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Notes and Comments

Under A New Captain, and on The March
 (Ottawa Journal, Independent)

Great and memorable, and not merely in a party sense, was the national convention of the Conservative Party. For the thing to which it gave testimony, apart from the vigor of a historic party, is the unity of Canada: the oneness of a nation which neither sectionalism nor prejudice nor any other false counsel can divide or destroy.

Debate the convention brought, and discussion, with differences of honest opinion. But these—debate and undictated choice—are of the glories of democracy, and beneath all ran the refrain of unity in essentials: loyalty to Canada, loyalty to a common Empire, high resolve to work for the common crowd in human dignity and betterment.

Democracy in Canada will not perish, nor freedom, nor consciousness of partnership among the British peoples, while marches a great party with such principles. The men and women and youth of Canada who during these three days worked together towards a common goal will return home better Canadians, with heightened faith in Canada's destiny, new pride and responsibility in citizenship. That is gain for all of us.

Of the resolutions passed by the convention—declarations which become the party's platform—that which will strike the most responsive chord in Canadian hearts was this:

"We believe that the defence of Canada and the preservation of our liberties can best be promoted by consultations and co-operation between all the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations." And again:

"We reaffirm our abiding loyalty to the Crown, and to the democratic system of representative self-government of which the Crown is the symbol.

"We recognize in the British Commonwealth of Nations a mighty influence making for world peace and the preservation of democratic institutions.

"We reaffirm the principle of maintaining un-impaired the ties that bind together the British Commonwealth of Nations."

O Canadian sovereignty and status, in the achievement of which leaders of the Conservative Party have the witness of history, there is no surrender here. What is told, without furtiveness or fear, is the truth of reality; the thing dictated by Canada's overwhelming heart and mind.

One other thing, and unmistakably, this convention told. The truth that the Conservative Party is not a party of reaction, not a static party. There are some who speak of the "dictation of St. James Street." of the power in politics of "Big Business." A devastating repartee upon that was the resolution passed by the party on the unification of railways. Unification of railways was wanted by St. James Street, so-called. It was demanded by Big Business, so-called. The answer of this convention was this:

"The National Conservative party hereby declares its opposition to any plan of unification or amalgamation of the great railways of Canada and to any form of monopoly of railway transport, either private or public."

Nor was it in this alone that Conservatism told that it is no creature of any class or interest or vested group. In its declarations on social legislation, on youth welfare, on unemployment, on labor, it showed itself a party of right reform; a party which places human rights and values foremost among its creeds; a party whose revenge for the past does not prevent its deep concern for betterment in the future.

Thus rededicated to its historic mission of nation building, the Conservative Party marches under a new and brilliant leader, Robert J. Manion is of the stuff which, in leadership, not merely deserves victory, but compels it. A gallant, engaging figure, a flaming, headlong spirit, he is of that fighting fibre which calls a party or a cause back from flight; the captain who revives a drooping flag. All his life "Bob" Manion has loved and been in action. On the lacrosse field, on the battlefield, in the House of Commons or on the hustings, he has been the Captain Courageous, intrepid against odds. To the Conservative Party, as to any cause, he must bring a fresh touch.

It is twenty-one years since "Bob" Manion, back from distinguished war service, first entered the House of Commons. Almost immediately he brought to his duties a quick, innovating mind; within four years he was of front bench rank, became Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. Nor were his talents merely those of the Brilliant skirmisher. In controversy he could be tempestuous, but in calm thought on complex problems he could bring a mind of acute penetration, a sense of measure without which no man can achieve place in the House of Commons. The work "Manion is up" emptied the smoking rooms for more reasons than his militancy.

Indeed, on every ground, on grounds of character, service, ability and loyalty, Robert J. Manion deserves the honor the Conservative party has given. To Meighen, who was his first hero, and to Bennett, under whom he served through five years, he gave every loyalty. More than that, though less spectacular and less known, he proved as Minister of Railways to be an able, efficient administrator. If the Canadian National Railways today is still any asset to Canada, credit for that and in no small measure must go to R. J. Manion. The proof is in the records.

In the election campaigns of 1930 and 1935, Manion was the most trenchant swordsman, among all his party's captains. A Flying Column by all himself, he was the spearhead of every salient, the essence of the first-class fighting man in politics. Only his unselfish loyalty to others brought defeat in his own constituency.

But "Bob" Manion, sleepless though his shillelagh remains in his hand, will be more than a fighting leader. He will be a human leader. Engaging and winsome in personality, there is something lovable in his character; an undercurrent of understanding and sympathy. Widely-travelled widely-read, he is a lover of literature; a lover of his kind; a lover of human comradeship.

CROSIER RE-UNION

Saturday, July 2nd was a perfect day for the occasion of the seventh annual reunion of the Crosier family when they met at the home of D. W. Crosier, "Pon-Veu" Altona, three miles east of Stouffville. One hundred attended.

After the sports in the afternoon everyone gathered for the election of officers, when the following were elected: Pres., Wright Crosier, Manchester; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Walter Short, Toronto; Secretary Treasurer, Miss Hazel Crosier, London.

Upon the invitation of Mr. Stanley Ploughman, the next family reunion will be held at his home in Port Perry on the first Saturday in July 1939.

The tables, which were centred with roses and sweet peas, were arranged on the lawn under the shade of the maples, and at the supper hour everyone sat down to enjoy the many good things prepared for the occasion. While still at the tables a short program of speeches and music was given, also prizes for the oldest lady present, Mrs. G. Prentice, Port Perry; the oldest man, Mr. Eastman Wallace, Toronto; Mrs. Frank Stokoe, Seattle, Washington, who came the farthest to attend the reunion; little Gerald Lee Crosier, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Crosier, Manchester, being the youngest one present.

The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. Russel Crosier and Hazel, London; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crosier, Cecil Jr. and Clifford; Mr. and Mrs. G. Crosier; Mrs. C. Thompson, Marshall and Shirley; Mrs. W. Short; Mr. Myrtle Crosier; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Nellie Tucker; Miss Muriel Crosier; Mr. Eastman Wallace of Toronto; Mrs. Frank Stokoe, Seattle, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. J. Crosier and Harold Crosier, Stayner; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosier, Donald and Shirley Ann, Seagrave; Mr. and Mrs. George Prentice, Barbara and Pauline; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ploughman, Luella, Ellen and Mrs. John Ploughman; Mrs. W. Crosier, Port Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sonley, Bobbie and Marie, Mrs. Walter Sonley, Mr. Wilson Crosier, Mr. Frank Crosier and Helen; Mrs. Elwood Crosier and Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Crosier and Mrs. Innes of Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. George Samells and Jean Marie of Scugog; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Prentice and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. John Albright, Mr. and Mrs. E. McKnight, Mr. Ray Munroe, Epsom; Miss Jean Wilson, Mac and Bruce Wilson, Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Norman White, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Gordon, Goodwood; Miss Loretta Sonley, Whitby; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon, Clarence and Ray, Myrtle; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burrows, Arthur and Russell, Cedar Grove; Mrs. Roy Grove, Ringwood; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taun, Mr. Wm. Malloy, Mr. E. Howsam, Lucille and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crosier, Mary Irene and Erla, Stouffville

500 AT ANNUAL PICNIC

Over 500 people crowded into Greenwood Park on Wednesday afternoon last on the occasion of the annual field day of Greenwood circuit United Churches. A program of sports was held in the afternoon with the evening program consisting of two plays presented by Bethesda Women's Auxiliary, and other concert numbers.

Music was provided by the Claremont Band. Novelty events for children and adults were also featured. A committee, under Rev. H. H. Mutton, minister of the circuit; and composed of R. V. Mowbray, J. L. Pegg, Ralph Jones, Lorne Jones, Arch. Bell and Milton Pegg was in charge.

Representatives were from Mt. Zion, Greenwood and Kingsale churches in the circuit while competitors attended from: Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Perry, Scugog, Myrtle, Claremont, Uxbridge, Agincourt, Unionville, Pickering, Brooklin, Whitby.

In the girls' softball tournament, Uxbridge and Claremont teams won after Agincourt and Unionville had been eliminated. In the boys' tournament teams were entered from Myrtle, Claremont, Greenwood and Bowmanville.

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ALTONA CONVICTION
 (Continued from page one)

Sergeant McAllister. Pleading Not Guilty. Bennett stepped down from the dock to wait sentence and Ough took his place to hear the formal charge of receiving money, knowing it to be stolen, read to him by the court. He pleaded not guilty and Crown Attorney Annis at once recalled Miss Berry to the stand. She related again her identification of the five dollar bill found in Bennett's coat, but was not positive that a two dollar bill found in the \$38 recovered on Ough was one of those stolen though it had a notation of the number twenty-five on the back. She said that she had marked a bundle of twenty-five two dollar bills.

Found Guilty of "Receiving". "Possession of the money does not transfer the onus one particle. The Crown must show that the accused knew it was stolen when he got it," stated defense counsel D. B. McIntyre, appearing for Ough. Mr. McIntyre first asked that the case be dismissed without calling the defense on the grounds that the Crown had not shown that Ough knew the money was stolen. When this failed, defense counsel called no witnesses, but pointed out that Ough, who gave his age as twenty-one, was younger than Bennett, and had been an outstanding athlete, playing junior rugby and hockey.

"It is quite evident that you received fifty-five dollars from Jack Bennett," His Worship told the accused, "fifty-five dollars of an amount stolen from the Palais Royale, on June 11, and which Bennett admitted. You were a roommate of Bennett and there is no doubt in my mind that you were closely associated with him. As room-mates you must have known that he was not employed and that when you received this fifty-five dollars you knew it was stolen. When questioned you first gave evasive answers and then admitted it was given you by Bennett for no apparent reason." His Worship registered a conviction against the accused.

"This man has already been convicted of robbery while armed," observed Crown Attorney Annis, referring to the Altona hold-up on which Ough was convicted last week, "Bennett has found himself faced with four major charges since associating with Ough. I am strongly under the impression that in this association, Ough is just as determined to live a life of crime as Bennett, who had the decency to come forward and admit he had done it. Ough was clever enough to make Bennett the "fall guy." I'm submitting that this man is the "brains" of the outfit—brains enough to keep in the background, take the proceeds and let the other fellow take the rap. He's a menace to society, of which society can be rid for a long time. This man to my opinion is probably more dangerous than his companion."

"I deserve everything Your Honour will no doubt give me," said Bennett, admitting that all the evidence presented against him was correct. "I guess every one tells you the same thing, but I'll give my word for what its worth when I do come out I won't be a menace to society."

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FARM WORKERS NEEDED FOR HARVEST

County Agricultural Committee Under Reeve James Rennie, Chairman, Backs Premier's Proposal to Put All Able-bodied Men to Work.

Proposal of Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn to have all able-bodied men on relief available this year for harvest threshing, in the rural areas, was highly commended by the York County Agricultural Committee last week.

The committee indicated that in the past few years there has been a shortage of farm labor and with a bumper crop in the offing assistance will have to be obtained from the cities.

Many rural members of county council felt an edict requiring able-bodied men on relief to accept farm labor had been long overdue and expressed willingness to back the Premier to the limit on any action he had along those lines.

"It should have been done many years ago," said Deputy-Reeve Wheeler of Scarborough. "I welcome the government's contemplated action. As it is, many able-bodied men who are on relief will not seek employment on a farm. Years ago they came out looking for it before relief was introduced. Many farmers in this section of the county will need extra help as the harvest approaches."

Reeve Robert Scott of Vaughan Township said the proposal was "good news" to all farmers in the county. Although most of the men on relief would be unskilled in farm work Reeve Scott opined they were needed. "Indications point to a heavy crop this year," he stated "any help will be welcomed."

Reeve James Rennie, chairman of the committee, pointed out that all the unemployed of Markham Township had found jobs on farms and there would be plenty of openings for others during the harvest.

"There isn't a healthier job in the country than harvesting and if a man is willing to learn he will quickly be an asset to any farmer," said Reeve Rennie. "The crops are big and we could use additional labor now and when harvest comes labor will be in demand."

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