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How We Shall Drink

THE QUESTION is not whether we shall drink. It is how we shall drink.

This is the point that should be borne in mind by those proposing to present briefs to the B.C. liquor inquiry commission when it sits at the court house next Monday to hold a public hearing for Prince Rupert and district.

As it makes its tour of the province, the commission is being crowded by ardent exponents of one cause and another who have apparently assumed that the board is empowered to decide whether B.C. shall be wet or dry.

The assumption spells waste of time for all parties concerned as it has already been decided by plebiscite that it shall be permissible to serve spirituous liquor by the glass in licenced premises.

What remains to be settled is the method of dispensing liquor under the sanction so provided, and that is the purpose for which the commission was formed. Conditions and opinion varying as they will in almost every city, it is unlikely that the commission will be able to make many generalizations in its recommendations to the government.

In any case, it is hoped that Prince Rupert will step forward to present its case so that its wishes will receive the same attention as the rest.

They Are Our Responsibility

REPUGNANT conditions in certain sections of this city which have existed for some time have come to light before the public with an investigation by civic officials and consequent court procedure.

A couple has been charged with child neglect, to which both have pleaded guilty.

Evidence in court disclosed that children—three of them under six years of age—were left to forage for themselves in the squalor of a filthy, unkept small fishing boat tied to Cow Bay floats.

The fact that these little children are a shade darker in color than the majority of residents in Prince Rupert makes no difference. They are humans; they are just babies. What makes matters worse, they are theoretically orphans, without parents to take care of them; only guardians who neglect them.

Then what is to become of these waifs; these little children who are left to shift for themselves without the care of parents; these infants exposed to such conditions which can only be overcome by educated adults?

This is not a singular instance of child neglect in that section of the city. Not many weeks ago three small children—the eldest five years old—were left alone on a small fishing boat. The boat became waterlogged and sank. Two of the children had a narrow escape; a baby drowned.

These are conditions we cannot ignore, nor sustain. These conditions and their results are our responsibility, whether federal, provincial or municipal, more than they are the responsibility of the people directly involved.

They are our moral responsibility because we own and have absorbed the teaching of "love thy neighbor . . ." These people—their children—are our neighbors. We have not the excuse, either, to say that they are the wards of the federal government, for once off their reserves they are plain John Doe, B.C. citizen.

We call for action on two counts: first, for a concentrated effort to find out the cause of these cases of indifference to the welfare of children, and second, which is of more immediate necessity, a place or a home for these unfortunates who have not the benefit of care from their elders.

There are many, many natives and their families who stand out as model examples of the citizenship to which they have always had an inherent right. We appeal also to them to aid in this cause of grave concern to all of us.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I have chosen you out of the world."—St. John 15:19.

MOST RAILWAYS About 29 per cent of the world's total railway mileage is in the United States.

OLD DIGGERS Ancient well-diggers in Burma, seeking oil for lamps, dug plank-lined wells as deep as 400 feet.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

B.C. Pink or Russ Red?

MOST people in Western Canada must have rubbed their eyes with wonder when they read that the "British Keep Out" sign has been hung on the gates of the upcoming automobile show in Toronto.

Only American and Canadian cars are to be permitted, say these strange patriots in what used to be proud of its reputation as the most loyalist and fervent British city in the Empire.

Of course this arbitrary, unfair and unpatriotic action is itself the greatest of all tributes to Made-in-Britain cars. It shows the North American big boys are scared even to show their own products on a basis of free and fair comparison with the British imports.

It will probably affect many people as it did me, if I ever do buy another car it will probably be made in Britain. Come to think of it, it is time our family switched to the British makes anyway—after wearing out a half dozen North American models.

ON the whole I think very highly of the present Liberal government at Ottawa, especially in the field of international co-operation, it is the most enlightened and intelligent that we have ever had in Canada.

But with all due respect to Mr. Abbott I think his B.C. Liberal colleagues should say to him "Come Again," in a double sense. It would be nice to have the Minister come out to catch more fish. But it would be even nicer to have him demonstrate a much more realistic view of B.C.'s export difficulties than he has done so far.

We need to regain the stable British market for fish, lumber and apples. The present government has as yet done nothing adequate to enable B.C. to regain these markets. On the contrary, even Mr. Mayhew turned a deaf ear to a perfectly practical and timely plan of B.C. salmon packers to facilitate large scale shipments to Britain.

Let us not kid ourselves by confusing two different things. Our recent high export figures to Britain result from war and armament products. But our losses are on stable products, like salmon, apples and lumber.

If we want to regain our British market for B.C. Pink salmon we have to make it as possible for the British to pay for it as it is for them to pay for the Red Russian salmon which is taking over our long time market.

CAN any reader help me on some political research? Was any total abstainer Premier other than Mr. Aberhart, ever re-elected in the federal or provincial field in Canada? My notes suggest that R. B. Bennett lasted only one term. So did Premier Byron Johnson of B.C.

Mackenzie King, who hardly ever took more than a sip of alcohol broke all records for long lasting—but was not so far ahead of the great Sir John A. Macdonald, who drank often and too deeply. The non-drinking Premier Bennett of B.C. need not be too down-hearted about this omen, however. Aberhart held his job for life.



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VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—How Ernie Carson would have enjoyed the gathering of enemy politicians at his funeral! They were all there, drawn together as comrades in their liking for this good man who was dead, this man who was so gentle, who gave so much of himself to British Columbia and its people.

Yes, Ernie Carson would have liked to see all those men and women together, all friendly and wishing each other well, for Ernie Carson was essentially a man of peace. He hated friction, even in politics; it pained him terribly to have to say anything that he thought mean or unkind about anyone, even his political enemies.

There were more than 1,000 people at Ernie Carson's funeral. They filled the vast Cathedral Church of Christ and they overflowed into the streets. They weren't there to rubber-neck, most of them; they were there because they wanted to show respect to Ernie Carson, because they felt sorry for themselves that he had gone. They knew he was a fine man whom they'll miss; a man who didn't say very much, but who smiled when he met you; a man you always left feeling just a little better, feeling that, perhaps, life wasn't such a futile place, after all.

There was a guard of honor at the portals to the Cathedral. In that guard were Premier W. A. C. Bennett, former Premiers John Hart and Byron Johnson; former Minister of Finance Herbert Anscomb; former Labor Minister John Cates; Leader of the Opposition Harold Winch; Gen. George Pearkes, MP for Nanaimo, and former Attorney-General Harry Pooley. Yes, indeed, a galaxy it was, of men whose names are etched deep in our political history.

How these men have scrapped and fought each other in public political debate. Ernie Carson saw many of those fights, and they always saddened him, though he knew politics, being politics, is bound sometimes to bring out the worst in a man. Now and then he had to get mad himself, but he was never very proud of himself if he thought he hurt someone's feelings.

As Ernie Carson was carried out of the Cathedral, we were sorry, but felt so helpless, and yet, somehow, it was triumphant, too. It didn't seem terribly sad, though we'll miss him. It seemed that Ernie Carson's spirit and all the goodness, the gentleness that was in him, will live on to inspire us, who knew him, for a long, long time. He has left us a fine highway system, a political record of honesty and integrity; but I think that the finest remembrance we'll have of him is that he was a man who was gentle, not only in his manner, but in his thoughts of his fellow men.

One wonders whether the Conservative party, now that it has pitched out George Pearkes as president, and put in F. Davie Fulton; now that it is preparing to hoist Herbert Anscomb as leader and put in . . .? Yes, that's just it. Who now? Ernie Carson would have taken the job if Anscomb had advised him it would have been in the party's best interests. But now?

As Mr. Anscomb has said in recent days: "I'm terribly dismayed by the course of events." It's no wonder. The Tories don't know where to turn now for leadership. It's rather sad to see a once-great party in such dire straits.

Young Davie Fulton is a good man, though these are those who say he's stuffy and so will never make a popular leader, because he talks down to people and not to them. He has an interesting political background. But is political background enough to make him a leader? Still, he's young yet; in this observer's experience, it's astonishing the stuff that often comes out in a man when responsibility is heaped upon him.

Let's look at that political background of Fulton's that historians find so fascinating: grandson of Hon. A. E. B. Davie, Premier (1887-89) and Attorney-General; grand-nephew of Hon. Theodore Davie, Premier (1892-95), Attorney-General and Chief Justice of British Columbia; son of F. J. Fulton, Attorney-General in the McBride government; nephew of Frank Davie, Speaker of the Legislature in the Tolmie government. All good ancestors, these; perhaps their shades will come to the assistance of young Davie Fulton.

Fulton has been MP for Kamloops since 1945, and Kamloops seems satisfied with him. The House of Commons sits up and takes notice when he talks. He bears a good deal of watching. The next year or two will, politically speaking, make or break him.

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Ray Reflects and Reminiscences

White people in Kenya (East Africa) are being provided with revolvers from England. They must have protection from native terrorists. Another source of supply could be Second or Third Avenue in Prince Rupert. There, so many pistols are in use, a few score should be rated surplus.

ALWAYS THE CHANCE! Sixteen British Columbians won a horse in this week's Irish sweepstake. If no one captures anything big, waiting to discover what happens is worth something.

Truman is not a candidate, but one gathers he has a hunch he thinks he ought to be.

An Oklahoma judge files action against a paper for declining to print a letter. We remember a Prince Rupert newspaper that refused to publish an alleged (and libelous) poem. The "poet," using abusive language, rapped on the counter. The editor rapped right back.

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