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Camaraderie Prevails

ALEX HAIG, president of the local branch of the Canadian Legion, yesterday brought attention to a point that we are sometimes inclined to forget. In turning back the calendar on Remembrance Day, we return to years that were dark and anxious. For many they brought personal tragedies which will never be repaired.

These years provide the real meaning for Remembrance Day, and our thoughts are with those who did not survive them.

Yet, as Mr. Haig remarked, we are in danger of doing the departed an injustice if we fail to remember one remarkable thing. All who were in the services during war will recall that the life was characterized by a spirit of comradeship which was unique in its strength and understanding. Mr. Haig's description of it as "camaraderie" was apt, for the word implies the good spirit that went with it.

This relationship among service personnel was, and still is, the greatest stimulus to morale the armed forces have ever discovered, and not the least of its magic is that it grows in direct proportion to the stress and danger of the moment.

Those who did not return shared this camaraderie with those who did. It is, in fact, in the recollection of this spirit that they are best remembered by their comrades today.

The reason is that life in combat is not made up of heroics. While the youth who is decorated for bravery thus gets deserved recognition for his action, he, like his undecorated friends is better known in the service for the small things which show him to be a good kid who is in there doing his best. These small things form a comradeship which, under the pressures of service life, becomes so strong that even death does not really break it.

It was on this point that Mr. Haig made his reminder. Although they are to be honored for their courage and final sacrifice, those in "Flanders Field" must not be forgotten as men and women who could share the jokes, banter and friendship of the life in which they were.

In keeping the ties of camaraderie intact, the Canadian Legion has served their memory well.

The Pulpit and Politics

ALTHOUGH it is a commendable quality anywhere at anytime, the strong religious aspect of the Social Credit movement as personified principally by Premier Ernest Manning, of Alberta, is bound at times to lead to public misunderstanding.

This is almost certain to be true of Premier Manning's current tour of Quebec and Ontario where, by his own explanation, he is conducting a series of revival meetings which are in no way connected with politics. While the sportsmanlike attitude is to take him at his word, members of other parties may not feel quite so sporty at a time when there is talk of another federal election.

Social Crediters having confessed their ambitions in the federal field, their movements across the country from now on will be highly suspect, no matter how innocent they appear to be or really are.

In his own province Premier Manning, besides proving himself a capable political leader, has established himself as a sincere advocate of religious principles whose role in this respect has taken him much beyond that of an average church-goer. He preaches his faith, forcefully and frequently.

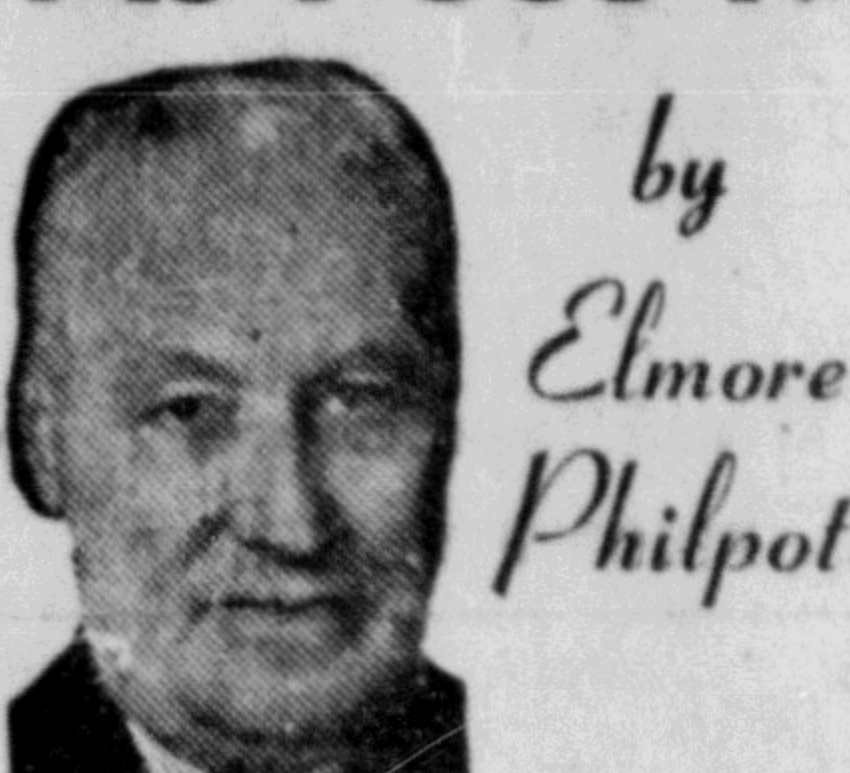
This evidence of strength in convictions is admirable. But when the Premier feels a compulsion to carry his religious gospel so far afield, it becomes difficult to disconnect this motive from his political aspirations.

"After all, neither Mr. Manning's brand of religion, nor his Social Credit party have a monopoly on people who try to live up to the tenets of the Sermon on the Mount and who are sincerely concerned with the greatest welfare of all Canadians," the Financial Post observes.

"How would Canadians generally react if Messrs. St. Laurent, Drew and Coldwell engaged themselves formally in various forms of religious revivalism, especially on the eve of an election?"

The answer is that they would feel the pulpit was being assigned the function of a political rostrum. As this is surely not Premier Manning's intention, he would be well-advised to avoid confusion on the point by holding off the revivalist campaign, at least until after the election.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

1939 Notes on Drew

ANYBODY who writes for newspapers over a period of years makes some good, and many bad, guesses.

But I pride myself on the accuracy of this prophecy I wrote for western Canadian papers on October 27, 1938, before George Drew had taken any real part in politics:

It is header COL. GEORGE DREW IS A FIGHTING ARISTOCRAT—MADE TO ORDER TYPE FOR TORY LEADERSHIP.

I met George Drew on my first day at the University of Toronto, the year before the 1914 war. We were both among the hopeful horde of freshmen who went out to try for places on the football team. Of course we did not get a chance that day to show our stuff, so we had to content ourselves with working off energy by running around the track. Between puffs and grunts we exchanged names and history. He was from wealthy Upper Canada College and I was from plebeian Hamilton Collegiate. We swapped comments on our chances of catching a place on one of the squads. (P.S. We both made it, later.) I saw George Drew from time to time at lectures. A few months later I was seeing him in France.

George Drew of course is about the made-to-order type for leader of the Conservative party in Ontario. My guess is he will carry the convention next December by an overwhelming majority. He has almost every advantage for a Tory leader. He is a small city blueblood, rich, handsome and a fierce fighter on occasion. For instance, in those years when people were arguing about "who won the war?", a U.S. publication carried an eagle-screaming article purporting to show that the A.E.F. had done the job almost single handed. George Drew wrote a red-hot reply and sold it to Maclean's magazine. A couple of years later Drew wrote a truly magnificent series on the armament makes in various countries. Incidentally those articles were circulated in book form in many parts of the world. The pacifists were chiefly responsible though they have turned violently anti-Drew since.

I have been personally strongly opposed to many of Drew's ideas. His attitude toward trade unions has always seemed to me not much different from Hitler's and Mussolini's. But he surely had courage. He went to Montreal in March, 1933, and gave the Canadian Club there one of the most astounding speeches I had ever heard. He declared that in the previous three years companies controlled by the president of a great Canadian bank had unloaded on the Canadian public "more absolutely worthless watered stock than would have paid for the entire cost of running all the governments of Canada in the same three years."

Thanks, partly, to his gracious wife, the George Drew of 1952 is a kinder, mellow man than the hard-slugging fighter of the thirties. Political setbacks have chastened him, all for good. He has a good chance to live long enough to become Prime Minister of Canada. The "time for a change" wave works sooner or later.

If we ever do have to have another Conservative government in Canada we couldn't get a better, truer, more true blue head for it than George Drew. It won't be any camouflaged Tory outfit, like Social Credit.

Incidentally, the accuracy of my own 1938 prediction that Drew would make an excellent Conservative leader emboldens me to repeat that Arthur Laing MP would, and I think will, make an ideal Liberal Premier of B.C.

Three Flights Formed Here By Air Cadets

Addition of three new members to the Prince Rupert Air Cadet Squadron has enlarged the group to three flights.

Commanding Officer Dick Garrett at the Monday night meeting gave a slightly more advanced lecture on the gas engine, and physical training instructor Joe Ward is gradually introducing more intricate drill movements.

Because uniforms are not here yet, the air cadets did not participate in the Remembrance Day parade.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Million-Dollar Machines Now Mine Famous Yukon Gold Fields

By STEPHEN SCOTT

Canadian Press Staff Writer

DAWSON CITY, Y.T. (CP)—Million-dollar machines have replaced man in the famous gold fields of the Yukon.

THE LETTERBOX

NURSERY FOR VISITING CHILDREN

"Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, ye do it unto Me."

I won't guarantee the correctness of the wording of this quotation, yet it conveys the gist of this letter.

All of us are shocked when we read or hear over the radio of homes being burned containing unguarded children. There, in Cow Bay, one out of three tots drowned while locked in the cabin of a gas boat, their parents being absent.

How many more boats are there along the waterfront, containing children locked up or neglected, under similar conditions? All kinds of mishaps can happen to the best of boats, even under the best of conditions. There is always danger of fire; there are matches, gas, oil on board most of the boats. Visiting parents and their families (and there are thousands, yearly) come to the city for business and pleasure. If they have no town friends to help them out with the youngsters, they are "on the spot." What can they do with their little ones? If they go out on either business or pleasure, they lock them up and take a chance. Mothers that don't do this, have to stay in.

Now, we all censure such action, but do we not deserve censure also? Are we not morally guilty of this Cow Bay situation? Are we hiding behind that old argument, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Yes, my friends, we're his keeper. How well we go about it is to be seen in Cow Bay.

Now, I would suggest that a city nursery be established, staffed with experienced nurses who know how to care for children. Visiting mothers then could do their shopping with an easy mind.

Let the men and women, especially mothers, urge their city council to take a decisive step in this important matter.

Clergymen, use your pulpit and radio time to advocate the necessity of this public service.

The Chamber of Commerce should use its powerful influence to further this suggestion as they are business men. Let them think of the purchasing power of these out-of-town visitors; of the revenue and how it helps the growth of the whole community.

Another motive for this proposed nursery is the fire hazard. A child, a box of matches, a leaky gas tank could start a million-dollar blaze, and given a fair wind could not only burn up the waterfront but the whole city as well.

The fishermen, with their splendid fleet of boats, are careful men. The scarcity of fires among boats proves this to be so, but they too are at the mercy of a match in the hands of a careless child.

But let our main motive for safeguarding the young ones be because we love them.

CHILD LOVER.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

A noted photographer, Yousuf Karsh, says that for 12 of his recent 18 days in Vancouver he encountered fog and rain. Indeed, he declares in Maclean's, "It would have been easy enough to make the entire series rain. For the rain is as much a part of Vancouver's atmosphere as the sea is a part of her wealth." He seems to almost talk as if he prefers it.

The Baltimore Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous is located in the Bromo-Seltzer building.

The presence of W. J. Alder, in Prince Rupert recalls many an incident in the early life of this city. One was the collapse of the Alder Block, Third Avenue and Sixth Street, early on a wet and windy day. The first citizen to tell him was the late Bishop Du Vernet who had business down town. Reconstruction was immediate and thorough.

It's strange how often the fork in the road is used for a spoon, comments the Guelph Mercury.

A SHADE LATE

They are still telling census stories. We told quite a few in Prince Rupert. This one is from

Long Island (N.Y.). Half an hour after going out, the census taker was back, saying she had completed the district—which was 150-year-old cemetery.

The sixty million Yankees still keep calling them and Mamie. Why not make permanent? Its short, easy remember and handy. Head writers will bless it—more particularly Ike.

The only money that goes far as it did in 1946 is the that rolls under the bed.

WHEN GOSSIP IS DUTY

The United Kingdom has a great democratic step in ending its law of libel and der. What has happened the years is that the press become the official record of human events. A newspaper professional gossip. But gossip may be reprehensible mischievous in an individual is a matter of duty in a paper.

A Japanese girl and her mother have arrived in Vancouver and since then two more followed. They bring word eleven will come.

Love at first sight is at a great time saving. Provide

Even today, a man will go to the wilderness to get from it all, but it does not the world will beat a path to door. That only happens someone finds a lot of oil in it.

Surgeons have developed cars made of rubber. prompts the Hamilton Spectator to say they ought to go with the same kind of neck.

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—Hospital insurance keeps bobbing up. It disturbed the Coalition government, now it causes the Social Credit government to have nightmares.

But perhaps it was ever thus with great social reforms—which, of course, hospital insurance most definitely is.

The other day Premier Bennett called the press to talk about hospital insurance. As soon as reporters walked into his office they could see he was jumpy, on edge. He started in by saying the newspapers are keeping the public in an uproar about hospital insurance. This reporter was tempted to ask the Premier to explain certain utterances of his health and welfare minister, Mr. Martin. This reporter is inclined to believe it's Mr. Martin, not the newspapers, who keep the public in an uproar about hospital insurance.

The whole government, indeed, has been playing both ends against the middle in hospital insurance, and such a game is now catching up. It's easy to see the government's worried.

Mr. Bennett took off his glasses several times as he talked; he wiped them vigorously. He didn't give the Coalition government any credit for bringing in hospital insurance, merely indicated that the previous government left it in an awful mess. But 'twas plain to see the Premier believes in hospital insurance, no matter what he said when wooing the voters. He realizes its importance, knows it mustn't collapse.

But the awkward point is that Social Crediters campaigned on a plank of voluntary hospital insurance—whatever that means. You can see that now Mr. Bennett, too, is wondering what it means.

And so it is that the government is now trying to make hospital insurance both compulsory and voluntary—and this of course just cannot be done. The Premier—and he can be quite convincing—did a lot of talking at his press conference about Social Credit being opposed to bureaucracy and compulsion, and believing in taking off controls in an orderly manner, to prevent what he called anarchy and chaos. All this led right back to hospital insurance; the Premier told us how the government had done this and done that "to make the plan more acceptable to our people," and he said the government is generally making hospital insurance so attractive that it's "going to be in the best interests of everyone to join up."

This reporter asked Mr. Bennett if hospital insurance is compulsory, or isn't it. This reporter was curtly told by the Premier to wait until he had finished making his statement. The Premier then got along to saying the hospital insurance act calls for compulsory hospital insurance. "We have no power to change the act by regulation," Mr. Bennett said.

When the Premier was

through, this reporter got back to asking if hospital insurance is now compulsory, or isn't it. The Premier hesitated a minute, then said: "It is compulsory."

There were other questions one might have asked, but why start an argument in the Premier's office? Reporters go there to get news, not to argue. But one of the questions might have been: "Mr. Premier, how can hospital insurance be compulsory if the government won't prosecute those who won't say?"

The other question: "Do you intend to try and have the Legislature, next session, take the compulsion out of hospital insurance?"

That, however, on second thought is a foolish question. It's now quite apparent the government will do no such thing—the government wants the compulsion left in.

This reporter felt just a little distress at Mr. Bennett's obvious distress about hospital insurance.

But then, whose fault is that? Who has been monkeying around with hospital insurance in recent months?

MODEL DESTROYER

WINNIPEG.—A 40-foot scale model of the Canadian destroyer Iroquois was placed on display in a Winnipeg department store in connection with a naval recruiting campaign. The model reproduces the real Iroquois, now in Korea waters, right down to torpedoes, radar and guns.

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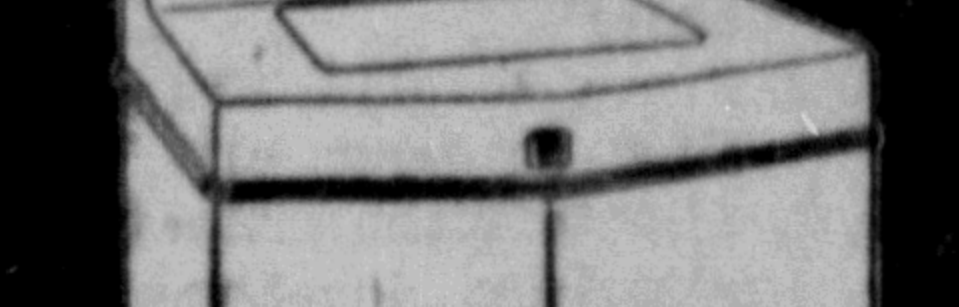
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