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THE DUTY OF VOTING

With so many of the flower of Canada's citizens overseas fighting for democracy, it would be regrettable, indeed, if those on the home front neglected their duty or misused their opportunity. This is a time when in very special way there is the duty to vote and to vote right. Many good people, however, are confused at the ballyhoo with which some seek to win the election, while others are affronted at the unnecessary abuse and misrepresentation and worse resorted to in the name of politics. Some have gotten no further than to decide that they cannot conscientiously vote for one particular party or candidate, and yet find difficulty in deciding exactly where they will place their vote. It is not the part of wisdom to vote for any party or candidate for no better reason than that they have been needlessly abused or falsely accused. There are, however, many tempted to do something like that. The proper course would appear to be to weigh the respective candidates and their platforms and then decide which would serve this part of the North with the most credit and the most benefit. It must be admitted that the present government of the province has handicapped itself by its form of appeal to the electorate. What little of platform it offers prompts the question as to why problems were left to the eve of an election before being announced. If the government is sincere in any of the reforms promised at this late date, why has there been so long a wait in introducing these measures. The brief time allowed for the election is another issue that can not be avoided. It seems like a cheap political trick to crowd on an election with so little time allowed that even the mechanical arrangements incidental to an election can not be properly carried through. Another point against the government party is its virtual disfranchisement of soldiers on service overseas; its plan of depriving school teachers and other worthy people of their votes through the time at which the election is held, and the disadvantage at which farmers and others are placed through the holding of an election at a time of year when all surplus time should be devoted to keeping production at its highest level. The unseemly rush with which the election is being held also means the disfranchisement of literally hundreds of people who find the time at disposal too short to assure their right to vote. In this riding of South Cochrane there are literally hundreds of voters who will be unable to cast their ballots because the time available was not sufficient for citizens to assure themselves of their eligibility for the vote. Those who have a vote owe it to themselves and the country to rebuke the tactics that have deprived so many of the franchise. There is no way the man or woman needlessly deprived of a vote can evidence his or her displeasure at the loss. There is something that should be done by those fortunate enough to have retained the privilege of the vote. Those who have decided that in view of all the circumstances and conditions, they will not vote this way or that, should go the logical step further to decide how they will vote. Probably the best method for an intelligent and patriotic vote is to consider what the candidates and platforms have to offer this North Land. Capt. (Dr.) Ralph Neelands and the Progressive Conservative party appear to have the most to offer in definite and detailed way. For over three years this riding has been without any representative in the Legislature, and this has been a disadvantage not easy to forget or overlook, as the times have been such that the lack of a representative has been a very serious handicap. What has Capt. (Dr.) Neelands and the Progressive Conservatives to offer the North. There is the platform of the party with its twenty-two specific points. These points cover practically every need of the day in political way. Agriculture, education, hydro electric power, forest conservation, old age pensions, taxation, health, employment, social security all are well covered. There is special attention given to the problems of after the war. The sincerity of the platform is proven by the fact that every form of legislation foreshadowed in this platform has been submitted already to the Legislature by Geo. A. Drew, the Progressive Conservative leader, who at least made the present government vote down each of the proposals that other parties now seek to pose as championing. It will be noted that the interests of the North are particularly well cared for in this platform. There is direct promise that mining will be restored to its proper place in the province, that the burdensome restrictions that have stifled prospecting will be removed, and that Northern municipalities will receive fair play in the matter of the division of the taxation of mines. This programme offers a new era of prosperity and progress for the North. It is difficult to understand how any loyal Northerner could fail to support, so beneficial a programme. Granting the special value of the twenty-two points to the North Land, it may be asked what may be expected from the candidate Capt. (Dr.)

R. Neelands. The answer to that one rests in the true story of Dr. Neelands himself. He has the talent, the experience, the public-spirit and the wide knowledge of the country, the people and their problems. His talent and public spirit are on the record in his services to boards of trade, boards of education, hospital boards, service clubs and many other public and semi-public capacities. His service to the Canadian Legion is specially emphasized in his home town of Kirkland Lake. His public-spirit is placed beyond question by his service as a private through most of the last war and his service as a skilled medical man and surgeon in the present war. As a general practitioner over a particularly wide area, extending from Kirkland Lake to Matheson, and especially his work as a "bush doctor" near Kapuskasing, give him a very close and alert knowledge of the people and their problems. A doctor has a particularly intimate knowledge of the people he serves and this able and kindly medical man has added years of thought and study of the questions of the country and the day to his daily work. An able man, an honest man, an experienced man, Dr. Ralph Neelands appears to be the direct answer to the need for a worthy representative for this area of the North.

BRAKES NEEDED FOR BREAKS

The present election contest seems to have set a record for bad "breaks." Perhaps, the first in the line was the insistence by one party in the fight that all politicians are stupid and unworthy, while the apparent truth was that those who held these derogatory views were themselves no more and no less than politicians. Another "break" was made by one of the local speakers at the gathering addressed last week by Hon. Mr. Nixon, premier of Ontario. This speaker made caustic reference to the C.C.F. He refuted the suggestion that a new party like the C.C.F. could successfully carry on a government and pointed to the United Farmers Government as a sample of the way untried and inexperienced men could make a mess of affairs. In an eloquent period he pictured the U.F.O. as incompetent, soon thrown out of office by an indignant people, with some of the government members sent to prison for impropriety. Hon. Mr. Nixon sat on the platform through this attack and it would be interesting to know his feelings as he was one of the leading members of the U.F.O. thus scored so soundly. The Globe and Mail devoted an editorial article to this particular "break," pointing out that it was a particularly bad "break" as Hon. Mr. Nixon was well known for his personal honesty and uprightness. "The third "break" was made by a local candidate in an address in French. He warned his hearers that they could not possibly vote for the C.C.F. candidate as that gentleman, Mr. Grummett, was that terrible type—a member of the Masonic Order. It is to be hoped that Hon. Mr. Nixon does not understand French, as he also is one of those people so strongly warned against by the candidate—a Mason. There have been other "breaks" in this election contest. Not all of them are amusing. Those that tend to rouse racial or religious differences are much to be condemned. Somebody should put the brakes on these bad "breaks."

HUMOUR IN ELECTIONS

A noticeable feature of the present election contest seems to be the entire absence of any happy humour. It is all very well to say that these are serious times and there is no place for humour. Surely the times here are not nearly so serious as they are in Belgium, Norway, Greece, Poland, yet humour still sticks in the never-ending contests in those countries as the humourless Nazis know to their irritation. Of course, there has been lots of unconscious humour in the election battle of to-day, but the merry humour that livened the fight and took the sting out of the fervour of past contests appears to be lacking. The C.C.F. seem to be conducting an evangelistic revival rather than an election fight. The Liberals appear to be holding school sessions with the teachers stern and solemn and the air weighty with threats to any absent pupils. Even the Conservatives are more solemn than they were on less promising occasions. Past election contests were not like this. Remember when the late Milton Carr, the late C. V. Gallagher or the late Sylvester Kennedy used to make elections worth while by their humorous stories and their happy wit? Or when the late Geo. T. Smith, of Haileybury, would brighten proceedings by his humorous highlights? The late Wesley Gordon was another who could be depended upon to keep an audience cheerful no matter how serious the situation. To-day even Dr. McInnis seems to have lost the happy humour that once made his story of the Chevrolet coupe a classic. In those days the North did not have to import its election humour. The local talent on all sides was quite able to look after the situation, though the occasional outsider helped the happy time along. Hon. Howard Ferguson, for example, more than once added to the gaiety of the day by the wit and humour in his happy addresses. Elections in those days were bitter enough, but the bitterness did not last, perhaps, because of the humour. Maybe a little judicious humour would clean as well as brighten some of the situations of to-day. It is doubtful, however, at this late date if anyone will be brave enough to attempt the injection of the saving grace of humour. At one of the first public meetings here a radio announcer attempted to sweeten the programme by a humorous story, but the anecdote fell flat and the laughter came fa-

away from the Bronx. It is a matter of regret that the participants in the present contest are not serious enough to be supported by some wit and humour.

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, a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

Watch out for the last minute election broadside. Do not be bluffed by ballyhoo!

The fate of Mussolini should be a warning to all the Sawdust Caesars nearer home.

In his address at the Kiwanis Club on Monday Lieut.-Governor Linklater touched a point that deserves the most careful consideration from all. He warned against the tendency to believing that recent Allied successes means the war is won or nearly won. This is the time when it is essential for victory that there be no complacency, no slack-

Wants Square Deal for the Prospector in the North Land

Importance of Prospector Pointed Out. What Party Offers the Right Help?

An old-time prospector of the North Land sends The Advance the following letter:—

Timmins, July 27th, 1943 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:— I hope you have space in your paper for a few remarks from an old-timer.

Where to? Oh, men of the North Land!

Well, we have come again to another election in Ontario.

In South Cochrane (a very important part of the North Land) what can we expect? I am thinking of the prospectors, who, after all, are quite important, if we would have this district continue to prosper.

Much has been written and much more has been said about the lag in prospecting activities.

Mining men, geologists, stockholders, some politicians, a few, but very few, prospectors, leaders of the prospectors' association—all seem to approach the subject as if it were a very deep mystery.

Did you ever hear the story of the guy who went out hunting moose? He had a hell of a good rifle, a nice light canoe, tent and all equipment necessary, good sturdy legs, dang good feet encased in good boots to walk on perfectly, good eyesight, and he travelled into a country where moose were plentiful. Came the time to load the gun! He reached down into the pack-sack. Hells, bells! Where is it? What! no ammunition? Oh, man! oh, man! Some dirty xxxx blankety-blank xxxx so and so had removed the package containing the cartridges. What a sad, sad plight!

Who has removed, the ammunition from the gold hunter's pack?

You will find the answer in the rules, regulations (or what have you) of the Ontario Securities Commission.

Do the people of Ontario want to see the prospector get out and search for minerals? Just see to it that all restrictions are removed. Return to the prospectors and their backers the freedom of action they enjoyed when Larder Lake, Porcupine, Matacawhan, Little Long Lac, Kirkland Lake, Red Lake, were opened up.

The question is now:— Will the C. C.F. candidate fight for the prospector? I doubt it! He would be for setting up a committee to send out prospectors paid by the taxpayer whether they liked it or not, and he would never get a mine. We have too much regimentation now.

Will Mr. Brunette have the courage to offend his party leaders who framed the Securities Commission and its rules and regulations? Does Mr. Brunette know anything about the prospectors' problems? The remedy to be applied is a major operation on the framers or fathers of the Ontario Securities Commission regulations (with regard to mining).

Has Mr. Brunette, the fighting qualities required to dare do this, providing his leader, Mr. Nixon, forms the next Ontario government?

Now, for Dr. Neelands? Who is he? Has he the ability, the strength and the weight required of a representative for this part of our great North Land? What does he know of mining, lumbering, farming? What could he do to help solve the problems of the prospector, the lumberman and the settler?

These are important questions. They are vital subjects. Can Mr. Brunette or Dr. Neelands answer them? So far we have heard nothing from them except some platitudinous generalities. They have specified nothing. Let us hear from them this week. The men of the North Land are entitled to know where they stand.

Yours Sincerely, Old-timer —

Prospector, Lumberman, Settler. Editor's Note:— In answer to the above it should be noted that Dr. Neelands, the Progressive Conservative candidate endorses fully the party platform of twenty-two points. Point No. 3 of this programme says:—

3. The mining industry will be assisted in every way possible and placed under the direction of a Minister with practical knowledge of mining. The tax burden will be lightened and there will

be more equitable distribution of the tax between the different taxing bodies. A larger share of the taxes will go to the Provincial and Municipal treasuries. All restrictive measures which deny prospectors and others the inducement to find and develop new mining properties will be repealed and every encouragement will be given geologists and prospectors to discover new mineral areas. Every practical measure possible will be adopted to expand this great basic industry so that it may offer the widest opportunities for employment when our armed forces are demobilized.

People who have votes will have to guard the interests of those who have been robbed in one way or another of the franchise. In this riding there will be hundreds of people who have no vote in this election. The short space of time allowed and some of the regulations applied will keep many from the right to vote. Those with votes should express their disapproval of this by voting against those responsible for the situation. Thus, those robbed of their franchise may vote by proxy, as it were.

Hon. Mr. Nixon asks to be judged on the record of the Ontario government or governments. Reduced to its logical conclusion this is an invitation to all in this riding to vote for Capt. Neelands.

The present government has kept this riding without a representative in the Legislature for over three years. The riding should return the compliment by seeing that the present government is kept without a representative in this riding for the next four years.

ing will be held on Friday, August 20th, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wakeford, 72 Way Ave. and a business meeting will be held in St. Matthew's Church Hall at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 12th.

At the end of the evening Mrs. Melville served a lovely lunch and those present were:— Mrs. W. Christopher, Mrs. P. Reid, Mrs. M. Holland, Mrs. T. Glaister, Mrs. J. Webb, Mrs. F. Read, Mrs. J. Wakeford, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. R. McTaggart, Mrs. H. Grisdley, Mrs. C. Preston, Miss M. Paynter, Mrs. W. Kevan, Mrs. G. Holland, Mrs. J. Maxwell, Mrs. J. Knell, Mrs. J. Simpson, Mrs. J. Holland, Mrs. J. Robinson, Mrs. F. Melville, Mrs. J. Collins.

Bee Causes Car Crash That Made Strawberry Jam

Talk about mixed metaphors! Last week a bee was responsible for an accident that put a car driver in a jam—strawberry jam included. The accident occurred near West Cobalt and the driver of the car was Warren Peterson, of Haileybury. He had a quantity of strawberries in the car bringing this consignment of fruit from Gilles. A bee flew in through the open window of the car and struck the driver on the face, causing him to lose control. To avoid hitting a post he swung the car into the bush. The driver had a rough ride but was not injured, though he could aptly be described as in a "jam", the strawberries being scattered around the neighbourhood. The car also escaped serious damage, but the strawberries were a total loss.

Lovely Shower in Honour of Bride of Monday Last

Miss Audrey Van Rassel Feted at Personal Shower Saturday Night.

In honour of Miss Audrey Van Rassel, a bride of Monday last, Miss Jerry Ryan entertained at a personal shower, at the home of Mrs. H. Dorschner, Elm St., last Saturday night. Everyone chatted and played bingo and spent a lovely evening.

The guest of honour received many gifts presented to her in an attractively decorated turquoise and white basket. Lunch was served by Mrs. Dorschner and Miss Ryan.

Among those present were:— Mrs. Jerry Banning, Mrs. Claire Chenier, Mrs. W. B. Van Rassel, Mrs. B. Van Rassel, Mrs. J. Van Rassel, Mrs. Gaven, Mrs. W. Swain, Mrs. H. Dorschner, Miss Lebine, Miss E. Banning, Miss Theersa Belec, Miss Vera Swain, Miss Bessie Montgomery, Miss Isabel Haystead and Miss Mary Cotnam. Those who sent gifts but who were unable to attend were:— Mrs. A. C. McKenna, Mrs. Leo Banning, Miss Anne Svoss, Miss Agnes Evans, and Miss Stella McKenna.

Pembroke Standard:— It's a calamity these days when too many cooks spoil the broth.



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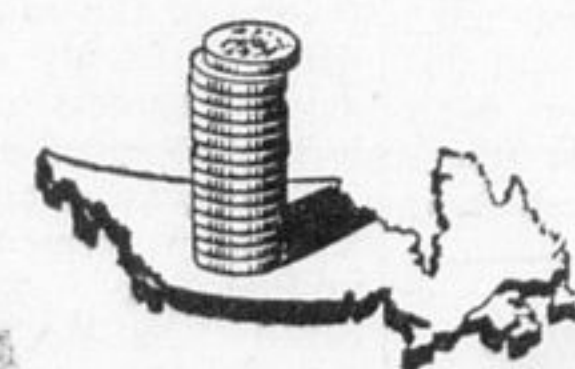
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