern with the serious state of affairs existing in Ottawa. The minority government of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker was shaken first by the resignation of Defence Minister Douglas Harkness to be followed by the resignations of Trade Minister George Hees and Associate Defence Minister Pierre Sevigny. Mr. Diefenbaker's defense policy, or lack of it, in the matter of defensive nuclear arms, has not only weakened Canada's position in the eyes of the world but also badly divided his own party on the eve of an election campaign. No party wants to enter an election with three of its cabinet ministers and several senior party officials challenging the party leadership. Following Mr. Harkness' resignation the party attempted to present a picture of solidarity as it re-endorsed Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership, but the whole situation deteriorated again last Saturday with the resignations of Messrs. Hees and Sevigny.

Not only is Mr. Diefenbaker going into the election with a divided federal party, but he apparently can't expect much support from two prominent Conservative premiers. Premiers John Robarts of Ontario and Duff Roblin of Manitoba have both said that the pressure of the current legislative sessions will preclude them from taking any part in the federal campaign. When Mr. Diefenbaker first came to power in 1957 former Premier Leslie Frost campaigned vig-

orously on his behalf and played no small part in reducing federal Liberal strength in this province to 17 seats.

Mr. Diefenbaker must assume sole responsibility for the deplorable situation existing in our nation and in his own party. His indecision coupled with his continual procrastination and lack of positive leadership has brought the downfall of his government and the resignation of three of his chief lieutenants.

The voters of York North in conjunction with our people across Canada will go to the polls on April 8th to elect a new government. This nation is going through trying times and it is of paramount importance that every citizen in the weeks ahead make an intelligent assessment of each of the parties and their future plans for this nation.

Mr. John Addison, Liberal, who has energetically represented this riding in the House of Commons since last June, has stated his intention of seeking re-election. The Liberals, Conservatives and New Democrats have all set dates for their nominating conventions and are preparing to get their campaigns underway. The plans of the Social Credit remain unknown.

On April 8th it is to be hoped the Canadian people will bring an end to minority government in this country and elect to office a strong administration with the power to lead us out of our present dilemma.

High School Textbooks

The Toronto Board of Education has taken steps to see if it has the power to tell high school teachers which textbooks to use. The board has instructed its solicitor to determine its authority in the matter. Teachers are given a wide latitude in their choice of texts from Department of Education approved lists. In addition they select from hundreds of supplementary books.

Toronto Trustee William Ross said he was prepared, if the report says the board has authority, to end needless duplication. He felt eventually books might be supplied free or rented at nominal cost to the students. Toronto students this fall found more than 100 titles out of stock in book stores. Some took more than a month to be delivered.

The worst confusion this fall came in English. City teachers specified

more than 500 different titles. In some cases six different editions of the same Shakespearean play were specified.

The Toronto situation exists in varying degrees across the province. If the Department of Education continues to allow a wide selection in the choice of texts then boards could assist students and their parents by introducing a rental or exchange system. Text book costs combined with the wide selection and many changes is a heavy burden for many families. With today's great emphasis on education an effort should be made to insure that the economies of gaining an education doesn't prove an undue burden to any young person. The Department of Education could help keep text-book costs down by using a little more thought in preparing their approved lists.

A Gift From The Heart

Thursday is St. Valentine's Day, the traditional festival of lovers, which is celebrated by the exchange of gifts and cards as tokens of affection. The symbol of St. Valentine's Day is, of course, the constant heart.

St. Valentine's Day also marks the mid-point of the annual Canadian Heart Fund Drive which supports the research program of the Ontario Heart Foundation into heart disease — Canada's leading health enemy.

Heart disease, in one form or another, accounts for the deaths of more than 66,000 Canadians annually. It also permanently cripples thousands of men, women and children.

Since the inception of the Canadian Heart Fund several years ago, the doctors and medical scientists involved in heart research have made major inroads into the various causes of the disease. Curative and preventative medicines and treatments are being developed daily. But there is still much to be achieved. To support their efforts on our behalf, the Canadian Heart Fund needs \$1,365,000 of which Ontario's quota is \$550,000.

On St. Valentine's Day, when each one of us remembers the one we love, remember also those who strive constantly to keep all our hearts sound and secure against the ravages of heart disease.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

MARCH OF DIMES

Dear Mr. Editor:
We wish to thank you very much for all the publicity you gave us in "The Liberal" during our recent campaign for the March of Dimes.
In my capacity as general chairman of the March of Dimes in Richmond Hill, I thank you on behalf of the foundation for all the help that you have given us.
Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Helen L. Todd,
general chairman,
Richmond Hill March of Dimes Committee

District Minor Hockey Association
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Executive and the Richmond Hill Lions Club for the wonderful time they gave to our squirt, pee wee and bantam hockey teams, February 3rd.
The hospitality which was shown by the people of Richmond Hill could not be exceeded.
Again thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our visit such an enjoyable one. It was sincerely appreciated.
Yours for better minor hockey
Larry MacDonald,
President
Leamington District Minor Hockey Association

OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Editor:
It would seem to me the actions of our town council are somewhat similar to those of the present Conservative government — that is to say one thing and then turn around and do something else.
I think we could find better use for our \$10,000 in tax money than throwing it away on our so-called local bus service. By next year \$30,000 will be down the drain. Such a huge sum of money could better be used to attract some fair sized industry which would pay taxes and give local employment.
Yours truly,
Ernie Rutlan,
332 Elmwood Ave.

Rambling Around

(By Elizabeth Kelson)

WHO STARTED ALL THIS VALENTINE SENDING ANYWAY?

It seems that many hundreds of years ago, in the days of the Roman festivals to pagan gods, there was a feast called the Lupercalia, celebrated in the honor of the gods Juno and Pan. It was the custom of the young Romans to put in a box, the names of young maidens and draw the names out by chance. The girl whose name was chosen became the young man's partner for the Lupercalia Festival. With the introduction of Christianity, all these pagan rites, because they were done in honor of pagan gods were eradicated in every way possible, but the people had been so accustomed to the rituals of their various holidays and festivals that it was impossible to do away with them entirely. Therefore, in the year 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius of Rome chose a different patron as a sort of a substitute for the observance of the day. The Lupercalia had come on February 15. At the same time, February 14, to be exact, more than two hundred years before, a bishop by the name of Valentine had been executed on Palestine Hill where once had stood an altar to Pan, and so the Christian Church decided that St. Valentine should be honored on this day, in place of the Lupercalia Festival of the 15th. St. Valentine's Day then took on many of the old customs of the Lupercalia of Rome, and many of them are still in existence. St. Valentine's Day has been observed since 1446.

"CHILD GUIDANCE COURSES HAVE HELPED ME" --- ADELE DOWNEY

Mrs. James Downey, 442 Bent Crescent, Richmond Hill, mother of Susan 8, Margaret Lynn 6, and Brian 4, is blest with a wide social consciousness and many interests. Besides homemaking and bringing up her children, she enjoys swimming, crafts and cooking, though not necessarily in that order. She maintains a sustained interest in current events as they happen on the local, national or international scene. One of her great loves is the Y.W.C.A. of which she is a member. She is the vice-chairman of the Richmond Hill Advisory Committee of the Y.W.C.A. of Canada, and does the publicity for the Walter Scott Y.W.C.A. She was one of the prime movers behind the child guidance course sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and the Richmond Hill Public Library Board.

Adele Downey became interested in the "Y" upon moving to Richmond Hill about eight years ago. She desired the fellowship of other young homemakers in a new community with limited facilities. Her interest in child guidance came as a result of attending lectures that were originally made available through the nursery school which her children attended. The parents of this nursery school made these lectures possible.

"As I attended further sessions", she said, "I found the information extremely helpful in the training and understanding of my children. So it occurred to me that other parents might appreciate a similar opportunity if the courses were made available in Richmond Hill. The Y.W.C.A. is geared to helping women and girls the world over and because of my association with it, it seemed a good way to fulfill one of its purposes by promoting adult education as a community service."

Mrs. Downey said that the child guidance sessions were an effort to provide competent professional counselling to parents which endeavors to obtain better understanding between parents and their children, or perhaps to even help the parents to understand themselves better. "The child guidance courses held so far have been very successful," said Mrs. Downey. "Parents attending this course have come not only from Richmond Hill, but from Maple, Victoria Square, Willowdale and Toronto. If sufficient interest in such projects as child guidance is shown next year, I would like to see a special class for parents of teen-age children with particularly teen-age problems discussed and a completely separate class for parents of pre-school and public school age children. Letters indicating interest could be directed to "The Liberal".

Mrs. Downey further stated that she would (on behalf of the local Y.W.C.A. and the parents who took advantage of the child guidance course) take this opportunity of publicly thanking the Richmond Hill Public Library Board for co-sponsoring this project and for their support and interest in launching its successful presentation to the public.

"DE GAULLE TOOK US ALL BY SURPRISE" --- CYRIL BELL

Mr. Bell agrees that his views on the Common Market presented in this column on January 31, were very timely. However he would like to make it clear that these views were given not only before the rejection of Britain's bid to join the E.E.C. but also before Charles De Gaulle's fateful press conference when the general said that Britain was not ready to join the Common Market.

"This bombshell," said Mr. Bell, "appeared to take everybody by surprise. From then onwards, Britain's chances of successfully completing these negotiations were in doubt. What many people do not realize is this: The day before De Gaulle hurled his bomb, a major breakthrough in the Brussels negotiations had been achieved. It was evident to all negotiators at Brussels that Britain's acceptance was imminent. There was only one way to prevent Britain joining the E.E.C. and DeGaulle took it. Le Grand Charles alone was responsible for the split in the western camp."

As for the future, Mr. Bell states that there are many alternatives and it is certain that the friendly five of the E.E.C. do not consider that the chances of Britain's entry into the Common Market are dead. They will do all they can to ensure her full membership. The U.S.A. will also use her vast influence towards this end. "Perhaps after the G.A.T.T. conference in the spring, an overall plan will emerge," concluded Mr. Bell.

(The G.A.T.T. is an international organization on General Agreement on Tariff and Trade, of which Canada, the United States, England and about 20 other countries are members.)

The Music Box ... By W. Ray Stephens

In Favor of Festivals

We hear so much these days about the pro's and cons of music festivals throughout Canada and I can't help wondering why anyone could knock such institutions doing so much work in the music field.

Commencing February 9th (last Saturday) and continuing to February 23rd the 20th Annual Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival takes over the city of Toronto. This gigantic music festival is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Greater Toronto which of course does not include Richmond Hill yet so there is no reason at all why some time in the future the Richmond Hill Kiwanis could not follow suit of the hundreds of other clubs in Canada and run their own or own music festival. Newmarket has only recently started their annual music festival.

The whole objective of these festivals is not merely to win a prize or defeat a rival but to enter the competitive spirit quite uncommon to music as a whole but a necessity in every sport. After all the kids lose on hockey teams as much as they win so what is really wrong with losing against another choir or band if the knowledge has been gained on how to improve the group for the next time. Scholarships and cash awards to a total value in excess of \$6,000.00 will be awarded at this 1963 festival and no doubt we will have a few in the money from around

here. After it is all over I hope to have a complete list of all entries from this area plus information on their standings and all that and it should make an interesting sequence to this article. As I've mentioned before I really don't know who might, or might not, be reading this column but should anyone be from the Kiwanis Club here they might be interested in a few facts and figures to look at.

Recently I received the Canadian Festival Digest for 1962 and although by no means a complete review of the situation it does tend to give one a pretty good idea of what really goes on. The reason for the digest not being complete is of course the human element involved where the particular festival is moving along with head down failing to look up and keep in touch with the headquarters as it were. These figures to follow are not accurate but I have attempted to set out some more or less set of fairly concise details in order to present a good look at festivals in Canada.

There were roughly 36 festivals in this report to work on so here we go - The numbers in brackets show the Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival entries for 1962.
Choirs: Adult 283 (39), Junior 518 (81), School 3,778 (255), Total 4,579.
Vocal: Adult 2,168 (445), Junior 3,905 (369), Boy/Girls 4,018 (?), Total 10,091.
Instrumental: Piano 18,537 (1,183), Strings 1,060 (227).

Others 6,931 (646), Total 26,370.
Financial setup: Operating costs \$221,028.00 (\$32,310.00); Grants, Donations, etc., \$118,811.00 (\$15,921.00); Entry fees, tickets, etc., \$112,093.00 (\$19,229.00).
When one considers that the average choir would say be 20 strong, and this is a little on the short side that would give you in the vicinity of some 128,000 entries throughout Canada in festival competition annually. This evidently leaves out bands and orchestras so there would be many thousands more to be added to the individual list of names active in our festivals. This year the Toronto Kiwanis will have up to 25,000 entries. So once again we point (Continued On Page 5)

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

"The Liberal" of January 13th, 1898 carried an impressive ad for the Metropolitan Railway. It announced excursions to Toronto every Thursday at 4 and 7 p.m. Returning last car leaves Toronto at 10 p.m. Round trip tickets 25 cents.

Tramp in the school house and a big robbery at the hotel "Monday night after the village constable retired someone discovered a tramp had taken up lodgings in the public school. The information was conveyed to Constable Brownlee and an investigation followed. The tramp had kindled a fire and was making himself as comfortable as possible, when the constable disturbed him. He had entered through a window. He spent the rest of the night in the lock-up. The same night another tramp was given lodging at the Palmer House. A lodger in the next room next morning claimed he had been robbed of all his money. The amount taken from his trouser pocket was 85 cents.

Baker heirs. An estate of \$300,000.00 is being looked after by descendants of one Jacob Baker who was left a large tract of land for his services in

the revolutionary war in the United States. Most of this land is in the City of Philadelphia. There are said to be about 75 heirs in Markham, Vaughan, Whitechurch and King. Among the heirs are persons of the name of Quantz, Wideman, Putterbaugh, and Noble.

W. A. Sanderson advertised the new invention, the talking machine. The ad read: A talking machine that talks. Everyone come and hear the gramophone. I have it to hire for parlor or public entertainments.

When He Grows Tall My little boy looks up at me - I'm twenty-eight and he is three. And three feet tall. I'm six and oh He envies me my inches so.

But as the days go by, I guess The difference will be less and less. For while through years of youth he'll climb, I'll bow beneath the weight of time.

And by and by as summers flow And winters ebb, alas I know The little boy I bend to see Will sigh as he looks down on me.

How To Achieve Prestige Without Really Trying

Let us boost Art and Culture My dear, whatever the cost. If the artist is neglected Then everything may be lost. No need for a Tintoretto Or a genuine (?) Van Gogh As long as you know what you fancy And know the reason you know.

There's an interesting piece on Bloor Street All blotches and brambles and blobs, But I see the artist's subconscious Writhing and shaking with sobs. He feels — Oh, God — how he feels it! There's violence and passion and heat. His soul is spread on the canvas And he did it all with his feet!

Let us have Art and Culture, Anyone can possess A real avant garde creation (Or prepare your own clever mess). The thing is to comment wisely In a jargon not too clear. Almost anybody can do it And the prestige is terrific, my dear.

M. E. Drew
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Richmond Hill

Second Thoughts ...

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Well, maybe NOW Mr. Diefenbaker will start to worry about the unemployment problem.

There is something slightly ominous in the advertisement by the town's new garbage contractor that garbage pick-up days will be as usual — until further notice.

The Globe and Mail proudly proclaimed its new makeup with: "You'll not need the jargon of the trade to see the advantages of this larger and cleaner print." — No, not if the jargon would take us as long to see the advantages, etc., as it took the old Globe and Mail.

Toronto's Planning Board has a blueprint for a downtown Toronto where the pedestrian will be king in 1980 . . . If he practices the rule: Long live the King.

Real Caouette's car agency has tripled its business since he was elected to parliament. But the car buyers, unlike his electors, got a five-year guarantee.

Now that Richmond Hill's Police Committee (and Toronto reporters) have been unable to find Mayor Neal's Yonge St. "rowdies", merchants in the outlying "plazas" will consider the whole thing a sneaky way of getting a crowd downtown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Visitors driving back from the U.S. report that Canadian customs men greet them with the quip: "Got any nuclear warheads in there?" . . . Just as if they'd know one if they saw it.

Hamilton children might be understandably reluctant about entering their children's hospital when its officials describe a recent addition as "a spanking new wing".

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins believes the \$4,000 subsidy to continue a second bus on the local service could be used better somewhere else . . . Like, on bus-stop shelters?

A current wine advertisement shows two women being reminded to stock up on sherry by seeing a temperature of 74 degrees on a thermometer. . . If that's what they see, this weather, they don't need any MORE sherry.

No Comment Dept. - -

A prominent feature at the University of Toronto's Winter Carnival was a snow sculpture of a Diefenbaker head. The theme of the display was: COMIC CHARACTERS.

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