

EDITORIAL PAGE.

Do you ever get "confused" when hearing of government ideas or policies? Perhaps, like the proverbial "red herring" that is the aim of those in power. If the electorate is given two conflicting proposals ..they'll be too worried and confused to object to what the leaders really intend to accomplish! (if they themselves even know) That would seem to be obvious in several areas, both Federally and Provincially.

The Federal government, in one voice expresses concern with the aging of the Canadian population, then in another voice, indicates a reduction of service/s which will have negative effects on that same population. An example would be the proposed reduction in mail service, both door-to-door and rural post offices.

In the Provincial arena, a recent Liberal "think tank" produced several issues relating to education: emphasising teacher excellence; revamping the system(educational) with a solid emphasis on logic, cognition and thinking skills; focusing teacher training on the child's need for self-worth and establishing mandatory requalification testing for teachers on an on-going basis.

Headlines in the same newspaper reporting the above items told of a Ministry of Education proposal which would permit teachers to teach in areas for which they are not fully qualified! In other words, a "teacher" providing he/she met some very general criteria such as language proficiency, would be allowed to "teach" just about anything, even if the subject to be taught was not in their area of expertise.

This is already taking place (for ?economic reasons) in our Elementary schools, with the classroom teacher being responsible for music and in some instances, physical education.

This new "idea" would encompass all subjects in both Elementary and Secondary schools.

One can but contemplate the inherent problems, even dangers, in this proposal.

The Music teacher assigned to automotive! While a well-tuned motor may be music to the ears of an automotive specialist, it would probably be a cacophony of noise fraught with worry over the safety of the teacher and the students. Or the Language specialist, teaching senior level chemistry. New descriptive passages of prose would certainly be written when students, with a little knowledge and a lot of imagination, create noxious and possibly dangerous mixtures!

We probably all have memories of an incident in our own educational past where a non-qualified teacher "taught" us a subject with which they were less than familiar. A four foot square "Phys. Ed teacher" who couldn't see her toes let alone touch them...her real speciality was Home Economics! The "typing teacher" who always sat at the back of the classroom, typing keys flying...but only produced a conglomeration of meaningless letters. (if a student could ever see the results of such "fluid rhythm").

It must be sad for "specialists" to see what worth the government holds for their "expertise". Additionally, it must be frustrating for students to contemplate facing "text book" teaching. Let's face it, the innovative and exciting methods of passing on knowledge are more likely to come from a teacher's commitment and knowledge of his/her topic. The expertise is gained through exposure to and interest in the subject. To attempt to "pass on" that which you are not familiar with, let alone interested in, could produce less than the desired results.

The "issues" emanating from the "think tank" supposedly indicate possible future action.

The Ministry proposals are already "in motion". School Boards have been asked to "comment" on them before February 27, 1987.

With the presentation of what appear to be vastly different philosophies, not only in the same day's news, but by the same political party, one must wonder if the left hand has any idea what the right hand is doing!

On a positive note..it does keep one's mind off other vital issues, such as unemployment and health care!

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SPECIAL THANKS

To Susan Keates for her contribution to this month's Lantern.

Regular Lantern volunteer typist Susan Duncan begged for a month of freedom, (the first in many years). Susan kindly volunteered to fill the gap and typeset 90% of this month's edition. Thanks, Susan, for a great job...and Sue..you'd better get back soon or we might not miss you...(Joking of course!)

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