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Newfoundland

ISSUE OF CONFEDERATION of Newfoundland with Canada forges into the limelight once more as a result of the old island colony's constitutional referendum counting of ballots in which, with returns from a few outlying areas still to be heard from, gives the choice to confederation little more than three thousand of a majority. With no less than 142,306 of the 176,297 eligible voters expressing their preferences, it can be seen how seriously the Newfoundlanders themselves took the matter. Unfortunately, the closeness of the vote only goes to accentuate difference of opinion, which obviously exists, making the rendering of a final decision something for possibly difficult consideration.

An authority in St. John's has expressed his personal opinion to the Canadian Press that the colony's commission government will recommend that Canada accept Newfoundland into Confederation. If such a request is made to Canada, then this Dominion will have to make a decision. The making of this decision will not be so easy since the prospective new member of the family has itself a mind that is divided almost equally in half.

The Newfoundlanders, who have often considered joining with Canada before but never went for the idea even to this scant extent, are a proud and stubborn people. They might constitute a troublesome child in our family and some Canadians at least will, therefore, hesitate about adopting them. There is no reason but to believe that she may also be costly and hard to handle both economically and politically.

Meantime Newfoundland has not yet asked to join us and we have not accepted her and the closeness of the referendum has not clarified the matter very much either as far as she or we are concerned.

A POLITICAL SURPRISE

THE LIBERALS are looking for all the rays of cheer they can these days as they confront the big problems of choosing a new leader and providing him with a strong and solid platform on which to stand. Doubtless, they will take some more fresh heart from the result of the deferred election in remote Cumberland, a far north Saskatchewan riding where the people work hard, think individually and express themselves decisively. Although there is a freshly re-mandated C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan, the people in Cumberland threw out their former C.C.F. member and, with a thumping two to one majority, put in a Liberal to join the Opposition.

The Liberals were gratified that they gained so much ground in the general election but the result of this lone by-election might justifiably enough be taken with more than double gratification. The hold that the estimable Premier Douglas and his undoubtedly conscientious Socialist government has upon the province of frequent tribulation and perennial discontent is evidently not so strong after four years. It would appear that Saskatchewan folk, having had their try of the C.C.F. brand of Socialism, are casting about for something else.

PROMISES

IN THESE DAYS of political promises, and we are not overlooking the good things that Jimmy Gardiner, who aspires to the Liberal leadership would give us, we also note that there is no recanting in the new C.C.F. platform as far as more and better socialization of industry, control of investment, fuller social security, agricultural aid and such things are concerned—things that, of course, will have to be paid for with sales taxes of three per cent, if not more, higher freight rates and other touches, hidden or otherwise, on the pocketbooks of the long suffering public and the wage earners in particular.

Evidently the national executive of the C.C.F. still thinks that everything is going satisfactorily and acceptably in such places as Saskatchewan and England and is not worrying about the trends of public opinion that some observers profess to perceive.

The C.C.F. solicitation about a better deal for the Maritime Provinces, where Socialism so far has not been very strong in vote getting, should be good politics although the people away down East have heard plenty of such solicitations in the past and, as far as we know at this distance, are not happy even yet about what has been done for them.

Church

SATURDAY SERMON

PEACE WITH GOD

REV. EARL SOILAND (Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

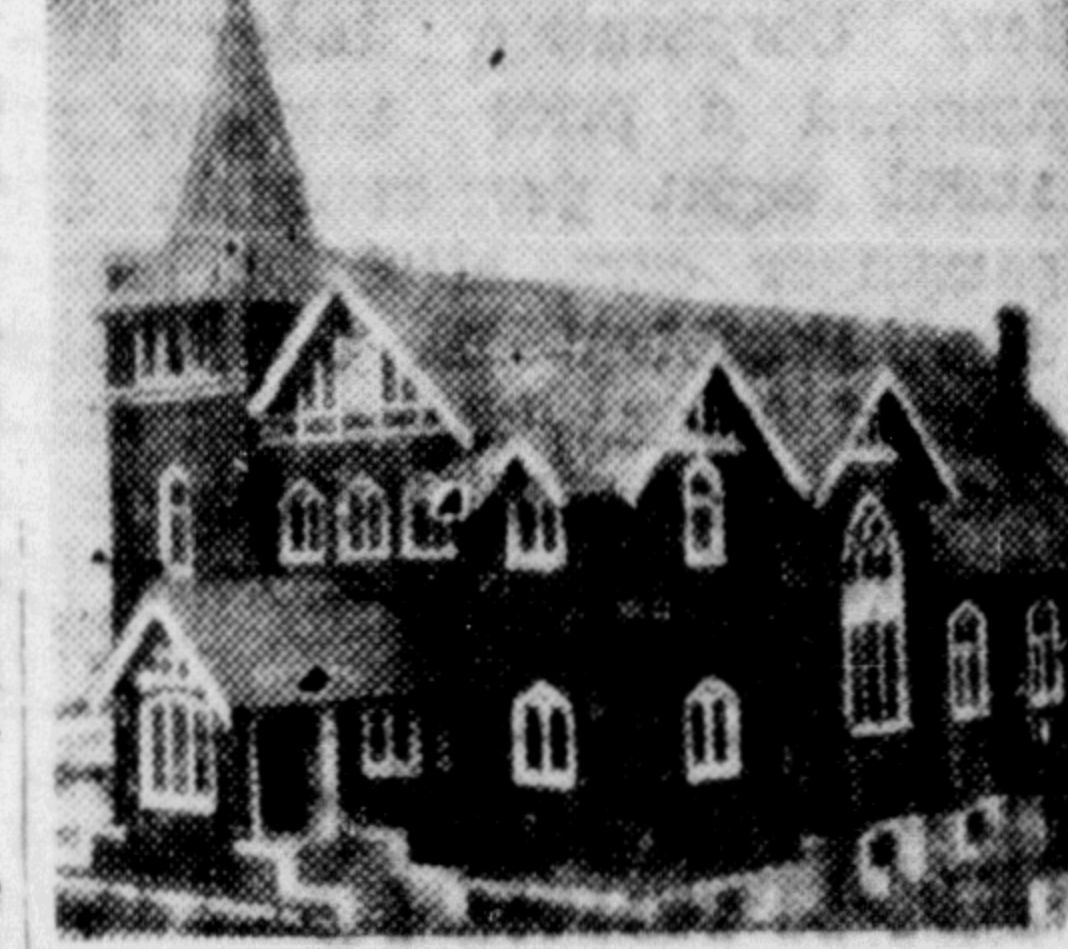
"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." — Romans 5:1.

Peace with God is a priceless possession. A restless conscience is an indication that such a peace is lacking. Without peace with God, life is not satisfactory. It contains little that is truly worth while. Anyone who lacks peace with God comes to the end of life with no hope for the life beyond. There is no substitute for this spiritual condition.

Nothing else satisfies man's innermost needs. It alone gives the ability to achieve the real greatness that is within the reach of man. Peace with God can be had by anyone who desires it.

One of the men who was stationed in India during the war told me that he had seen some strange sights among the people in regard to worship. He told of seeing men lie prone on the ground, uttering a prayer, then get up and placing their feet on the ground where their head had been, repeat this over and over. They were measuring the distance between two shrines with their bodies. Perhaps if these men were asked why they were doing this, their reply would be vague. However, it was because they lacked peace with God and sought to purchase it by this form of religious exercise. He told of others who were sacred trinkets about their necks to ward off evil. Others were seen standing with out-stretched hands for long periods, as if in prayer. The spiritual restlessness was great.

Another told of religious life in China. There the people spent much time in the worship of idols. They would deny themselves needed food in order that they might place a dish of rice before a statue or image of a god. They were much concerned lest they offend their god. He told of the preparations for a funeral that were extremely elaborate and placed the family of the departed one in debt, just to enable him to spend his future life free from molestation by the spirits.



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Avenue East
Rev. Allan M. McColl, Minister
Mrs. E. J. Smith, Organist

First Baptist and First Presbyterian Church.

SERVICES

with God. There is only one way. That is God's way. God tells about that way in the third, fourth and fifth chapters of the letter to the Romans.

The only way that you can have peace with God is by faith in Jesus Christ as your Saviour. God called Abraham holy be-

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COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
East End Hall, 2:30 p.m.

byterian Church will unite for worship services.

Morning Worship at First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m.

Sermon—"In Spite of Heavy Handicap"

Evening Service in First Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Sermon—"The Word Was Made Flesh"

Rev. A. M. McColl will preach at both services.

During the month of August Rev. Antrobus of First Baptist Church will officiate each Sabbath in the Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. and each Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Baptist Church.

LETTERBOX

REPLY TO MRS. ARNOLD

Editor, Daily News:
Would you kindly allow me space for the following. The Mayor of Prince Rupert in her widely publicised address in Regina made some statements regarding the trade union movement which, in our opinion, call for a reply from the same trade union movement.

These statements in which Mrs. Arnold accuses the trade unions and no other party of retarding the general advancement of Canada's industry and commerce are in most cases erroneous. Trade unions do not breed slackers and, if irresponsible individuals are found in the ranks of the unions, we maintain that such individuals are also found elsewhere.

The unions, on the contrary, advocate more work but when they also advocate fair wages they are doing so not in order to cripple industry but to create a better living standard and a better community life for a better payroll creates better customers and livelier business as everybody should know. A 40-hour week has been enjoyed by the commercially employed long before labor thought of it. Man was not created to be a beast of burden without time for recreation or culture.

Mrs. Arnold refers to the industrial relationship between men and women. I am not going into many details but shall allow myself to touch on one of the points. I quote: "Men forget that until the industrial era, women were the workers. Then, with the machine age, men came into the picture and ran the machines and the women were temporarily vocationless." What does this signify? Did the women invent the machines and let the men take them over? Or did the men work before the machine age and then, tired of too much drudgery, began to build and improve machines? Probably this is how it happened. But let no one misunderstand me, I agree with Mrs. Arnold that women should have equal opportunities with the men. That is one point where the unions insist on no discrimination of sex, creed or race.

There are many voices today who maintain that high prices are a direct result of high wages. Well, would it not be lovely if prices were to go up and wages remain at the bottom? On the other hand, how are we to sell our goods with a shrinking buying power facing us all around?

Immediately after the end of the war the labor unions appealed to the government to keep the price ceiling on but all to no avail. That would have been an infringement on private enterprise so here we are, chasing one another. But labor is only asking enough to make it possible to meet the ever-rising cost of living. I am quite certain that any union man would gladly see the end of this wild merry-go-round.

In closing I wish to state, and I know that all the other union men and women will agree with me that we are not out to obstruct industry and that we want to participate in making Prince Rupert and its surrounding environment the liveliest place in our Dominion.

Yours for more progress

AUGUST WALLIN,
President of the Trades and Labor Council,
Prince Rupert.

HARD WORKER

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