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RADIO HUMOUR

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, there is nothing as pathetic as radio humour. An abbreviated form of this so-called wit strayed into the pages of Hansard last week—following a debate on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's sell-out to United States soap and coffee concerns.

Rising on a question of privilege, Mr. J. R. MacNicol (Davenport, Toronto) had some witty words with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), the conversation being recorded by Hansard as follows:—

Mr. MacNicol—I am happy to say that I am several years younger than the Prime Minister is, but I am sorry to say that I have drawn twelve or thirteen fewer sessional indemnities than he has.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King (Prime Minister)—I must congratulate my hon. friend; I am only sorry he does not look younger.

Mr. MacNicol—I might say, Mr. Speaker, that I don't dye my hair.

Mr. Mackenzie King—You would be very lucky to have hair to dye.

It would be an opportune time for someone to bring out again those recurring statistics to show exactly what a quarter page of Hansard costs the country. This would show at whose expense the jokes are made.

In the meantime someone should page Charlie McCarthy. It looks much as if he had taken over the editing of Hansard, or, perhaps, is writing the libretto for the opera at Ottawa.

It has passed into a proverb that "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest of men." The people of Canada would not grudge the wise ones at Ottawa their funny moments, but it surely is not too much to ask that they at least eschew the radio form of humour. Enough of that comes over the air. Indeed both Mr. MacNicol and Premier King took desperate chances in using such language as they did. It might turn out that those unshaved jokes were copyrighted by Charlie McCarthy.

Of course, the radio humour would have more swing and less dignity and it would be greatly extended. Certainly it wouldn't be "Mr. MacNicol" or the "Prime Minister," but "Johnnie" and "Billy", and there would be interpolations by Charlie McCarthy, Don Ameche, yes, even Nelson Eddy. It is a sad commentary on the debauchery of the radio when it sets men of talent like Nelson Eddy swapping barber shop jokes with Charlie McCarthy.

The genius of radio would have started the presentation of the critical situation at Ottawa something like this:—

Mr. Speaker:—Johnnie MacNicol has a grouse that he wants to get out of his system.

Charlie McCarthy:—Bring on the birdie.

Johnnie MacNicol:—I rise to a point of order.

Clarence:—Somebody must have put a pin in his seat.

Johnnie:—I resent Billy King saying I am old and decrepit.

Billy:—You look it.

Johnnie:—Well, I don't dye my hair.

Don Ameche and Nelson Eddy:—Hair! Hair!

Billy:—Don't you wish you had some hair?

Johnnie:—You can't get away with any bald statement like that.

The Other Stroud:—Gentlemen! Gentlemen! Your verbosity is appalling, but not more so than the apparent animosity that pulsates in your febrile breasts. Both of you should be canned like our famous dated cows, or at least roasted like our celebrated contented coffee. Also, I may asseverate, as a succulent aside, that a microscopic apportionment of radio soap would remove the need for any dyeing of the hirsute adornment, if any.

No, after all, Hansard humour is not as polluted as the radio variety.

ADDED TO BEAUTY OF NORTH

One by one the pioneers of the North pass on to a better country—the only better country they would admit as existing. Last week Richard Whorley, pioneer landscape gardener of the North, died at Halleybury. For thirty years he was an enthusiast for the North. He believed the North was a great country—a beautiful country—and he backed his belief with good works. For thirty years he was tireless in his efforts to grow flowers in this country, to get others to grow flowers here, and to induce all to appreciate the beauty of the flowers native to this area or that might easily be acclimatized to the North. A florist, gardener and landscape gardener in England before coming to Canada, Mr. Whorley not only established the pioneer business in those lines in the North—something of notable value to the country in itself—but he gave the most generous effort to enthrust others with his love for flowers and beauty and to induce others to grow flowers, to beautify their homes, and to make their communities happier places in which to live. At his own expense, Mr. Whorley

came to Timmins to assist in the formation of the horticultural society here. What he did for Timmins he did for a score of other Northern communities. Time and again he visited towns in the North to address gatherings to advance the love and practice of horticulture. As judge at horticultural exhibits his services were of the greatest value to the people of the North. It is not easy for those who remember Richard Whorley, active, enthusiastic, forceful, to realize that he was over seventy-four years of age, and that for thirty years he had been planting flowers in the North. It brings to notice the fact that the years are passing for New Ontario. The pioneers must pass with the years, but they should not be forgotten. To Richard Whorley this floral tribute: that he added to the beauty of the North and did more than his full share to make the communities of this country bloom and blossom.

RADIO ENQUIRY

As a result of the multitude of protests sent to Ottawa in regard to radio administration in Canada, the Premier is to appoint a committee of twenty-five members of the House to investigate the operations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and radio in general in Canada. It is to be hoped that the investigation will be thorough and unbiased, and that it will take in all the various features of the case. While the protests have chiefly centred on the proposed increase of the radio license fee in Canada, it is not this extra fifty cents per year that is the real basis for the general outcry. At the same time it should not be forgotten that to thousands of radio owners to-day fifty cents is a sum of some moment, despite the sneers of some who happen to be more happily situated. The truth, however, is that most people would be willing to scrape together that extra fifty cents, if they felt that they were being given value for it, or for any part of the license fee. Evidence of the attitude of the people in general is given by the suggestions made in regard to a remedy for the present situation. Many have made the suggestion that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation be disbanded. This is not to be taken at full face value, however. What is really meant is that the recent actions and attitude of the C.B.C. have roused the strongest condemnation. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was established with the thought that Canadian artists would be encouraged, and Canadian programmes encouraged to such an extent that it would not be necessary for radio owners to depend on United States stations for all their radio entertainment. The lavish promises made by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation gave hope to Canadian radio owners for the dawning of a better day. Had those promises been implemented to any marked degree, there would have been little serious outcry against an increase in the radio license fee. When the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, however, after all its fine promises, sold out to a few United States advertisers, there was full justification for the present resentment. With the Canadian air monopolized, as it is at present, by United States programmes, it is easy to understand why Canadians should object to paying any license fee, let alone an increased fee, when there is no license fee where the United States programmes originate.

The parliamentary committee should make the most careful investigation of all features of the radio situation in Canada. The opinion is growing that there is something much more radically wrong than appears on the surface. The crowding of the air with professed replies to the criticisms made does not help the situation. These replies appear no more than the drawing of red herrings over the trail. What the public desire to know—what they are entitled to know—is the real reason for the apparent variation of policy in regard to radio and who in Canada and elsewhere is profiting by the situation, either in private radio stations or elsewhere.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Northern Tribune of Kapuskasing is authority for the statement that the letters of the alphabet can be arranged in 620,448,401,733,239,360,000 different ways. The last four cyphers make the answer look like an approximation. The Northern Tribune should be careful in its statements in this country. A Scotsman who once lived in Timmins was given a small rebate on a printing order. He claimed that there were only 4,999 envelopes delivered on his order of 5,000. When asked if he was sure there was one shy, he replied: "Of course, I'm sure! I wouldn't be likely to make a mistake myself in counting them."

The resignation of Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary in the British Cabinet and the appointment of Lord Halifax in his stead signifies a change in British foreign policy. It is to be hoped that this change will prove as good as a rest.

Last week The Advance made extended reference to a plan suggested at Kapuskasing for the use of sulphite waste liquor from the paper mills as a means of laying the dust on Northern roads and highways. The suggestion should receive the most careful investigation not only by the provincial highway department but by all municipalities. Dust on the roads and streets is one of the greatest menaces of the North.

Premier Hepburn last week announced that he intended to demand for Ontario a greater share

LOCALS

Mr. J. Beadman left on Friday for Gowganda.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burton, of Toronto were Timmins visitors last week.

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Mrs. Niinimaki is quite ill at St. Mary's hospital.

Mr. Harold McGregor left on Thursday to visit in Toronto for a few days.

Miss Tina Lang spent the week-end in Toronto.

Mrs. Hector Lamarche, of Hearst, was a visitor to friends in Timmins last week.

Miss Irene Asselin returned last week after visiting at her home in Ottawa when her mother was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baderski (nee Patricia Gauthier) have returned from a visit to Toronto and points south.

Miss Marguerite Smith, of Schumacher, is spending the next two or three weeks in New York.

Miss A. Robertson, of Schumacher, is in New York taking a three-week course in hair styling.

Mrs. F. R. Follet, of Toronto, is visiting her son, Reg. Follet, and Mrs. Follet in Schumacher.

Mr. C. Conto, of Detroit, left on Friday after spending a few days in town visiting his sister, Miss Rose Conto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Perreault, of Sudbury, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Annette Perreault, of Timmins, to Mr. G. Gariepy, of Timmins, the wedding to take place in the latter part of April.

Gratified With the Interest Displayed

Porcupine Women's Music and Literary Club has Auspicious Commencement.

The committee is very gratified with the helpful interest being shown in the new Porcupine Women's Music and Literary Club. Especially enthusiastic are they who have come from towns where such clubs have been in existence for some time. The Porcupine camp has a great wealth of talent. It is hoped that the club will be the means of bringing this together, trained or untrained, for mutual benefit and enjoyment. It certainly has great possibilities and the ladies of the camp are asked to do their share towards making it a success.

The club is fortunate in having as convener of the programme committee, Mrs. J. G. Armitage, Mus. Bac, author of two books on music. Although a comparative newcomer to the North, Mrs. Armitage has made many friends by her addresses to the teachers of this district at their annual meeting in Timmins last fall and to various organizations, including C. G. I. T. groups.

Before her marriage to Dr. Armitage, of Schumacher, early last year, Mrs. Armitage was supervisor of music in the Normal School, Regina, and Soprano soloist with the C.B.C. She studied in London, Salzburg and New York.

The first meeting will be held in Harmony hall, Fourth avenue, on Monday afternoon, Feb. 28th, at 3 o'clock. Membership tickets may be obtained from the executive or at the door on the day of the meeting.

Women to be Judges at Purim Ball Here

Queen Esther for 1938 to be Chosen by Ladies.

A complete departure from previous methods of selecting the most worthy young woman to personify Queen Esther will be a feature at the Purim Ball, to be held in the Riverside pavilion on Wednesday evening next, Feb. 23rd, under the auspices of the Jewish congregation as a community event. In the past seven years a "Queen

of the revenue taken by the Dominion Government from the mines of this province. In making such an announcement Premier Hepburn by inference admitted the justice of the requests of the mining municipalities of the North for a larger share of the revenue collected from the mines. At the present time the municipalities are allowed about eight per cent. of the taxes taken from the mines, the balance being retained by the Dominion and provincial governments.

A clergyman in Toronto recently complained that there are too many "isms" in Canada. Right! And wrong! There is too much exposition of Communism, Nazism, Fascism! And not enough of Britishism, Canadianism!

Dr. Ivan Papanin and three colleagues adrift on an ice floe in the Arctic refused to be rescued when they were discovered by a search party. The reason given for the reluctance to leave the drifting ice floe was that the four Russians did not wish to

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Esther" has been selected to commemorate the life and service of the great Jewish queen. In those seven previous years men judges have been given the honour of choosing their favourite candidates from the great assemblage of beautiful girls. While these judges in the past undoubtedly acted in good faith and their decisions were not disputed, attention has been paid by these in charge of the Purim Ball to the fact that male judgment of feminine pulchritude is not so critical or so deeply observant as that of women in such matters. Men judges in the past have expressed the difficulty experienced in making a choice in the matter of the selection of Queen Esther. Hence, the decision of the Purim Ball committee to entrust this important function of unbiased women judges, whose advice of the Queen it is hoped will meet with the approval of all present.

Meanwhile, all arrangements are completed to receive and entertain a record crowd at the Riverside pavilion on Wednesday evening of this week, Feb. 23rd. As in the past, an abundance of good food and delicacies is being prepared by the Hebrew ladies, noted for their culinary art.

Andy Cangiano, with an augmented orchestra, will play all popular dance hits, while Barney Sky and his associates in the management of the event, promises to fill the night with merriment and joy for all present.

Former Resident of Timmins Passes On

Mr. Cyril Proulx Dies at Toronto.

Mr. Cyril Proulx, former resident of Timmins, but more recently making his home at Sudbury, died at the Toronto General hospital on February 18th. The deceased was born in Angers, Quebec, had lived in Timmins for five years and was 63 years of age when he died. The body was brought to Timmins and rested at the home of his son, Mr. Adeoda Proulx, 41 Messines avenue, until to-day, Monday, when funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church by Rev. Fr. Theriault.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. C. Proulx, five sons, Donat, Adeoda, Edgar, Adoris, and Albert; three daughters, Armosa (Mrs. Ovide Peron) of Timmins; Aline (Mrs. Hector Marcoux) of Val d'Or, Quebec; and Yvonne (Mrs. Orvil Cameron) of Kirkland Lake; five brothers, Joseph, of Angers, Quebec; Onesime, of White Deer, Quebec; Felix, of Ottawa, Ontario; Ferdinand, of Rouyn, Quebec; and Aime, of Rouyn, Quebec; two sisters, Exina (Mrs. Olivier Carriere) of Masson, Quebec; and Maria (Mrs. Exavier Carriere) of White Deer, Que.

Out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral this morning were Mr. Donat Proulx, of Masson, Quebec; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Proulx, of Noranda, Quebec; Mr. Edgar Proulx, of Ottawa, Ontario; Mr. Aime Proulx, of Rouyn, Quebec; Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Proulx, of Rouyn, Quebec; Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Cameron, of Kirkland Lake; and a niece, Mrs. Paul Forrest, of Rouyn, Quebec.

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LOST—Electric grill between White Eagle Hall and 136 Commercial Avenue, early Sunday morning. Has "Silver Wedding Anniversary, Feb. 19th, 1938," carved on it. Reward for return to 136 Commercial Avenue. -15p

Eyre's Rink Loses Out in Semi-Final Play-Off

Karl Eyre's Timmins rink was eliminated in the semi-finals of the Canada Dry Trophy at the Ontario bonspiel in Toronto last week, losing out to L. B. Christie, of North Bay, by a score of 10-8. Christie went on to win out in the finals. Eyre's rink and that of A. W. Lang, also of Timmins, were eliminated in the early rounds of the other trophies.

Club Presents Key Lion Membership

Wendel Brewer Wins Oratorical Contest at Weekly Luncheon Last Thursday.

Lion Harold Pirie was presented with a Key Lion Membership from the International body at the regular weekly luncheon of Timmins Lion Club at the Legion hall on Thursday night, Vice-President Bill King was in the chair.

There was no special speaker for the occasion but twelve members were selected by a draw to make two-minute impromptu speeches. Guests for the occasion, R. E. Nicol, of Paris Lions Club and D. E. Guthrie and Lou Ratray, of Timmins, were selected as judges. Each speech was of a different nature and gave the judges a difficult task to name a winner but Lion Wendel Brewer was finally selected in view of his remarks made under the handicap of constant heckling.

Curlers Banquet Enjoyable Affair

The complimentary banquet in honour of the visiting Scottish curlers at the Empire hotel Saturday night was a gala affair with the national atmosphere of their homeland being well preserved by the presence of the Timmins pipe band.

E. E. Smith, of Halleybury, representing the Northern Ontario Curling Association, introduced the visitors who were given an enthusiastic welcome by the Porcupine curlers. Mayor Bartleman extended a cordial civic welcome during the course of the banquet and wished the curlers every success on their tour of Canada.

The banquet opened with Rev. Father J. R. O'Gorman saying grace, and the toast to the King being proposed by Chairman George S. Drew. A song by James Cowan and a sing song led by G. S. Lowe, with W. H. "Scotty" Wilson as pianist, were much enjoyed features of the programme. Dr. R. P. Smith proposed the toast to the visitors with a reply being made by the Earl of Stair. The toast to the Timmins, South Porcupine and Dome curling clubs was proposed by H. J.

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IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY of Martin S. Melady, who died February 22, 1935. Not just to-day, But every day. In silence we remember. -15

SMITH, with S. A. Caldwell making the response.

The curlers left at noon on Sunday to continue their tour and were given a rousing send-off by a party of local curlers.

Little Change Noted in Condition of Ralph Cosco

Hospital authorities reported to-day that Ralph Cosco, who has been confined to the institution for the past ten days suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, is still in a critical condition, with little change for the better being noted in the past few days.

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