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Political Rejuvenation

IN THIS EVENTFUL political year in Canada the retirement of John Bracken as national leader of the Progressive-Conservative party is another of many important incidents. It means another national convention in addition to that of the Liberal party which is to meet in August to elect a new leader in succession to the venerable Mackenzie King. It is many a long year, if ever, that the two old parties have met during the same twelve-month in national convention.

Personalities are always appealing and so interest in the two national conventions will naturally centre on the choice of leaders. In fact, it seems that national conventions of the old parties are never held unless the occasion is for the selection of a leader. Nevertheless, in this year of changing and uncertain political trends, possibly more important than the choosing of party leaders should be the business of building platforms and adopting policies which the parties are to follow if and when they achieve power and office. Both old parties, as both Mr. King and Mr. Bracken admit, are in need of rejuvenation from the leadership standpoint. It is equally true that they are both in need of revivification in the fields of ideas and actions if they are to be of further use in changing times or if they are to even survive. These two national conventions will, therefore, be of utmost importance in connection with the future affairs of the nation.

Meantime speculation as to the future leaders is a subject of interest. So far, the contest for the Liberal leadership appears to be centred between Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Gardiner unless a movement which is now developing for a younger man increases materially, as it might well, between now and convention time.

As for Mr. Bracken's successor, it is no secret that, for a long time, there has been a movement in Conservative old Ontario to supplant him with Premier George Drew. Despite the blow that the C.C.F. dealt the prestige of Col. Drew in the recent Ontario provincial election, he still may be the outstanding favorite for Mr. Bracken's mantle. Strange things however, occur sometimes and what happens to Maurice Duplessis in next week's Quebec provincial election might, conceivably, have a bearing. There are also such figures as John Diefenbaker and Gordon Graydon.

MRS. ARNOLD'S BLUNT TALK

MAJOR NORA ARNOLD of Prince Rupert, who has just been chosen Canada's Woman of the Year by the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, thinks that trade unions are making recovery impossible by insisting on "less work for more money."

She spoke her piece at a banquet in her honor at Regina. She said hard work, overtime and strict economy are the answers to any catastrophe that strikes a home—and yet, just after the world has been stricken with its greatest catastrophe, the trend is to less work.

Mrs. Arnold says just what statesmen, industrial leaders and economists have been saying, in more guarded language usually, ever since the end of the war. Mrs. Arnold is blunt but blunt language may be needed.

It's a far cry from what people were saying during the depression days of the 30's. There was talk then of the need for a 30-hour week to spread employment. It was also argued that if the Machine Age were really to function for the benefit of mankind, a work week of even less than 30 hours would be possible. There was talk that people might devote a mere two hours a day pushing buttons to move machinery, and spend the rest of their time in play or relaxation. The thought that troubled some sociologists was how to teach people to use the abundant leisure of the coming New Age with intelligence and spiritual profit.

This dream may not be altogether impossible of attainment but the time is not yet, obviously. It does not do to be deceived by high wages and a gloss of prosperity. In several industries wages may have gone up, year by year, to levels unknown before, but the real wages are less because prices have kept pace and in many instances gone ahead of wage levels.

The answer which Mrs. Arnold indicated is more production. It can hardly come by making new jobs for more people because the labor force is working to the fullest extent. It must come through the better use of each man-hour.

Mrs. Arnold puts the trouble down to apathy. If it is apathy, the time has come for labor to swing out of it and take a new view of its responsibilities in the economic set-up.

—Vancouver Sun



TELLS OF BERLIN AIR-SHUTTLE—Talking to newspaper men at the Rhine-Main airport in Frankfurt, Germany, Gen. Joseph E. Smith tells of efforts being made to break the Russian blockade of Berlin. Commander of the special air service engaged in flying supplies to the Allied zone, Gen. Smith now has some 4,000 officers and men and 140 transport planes at his disposal. They have been flying 1,000 tons of food to Berlin daily. In addition, coal is now being flown to the beleaguered German capital. Russians have tightened their grip on the city by announcing that from now on no vehicular traffic of the western Allies can leave Berlin for western zones of occupation without a special pass granted by the Soviet military administration. The Allies have demanded that Russia lift the blockade.

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

July 21, 1923
General A. D. McRae, organizer and leader of the Provincial Party, spoke at the Empress Theatre. He advocated economy in government and inducements for development of industries in British Columbia.

First shipment of canned Alaska salmon to pass through Prince Rupert enroute to the eastern United States was brought here by the packer F. C. Barnes. The shipment consisted of more than 1,100 cases.

The R.C.A.F. flying boat G-CYDX, piloted by Squadron Leader A. E. Godfrey, arrived from Vancouver in seven and three-quarter hours flying time after leaving the southern city. It was to be put on fisheries patrol work.

The government freighter Canadian Highlander arrived in port to load 500,000 board feet of lumber for Japan. She took on fuel at the Imperial Oil wharf, then proceeded to the lumber assembly dock.

July 21, 1913
Residents of Sixth Avenue were greatly alarmed when two Russian gunmen camped on the sidewalk with revolvers and shot up the neighborhood. They were arrested by police Constables Carroll and Bailey.

Members of the provincial Labor Commission arrived in the city from Victoria and proceeded to Hazelton for a session with regard to railway construction workers. They were expected back to hold a sitting in Prince Rupert. The commissioners were H. G. Parsons, chairman; R. A. Stoney, J. A. McKelvie, A. N. Harper, John Jardine and F. R. McNamara.

S. P. McMordie, J. A. McLaen and W. A. Mathieson of the Earl Grey's Own Rifles and R. W. Cameron of the Civilian Rifle Association returned on the Prince George from Vancouver where they attended a meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association. They reported that the weather in Vancouver was unfavorable for shooting.

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Three English families have been adopted by Duchess of Edinburgh Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, here and parcels will be sent to them each month. The Chapter was in social session at the home of Mrs. Alex Davidson, Fourth Avenue East, but much business was also discussed including plans for a party at the Aero Club in November for members and friends. Two new members were initiated at the meeting and warmly welcomed by the regent, Mrs. L. F. Bevington. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. H. Johnstone and Mrs. Albert Stiles.

Some of them still live on a lavish scale but often have to draw on their capital to do so. They have little compunction about it because high death duties make short work of family fortunes.

For example: Viscount Hambleden, heir of the Smiths news-

Nun Teachers In Civilian Dress

BISMARCK, North Dakota. — Clothed in civilian dress, Roman Catholic nuns may teach in North Dakota public schools next fall, despite recent passage of a measure intended to stop them. Two ranking members of the Catholic Church in North Dakota have advised the nuns that the church has no objection to their donning respectable secular dress to comply with the state's new law.

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Class Hatred Still Evident in Great Britain
By Stuart Underhill
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, 20.—When Health Minister Aneurin Bevan in a scornful speech said that to him Conservatives were "lower than vermin," he lifted the lid on class hatred that still smoulders in many hearts in this country.

The war and ensuing financial upheaval has blurred class distinctions. Ten years of comparative prosperity and improved conditions for the working class have soothed much of the bitterness but in the mean back streets of industrial towns and pubs where miners drink there is not much love for "toffs."

Bevan knew his remarks would win nods of approval from this huge section of the electorate, many of whom have been grumbling that the Labor government is too cautious and too solicitous of upper-class feelings.

The Health Minister said his "deep burning hatred for the Tory party" had its roots in the bitter experience of his youth when he was unable to get work. That experience—and similar emotion—is understood by millions of his contemporaries.

The younger generation of the working people is inclined to be a bit more tolerant of the upper classes because they feel they are dying out. High taxation is steadily reducing the huge incomes which a few privileged families enjoy.

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stands fortune, left £2,900,000 (\$11,600,000) of which £2,000,000 was taken in taxes.

The head master of exclusive Eton College took note of this new trend by contrasting the boys of today with those of the last generation. Few Eton boys now contemplate a life of leisure, he said. They apply themselves more diligently to studies because they have to earn a living.

But it is still a long way from the corner pub in London's East End to the exclusive West-End ballrooms where expensively-gowned debutantes dance with young men who have been known to sport stuffed humming birds in their button holes.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The weather has been excessively cold."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "constable?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Despondent, dependent, deferment.
4. What does the word "indisputable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ab that means "to pardon?"

Answers

1. Say, "exceedingly cold."
2. Pronounce first syllable kun, u as in run.
3. Deferment.
4. Incapable of being disputed. (Accent second syllable, not the third).
5. He gave indisputable proof of his identity.

TRAMP ABDICATES

TYNYGROES, Wales, 20.—Fred Husband, 31, called King of the Tramps after 12 years on the road, has finally settled down. He is a caretaker at a hostel for European farm workers here.

The cost of such an affair for 400 guests is estimated to run to £13,000.
The party is gay but has something of the air of the famous ball on the eve of the battle of Waterloo — there is a feeling that some of the matters to be called away. And of course, the party will be able to see the battle of Waterloo — there is a feeling that some of the matters to be called away.



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tain route, have been carrying tiger, leopard, and bear cubs, civit cats, fishing cats, monkeys, mountain squirrels and a baby elephant.