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## THE POLLY-TICKLE SITUATION

One of the first radio announcers in Timmins used to create considerable amusement by his frequent reference to "political" matters. The chief pleasure in his announcements rested in the fact that he invariably pronounced "political" as "polly-tickle". In recent weeks, many have recalled that early radio announcer, for certainly Ontario has had a regular "polly-tickle" situation. The North has taken a very special interest in this "polly-tickle" situation, not only because it was so truly "polly-tickle," but also because the interests of the North were so closely concerned with such "polly-tickle" proceedings. Just as in other sections of the province, there was the natural human interest in the spectacular unexpectedness of Hon. Mitchell Hepburn, and also in the rather unusual expenditures and efforts made by some to grasp the sceptre thrown down by Mr. Hepburn. Delegates from this part of the North to the Liberal convention at Toronto last week were probably like those from other sections of the province. The Pembroke Standard-Observer, to judge by convention results, seemed to forecast the general trend of the delegates. "The South Renfrew delegates to the Liberal convention in Toronto," said the Pembroke Standard-Observer, "are going there, we are told, with an open mind. So, too, are the delegates from North Renfrew. But it is rumoured that they will all vote for Nixon." That appears to be a very "polly-tickle" attitude of the Liberal party throughout Ontario. In any event when the votes were counted Hon. Harry Nixon was elected leader of the Liberal party in Ontario on the first ballot. Details of the voting were not made public. It was given out, however, that out of a possible 582 votes, Hon. Mr. Nixon received 418 votes. That meant that Mr. Nixon received considerably more than twice as many votes as all the other candidates combined. One Irishman returning from the convention exclaimed, "Sure and if it had been a real election, all the other fellows would have lost their deposits." Of course, as some suggest, the story might have been a different one, if Premier Conant had not been taken suddenly ill and thus forced from the convention floor to a hospital bed. There might also have been a change in the vote, if eight Dominion Cabinet Ministers had not attended the convention to use their votes and influence. It is pleasant, however, to know that the Ottawa Cabinet Ministers are not too completely crushed with war work and the anxiety of affairs to take part in the odd interesting "polly-tickle" affair.

Without any disrespect to any of the other candidates, it may be said that the convention made a wise choice. Hon. Harry Nixon is a man of character, talent and experience. He has been a member of the Ontario Legislature since 1919. He was provincial secretary and registrar in the Drury Farmer Government, and he was one of the few to survive that ordeal without loss of prestige or respect. As a member of the Hepburn Cabinet he has enjoyed the regard of all and has been esteemed as a safe, sane, even tempered and fair-minded public man. In his own riding his popularity seems to have increased with the passing years. On several occasions he has acted as premier with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. Always quiet and unassuming, it must be admitted that he must have unusual character and personality to come through all the "polly-tickle" situations he has endured, and to still have people regard him as highly as they do. Whether the general public will rally to his standard as the party did at the convention remains to be seen.

Apart from the general provincial outlook, this part of the North has a special interest in the choice of the new leader, who will, without doubt, be the new premier of the province. One of the matters of special interest here is the belief that Hon. Mr. Nixon will insist on some measure of popular elections. It is suggested that he is opposed to the Ontario Legislature extending its own term, as was done in the recent session of the Ontario House. He is reported as considering that a very undemocratic move, even in times of war, and especially when many members of the Legislature opposed such a plan. Mr. Nixon has been quoted this week as promising to consult his fellow members in regard to the advisability of a general election in the province, but in any event it is asserted that he intends to see that the seven vacant seats are filled. This riding of South Cochrane has been unrepresented in the Ontario House literally for years, and this has been a serious handicap to the people of this part of the North. To look after the interests of this very important area it is essential that the riding is fully represented. This part of the North will be interested in watching how soon this riding is given its rights in the way of representation at Toronto.

Another matter in which the North will have special interest is the report that several important changes are forecast in the Ontario Cabinet. Reports are to the effect that J. M. Cooper, M.P.P., of Sudbury, and W. G. Nixon, M.P.P., for Temiskam-

ing, are considered as probabilities for portfolios in the reconstructed cabinet. The North would naturally view such additions to the Ontario government not only as advantages to the North but also as benefits to all Ontario. The riding of South Cochrane has been a decided asset to the province in the years that are past. It would be still more of a power for Ontario with the right leadership and support and understanding at Toronto.

## MISSED A GREAT CHANCE

Among the delegates to the Ontario Liberal Convention at Toronto last week was Dr. J. A. McInnis—and he missed the chance of his life. It is hard to understand how he missed it, but the fact remains that he did. Perhaps, he did think of it, but somebody talked him out of it. Everybody knows the broadmindedness of Dr. McInnis and his talent at getting folks together. Well, at that convention he found his fellow Liberals at sixes and sevens. It may have been "sixes" for all the other candidates, and "sevens" for the one who was chosen, but it did not look that way at first. Dr. McInnis could very easily have startled the convention by a speech something like this:

"Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen:—We are not doing the party or the country any good by having all these candidates and splitting up into sections and groups. There is nothing to be gained by Dominion members, premiers and Cabinet Ministers running against each other. Let us get away from all that sort of thing. Let all these contenders drop out and pick a real leader—a man that everybody can trust and follow. I admit I am using his name without his consent, but I do think he would be the right man. I mean, of course, George Drew, so favourably known to so many of you. He is a veteran of the last war, with a creditable record in that conflict. He has tried to serve again in this war. He has had long and honourable public service through the years of peace and in every election he has contested he has proved a sure winner. Geo. Drew would be a leader of whom the Liberal party might well be proud. I propose as Leader, Geo. S. Drew—veteran of the last war, and mayor of Timmins for several terms."

Of course, Dr. McInnis might have had interruptions in his address of nomination at that convention, if he had left it in any doubt as to which George Drew he was presenting. But anyway, Dr. McInnis missed his chance. However, it may all work out all right at the next election—the one George Drew may be premier of Ontario and the other George Drew may be member for South Cochrane.

## TO REACH THE QUOTA

In his address on Saturday evening to the members of the committees working on the Fourth Victory Loan drive, Mr. R. J. Ennis, chairman of the National War Finance Committee for Cochrane Unit, summed up the situation in striking way with these words:—"We did it before. We can do it again. And don't say it can't be done." Those who heard Mr. Ennis came away inspired by those three snappy sentences. They returned to work on the Victory Loan with those three thoughts actively in mind—"We did it before. We can do it again. And don't say it can't be done." If that trio of thoughts takes possession of all in Timmins and district, then the sentences can be amended to read:—"We did it before. We have done it again. We have proved it can be done."

During the last war loan there was the tendency to suggest that the quota for Timmins and district was too high and that it could not be reached. Until the close of the campaign it did appear as if this idea might prove the fact. Eventually, however, the quota was reached. What it meant in reality was that in the last days of the campaign so much more effort and enthusiasm had to be given by the salesmen and so much more sympathetic response by the people in general. Both were soon evident in full measure and the drive reached its objective. The quota was reached and passed.

It can be done again. It is true that the quota for the present drive is even higher than for the previous campaign. It is also true that the population of Timmins and district is not increasing and that both payrolls and business are at lower figures than in the previous drive. Against this, however, is the fact that the people today are much more "bond-conscious" than they were a few months ago. It is well to remember that the effort put into previous campaigns did not stop at the end of any particular drive. Indeed, many who could not see their way clear to buy even a small bond in a previous drive may now be able to purchase one of these investments. It will be easier to sell them because of the educative value of previous drives. Others who were doubtful about the practicability of purchasing bonds have since learned that it could be done. Now they have the spirit:—"We did it before. We can do it again."

Mr. Ennis understands psychology when he says:—"And don't say it can't be done." All over the world since the war began "impossible" things have been occurring. The people of China, Russia, Poland, Belgium, Holland, Britain and other places have been doing the impossible right along. Hitler thought he knew it was impossible that Britain could stand alone against his long planned bombing from the skies. Britain did it. The Japanese thought they knew that it was impossible for the Chinese to withstand the might of the Empire of the Rising Sun. China did it. The Nazis deemed it impossible for the Russians to stand against the

massed might of the German legions. Russia did it. On land, on sea and in the air, the Allies have been doing deeds meriting the name "impossible." But all these so-called "impossible" things are done because they are not recognized by those who do them as being impossible. "We did it before. We can do it again." These are the mottoes of those who face the falsely-termed "impossible." They recognize nothing within human power as really impossible. And they simply go along and do them.

"And don't say it can't be done." A better phrase would be, "It has to be done." In the present campaign the workers are tackling their various jobs with enthusiasm and determination. If it is humanly possible to pass the objective—and most people will agree that it is both possible and probable—then the quota will be exceeded. In that spirit the salesmen are facing a big task with confidence, asking co-operation from the general public, and certain that if all accept the motto, "We did it before. We will do it again," it will be done.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King: "Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man with a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

In a recent address, Eric Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce, voiced a thought that has been referred to more than once in recent issues of The Advance. "Hardly anybody in America deliberately wants totalitarianism," he says. "What threatens us is unintentional totalitarianism. Unless we use our heads we can slip into it absentmindedly." The war has surely shown most people the curse of regimentation. It has to be borne during the war to assure the winning of the war. But after the war, it may be said that the measure of unnecessary regimentation remaining will be a sign of the degree in which the war is

really lost. It is really regimentation that the civilized world fights to-day. Mr. Johnston makes it plain in his address that there is no system proposed by anybody to really abolish capitalism. The most that is offered is a change from individual capitalism to one of state capitalism. State capitalism means as surely government and control and regimentation by a few as any form of individual capitalism. The people can control ordinary capitalism—if they but will—while state capitalism almost inevitably drifts into the conditions that brought on the present war. Labour should be particularly alert against so-called state capitalism. Mr. Johnston quotes a C.I.O. leader in Washington the other day as saying:—"I would rather bargain with any private employer than with any bureaucrat. The bureaucrat has jails." It is a thought worth attention.

Not only newspaperdom, but all Canada suffered a loss in the recent death of Sam Charters, publisher for a lifetime of The Brampton Conservator, one of Ontario's ablest weekly newspapers. He was outstanding in his public service, not only giving of the best as a newspaperman, but also adding to that wide service years as a member of the Ontario Legislature, and more recently as a member of the House of Commons. He will be greatly missed in wide circles, but it is further tribute to his high character and stirring worth to state the fact that he will be most deeply mourned in the family circle and by the friends who knew him best. It may be added that in life Sam Charters won some measure of reward for his useful and helpful life, for he enjoyed the regard of all who knew him and had the happy knowledge that he was leaving the high traditions of the family in worthy hands.

One local gentleman suggests that the pleasant weather this week is due to the new Liberal leader. To which another local man replies "Nix on that!" Which goes to show that there are both Grits and Tories still living in this camp.

## Chickens as Prizes for Card Party at Church of Nativity

Bridge, 500, and Euchre Played. Over 65 Tables Present.

There were 65 tables of bridge, euchre and 500 at the Church of Nativity Parish Hall on Thursday evening. The evening was very successful.

During the evening, Mr. J. Ormston played several selections on the piano, and Mr. H. R. Rowe of the Victory Loan committee, gave an interesting address on the Victory Loan.

Prizes for the games were chickens. The door prize was won by Mr. James Gavan, who won a chicken.

Winners of 500 were:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Evelyn Elties; 2nd, Mrs. J. Tallon; Consolation, Mrs. A. Soucie. Gentlemen:—1st, Mrs. E. Menard; 2nd, Mrs. E. Diotte; Consolation, Mr. F. M. Wallingford.

Bridge prize winners were:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. J. T. Newton; 2nd, Mrs. J. R. Charlebois; Consolation, Mrs. T. Hogan. Gentlemen:—1st, Mr. D. Fox; 2nd, Mr. J. V. Bonhomme; Consolation, Mr. J. Ormston.

Winners of euchre:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs. C. Daly; 2nd, Mrs. W. J. Wallace; consolation, Mrs. Nelson. Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. E. Berthel; 2nd, Mr. Carl Day; Consolation, Mr. Derast.

## Pleasant Social Evening in Honour of Local Lady

Mrs. C. Menzie, of 159 Balsam south, held a social evening on Monday evening, in honour of Mrs. A. Wilford, of Timmins, who is taking up residence in Schumacher in a few days.

An enjoyable social evening was held, during this time Mrs. Wilford being presented with a lovely cut-glass flower vase by Mrs. C. Preston on behalf of the ladies present.

At the close of the evening, Mrs. Menzie, assisted by her daughter, Margaret, served a dainty lunch to her guests.

Those present were Mrs. J. Webb, Mrs. W. Kevan, Mrs. C. Preston, Mrs. J. Collins, Mrs. D. Maxwell, Mrs. F. Melville, E. Peterson, Mrs. A. Wilford and Mrs. C. Menzie.

## Hundred Per Cent Mark Passed by J. W. Fogg, Ltd.

While Albert's Bakery was the first firm in town to reach its quota on the group payroll savings plan in the 4th Victory Loan drive, John W. Fogg, Limited, was a very close second. Victory Loan headquarters expressed great pleasure at the speedy way in which these two concerns passed their objective, and with others following the same good procedure, the officials feel that the group payroll savings plan is going to be a general success.

## R.C.A.F. at North Bay Reaches Quota First Day

A note from Squadron Leader T. G. Holley, Commanding Officer No. 7 Recruiting Centre, R. C. A. F. at North Bay, last week-end said:—

"The R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre at North Bay announces that its staff secured their objective for the 4th Victory Loan campaign on the first day. It is their endeavour to double their year's quota."

Sudbury Star:—Lots of people still think chop suey comes from China—probably as many as think weather comes from Medicine Hat.

Blairmore Enterprise: A man seldom hears the knock of opportunity if he pays too much attention to the knock of the neighbors.

## IN THE CALL-UP

It was bound to happen—and probably did in many newspapers. In the story concerning elimination of the red classification, the Columbus (O.) Eye patch reported that the first to be called in the future would be "single men without children."—Editor and Publisher, N. Y.



## Stop Rubbing YOUR EYES

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