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ANOTHER SUPERSTITION GONE

Some people have suggested that in an election it is an advantage to have a name beginning with A, B or C, because then the candidate's name would come first to the attention of the voter. This alphabetical precedence is believed to be especially effective in the case of ballots with a long array of names. Of course, there is really no basis of fact in such a theory. If there were, there would be more Adams, Abrahams, Andersons, Armstrongs and so on elected to various offices, while the Jones, Smiths, Thompsons and Wrights would not have a chance. In the Ontario Legislature, for example, at the present time there are only four whose names begin with A, while five begin with G, ten with H, ten with M, and seven with S. A somewhat similar situation will be found in the other provincial legislatures. In the Dominion House there are only two whose names begin with A, though B does a little better with twenty-two members under that letter of the alphabet, C has only sixteen, and there is a scant fourteen beginning with D. Getting down the alphabetical line, however, it will be found that M has forty-nine to its credit. The "Mac's" and "Mc's" alone have thirty-two names to begin. Incidentally, it is a wonder that some enterprising Scotsman hasn't started an agitation for "Mac" to be considered as a special letter itself in the alphabet. It may be, of course, that the Scots are actually doing something like this on the quiet, for an increasing number of alphabetical lists do keep a separate paragraph for the "Macs." There are fifteen members of the Dominion House whose names start with R, ten with S, and twelve with T, while even the V's have as many as the A's and there are nine starting with W.

A little investigation shows that what is true of Dominion and provincial elections appears equally the fact in regard to municipal contests. The A's by no means have it, nor even the B's or C's. If there is any particularly popular letter with which to start a name it would seem to be H or M. There is reason for the belief, however, that voters do not start at the top of the ballot and keep making crosses alongside names until the lawful number is exhausted. Instead, the voters appear to have the plan of hunting the name wherever it may be on the ballot and putting the cross on the spot they think will do the most good.

The recent municipal election in Timmins showed how little a place on the ballot decides the standing in the election. The second name on the ballot for mayor was first in the voting. Miss Terry, whose name was the second last on the ballot for councillors, was first in votes and had so large a majority as to give point to the humorism that she was practically elected by acclamation. Second in the voting for councillors was Bill Roberts—way down among the R's on the ballot. Next was McDermott, then Spooner, while the E's and F's—Eyre and Faye—followed. Even the last name on the ballot (H. W. Warren) was by no means last in the voting, there being no less than thirteen unlucky candidates below him. There were candidates whose names began with A and B, but nothing higher than E or F was elected.

If there are any who still believe there is any virtue in alphabetical standing, the case of the recent municipal election at Collingwood may be considered. Last week The Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin published the full list of candidates of that city, arranged in alphabetical order, as on the ballots, and followed by the votes received. To this list the Enterprise-Bulletin added the words: "The Last Six Elected."

All of which would go to show that there is no advantage in high standing in the alphabet, except in the case of school reports under the new system where the names are arranged in alphabetical order in the honour rolls.

THE STRENGTH OF BRITAIN

Probably nothing so indicates the inherent strength of the British Empire as the shake-up in the Cabinet announced during the week-end. To the average man following the course of British politics the forced resignation of Leslie Hore-Belisha as Secretary of State for War came as a decided surprise. The general opinion was that Hore-Belisha had done a difficult job with striking efficiency and success. His professed aim had been not only to completely modernize the British Army but also to democratize it. For a time he appeared to rouse the opposition of a certain element in the Army and in public life, but the general thought recently was his undoubted success was winning over those opposed to him and his driving power and unquestioned patriotism were building him reserves of admirers and supporters. People on this side of the ocean accustomed to the exigencies of party politics naturally feel that it requires rare courage to make changes in a Cabinet at a critical time like the present. That a change should be made in regard to as popular a figure as Hore-Belisha seems to suggest

a special confidence and assurance. The facts seem to suggest that the British Government is even stronger than has generally been believed. As one Canadian writing from England to a Toronto newspaper phrased it, "only a strong government could take so decided a step with any confidence."

The fact that the Government appears to be facing the uproar caused by the changes made in the Cabinet with coolness and confidence is another evidence of the courage of the members of the Cabinet. The whole British press appears to have turned its guns on the government in the matter. One despatch from London says:—"The British press demands that Premier Chamberlain explain the mystery of the resignation of the war office head." The answer to this appears to be no more than a semi-official suggestion that the question will be fully dealt with in due course—probably within ten days.

In the meantime, all sorts of guesses are being made as to the reasons underlying the changes. It is worth noting that there is little comment on the fact that Sir John Reith, Chairman of Imperial Airways, has succeeded a fellow Scot as Minister of Information. There has been very considerable public fault found with what has been termed the inefficiency of the Department of Information. Newspapers have been refused the privilege of using information that was common knowledge, given publicity by public men and over the air. The criticism of the changes in the Cabinet has been confined almost completely to the displacement of Hore-Belisha, with some emphasis on the suggestion that his successor, Hon. Oliver Stanley, former president of the British Board of Trade, is not a colourful personality and is not thought to have the energy and vital power necessary to his new post.

The common explanation of the forced resignation of Hore-Belisha appears to be that he has fallen to the enmity of the traditional army leaders. To this is added the suggestion that he has not been able to work in harmony with Viscount Gort, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France. There is a touch of oddity in this explanation, as Viscount Gort is the special choice of Hore-Belisha for his high post, and it was the Viscount's elevation to supreme command over the heads of more than sixty other senior generals that won Hore-Belisha the particular disapproval of the traditional Army heads.

Until the question is threshed out in the British parliament, debate about it is no more than rumour and guesswork. In the meantime, it would be well to keep an open mind. In any event there is no cause for excitement or alarm. Judging from comments over the radio, the Germans are delighted that there is difference of opinion in the British Cabinet. It may be that in this difference of opinion they see weakness or slackening of effort in the prosecution of the war against them. They will discover their mistake later, as they have discovered other errors they have made in judging British character and procedure. They will find either that the decision was a wise one and thus will meet with general support, or else that a mistake was made, in which case the error will be rectified, with the re-instatement of Hore-Belisha. In any event they may depend upon it that the war will be carried on with the greatest vigor and despatch possible. That is all that troubles the British press or people. The British Government is strong enough, flexible enough, fervent enough, to carry on with singleness of purpose and unity of aim.

SNOW MONTHS IN NORTH

Remarking on the little snow that has fallen this winter, and taking snow as the chief attribute of winter in the North, a local gentleman the other day was heard to remark to the effect that there could not be more than another four months of this winter. The attention of this gentleman is respectfully directed to the report for last year of the weather observer for Timmins, published in another column of this issue. It will be noted in that report that last year there was snow in every month of the year except June and August. It is true that in July there was only "a trace," but that meant enough snow to mention. In May, 1939, three inches of snow fell, and in September the snowfall was one inch. Still further it may be noted that in some years in the past there has been snow in every month of the year, while "frost boils" have been common enough on the roads—around Connaught, for example—in July and August of many a year.

All this, however, does not mean that this North Land climate is one fit only for Indians and squaws, as one young man from the South once phrased it. Instead the North Land climate might, perhaps, be classed as an ideal one. It has everything. And sometimes that everything seems to come all at the one time. The chief point of the climate of the North is its interesting variety. Everlasting drought and sunshine such as is claimed for California must be very monotonous, if true. Rain and mist, without the beauty of snow makes a poor winter. The two youngsters from Timmins returning from a winter spent in Florida and exclaiming in great joy and enthusiasm when they saw the snow near North Bay, had the right idea. Winter, with clear bracing cold, and snow for skiing and ice for skating is a delight. There are winter sports that rival in delight anything that summer can provide. Each season of the year has its own particular beauties and attractions. The North Land enjoys all four seasons. It

LOCALS

Mr. M. Cassels was a visitor to New Liskeard last week.

Miss Jennie Thomas, of Kirkland Lake, was a recent visitor to Timmins.

Misses Pat and Alva Meaney, of Kirkland Lake, were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kerr, of Woodstock, were the guests of friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McKee, of Kirkland Lake, were the guests of friends in Timmins last week.

Herbert Langdon returned to Kingston and the Royal Military College on Saturday, after visiting at his home here during the holiday.

Among the out-of-town guests at the Kirkland Lake Lions Club dance on New Year's Eve was Miss Audrey Carcliff, of Timmins.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Back, Miss Emma McChesney and Miss O. Bucknell were visitors last week to Timmins, motoring here from Kirkland Lake.

Miss A. Hobbs, R.N., returned last week from New Liskeard where she spent the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hobbs.

Misses Margaret and Gertrude (Bunny) Burke have returned to McGill University after a holiday spent at their home here.

Sam Habib has returned to Queen's University to resume his studies, after a holiday spent visiting his parents and relatives and friends in town.

Tom Stonehouse has returned to Kingston to resume his studies at Queen's University, after a holiday spent at his home here.

Miss Mary Everard returned last week to Kingston to resume her studies at Queen's University, after a holiday spent at her home here.

Marcel Everard has returned to Queen's University after spending the holiday at his home here, and will resume his studies there.

Mr. Tom Brown, on the staff of the Bank of Commerce here for the past four years, left on Friday to take a post at the head office in Toronto.

Doug Sullivan returned on Friday to Queen's University, after spending the Christmas and New Year's holiday at his home here.

Maurice Villeneuve has returned to Houghton to resume his studies at the Michigan School of Mining and Technology after a holiday spent at his home here.

Miss Edith Smith returned on Sunday evening to Alma College, St. Thomas, after spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith.

George Darling has returned to Houghton to resume his studies at the Michigan School of Mining and Technology after spending the holiday visiting at his home here.

George Androchuk has returned to Kingston to resume his studies at Queen's University, after spending the Christmas and New Year's holiday at his home here.

Mr. John Palangio returned to North Bay on Tuesday after spending a few days visiting his daughters, Mrs. A. Pappone, Mrs. Frank Colameco, and Miss Mary Palangio.

is hardly the fault of the country that sometimes the seasons appear too short or too long. There is everything here during the year to be enjoyed—sunshine, heat, lazy sweltering days, rain, wind, storm, snow, ice, cold, green verdure, brown earth, white-clad slopes. The best way is to enjoy them all when they come along, and no questions asked. Even when they all appear to come along at once, as they sometimes do, why not enjoy them on sight, without discontent or envy.

Sometimes, it seems as if some people spend half their summers wishing for the joys of winter, and half their winters praying for the good old summer time. It may appear that there is more call for summer than for winter in this country, but that may simply be because the winters are a little longer and so give more time for prayers for a change. In any event, in these bracing days of this grand old winter-time, there is the comfort that this year Easter is to be early—March 22nd will be Good Friday—and that is taken by most people as an unfailing sign of an early spring.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Why do some newspapers make statements open to question? For instance, The Kitchener Record says:—"Very seldom do you see a young man nowadays with a red spot on his cheek where some girl slapped him for stealing a kiss." Such a statement is certainly open to question—indeed, to three questions. Is it a fact that fewer young men of to-day are less frequently slapped for kiss theft? If so, is this because the young man of the present is more honest in regard to kisses than his forebears? Or is it because the modern young lady believes in kleptomania and feels that punishment should not be meted out for what is not

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Miss Iona Matthews returned Saturday to Toronto after spending the holidays at her home in Schumacher.

Mr. Dean Ford returned to town on Saturday after spending several months at points east.

Mrs. R. Cole returned this morning from New York where she spent a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stanley returned yesterday from a visit to Toronto, Paisley and other points south.

Miss Edith Smith returned to-day (Monday) to Alma College, St. Thomas, after spending the Christmas and New Year's holiday at her home here.

Miss Ruby Binkley, of New Liskeard, was a visitor last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gagnon.

Miss Helen Russell will return to Branksome Hall to-morrow (Tuesday), after spending the holiday at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Russell. During the holiday Miss Maria Quintana, of Mexico City, was a guest of Miss Russell, and Dr. and Mrs. Russell.

Timmins Dart League Again Well Under Way

The Timmins Dart League is again well under way. Competition has started for the Russell trophy, the first round being played this evening (Monday) at the Legion hall. The teams are: Cardinals vs. United; Seven-Ups vs. Nationals; Dug-ups vs. Gambles; Robinsons vs. Imperial; Algomans vs. Wanderers.

League standing and other details will appear in Thursday's Advance.

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Whist Parties Resumed by the Ladies' Auxiliary

In the report of the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion in Thursday's issue of The Advance, no mention was made of the installation of officers for 1940. This ceremony was conducted by Past President Mrs. Price and the new officers were installed and welcomed by the members.

The secretary for 1940 is Mrs. W. A. Devine, phone 962W, residence 23 James avenue.

The whist parties will be resumed to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8.15 p.m. All those who have learned to enjoy these weekly events are invited to attend. Pleasing prizes will be presented, and refreshments will be served.

Fifteen Births Registered During the Past Week-end

The following births were registered since Thursday last:—
Born—on November 30th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Babcock (nee Helen Miller) of 110A Third avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on December 24th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kuzenko, of 109 Hemlock street, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on December 15th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Leandre Pilon, of 63 Kent avenue—a son.

Born—on December 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Woodland (nee Mary Donyelchuk), of 171 Maple street north—a son.

Born—on November 8th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Laurent Dubeau of 162 Avenue Road, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on December 18th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. John Prepp (nee Lena Arsenault), of 171 Birch street south, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on December 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. William Pringle (nee Fabiola Poulin), of 86 Kirby avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on December 6th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joseph Falcon of 67 Toke street, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on November 25th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Uno Erkkila of 180 Balsam street north, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on December 11th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Thomas Elphick (nee Joan Standfast), of 62A Main avenue—a daughter.

Born—on December 4th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Morin of 15 Ronald street—a daughter.

Born—on December 6th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dunn of 51B Sixth avenue—a son.

Born—on December 24th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald (nee Florence Trelick) of 12 Feldman avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on December 27th, 1939, to Mr.

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and Mrs. Gaston Leprette (nee Emelia Vaillancourt), of 5 Wende avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on December 29th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hocking (nee Mabel Harrison) of 54 Hollinger avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Twenty-Sixth Wedding Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomkinson were among the guests at the Riverside Pavilion on Saturday evening, and there received the best wishes of numerous friends who congratulated them on the occasion of their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomkinson have been popular residents of the district for many years, being among the old-timers of the camp. Mr. Tomkinson is the owner of the Royal Studio, and has made many friends through his work and by a friendly and ready greeting for all.

During the evening, Henry Kelneck and his orchestra extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tomkinson by playing, "I Love You Truly," and other selections, and their numerous friends throughout Timmins and district will join in wishing them continued happiness.

Hollinger Directors' Lodge Scene of Quiet Wedding

A quiet marriage took place at the Hollinger Directors' Lodge, on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Miss Ethel Cathers became the bride of Mr. W. Langill Hogarth, of 122 Tamarack street. The Rev. Archdeacon Woodall, of South Porcupine, performed the ceremony, and guests present included Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lough, Mrs. Wilson Lang, Miss Florence Farr, and Messrs. Donald and Wm. Hogarth.

The bride was attired in a blue travelling ensemble, and following a buffet lunch, Mr. and Mrs. Hogarth left on a trip to Toronto and points south. Upon their return they will take up residence at 122 Tamarack street.

Sudbury Star: — "Who's Who" for 1940 lists Adolf Hitler's telephone number. Wonder what it will be about 1942.



'Never tired now'

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