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## Apathy Could Be Costly

ALTHOUGH it is said that this election campaign lacks pep, that does not mean we can afford to lack pep in voting.

Even during an active election, the danger of apathy in balloting exists in Canada, and it must be watched. In 1949 there were approximately 7,900,000 voters on the list for the federal election, of whom less than 75 per cent exercised their franchise. In other words, close to two million Canadian voters refused or were unable to demonstrate their acceptance of responsibility as citizens of a democracy. It is a large number for a country of comparatively small population.

In June of this year, 93.7 per cent of the electorate cast their ballots in Italy's national elections. Despite this remarkably high percentage of voters, democracy won by a perilously close margin over chaos. Had there not been such a fine turnout of electors, a decision might well have gone to totalitarianism.

The fact to realize is that Communists running in our federal election stand a good chance of making a strong showing if the average voter decides there is nothing in the contest worth his presence at the polls. The Reds could not be more pleased that there is nothing to get excited about because they themselves are organized and raring to go. If the rest of the candidates in any constituency have a listless backing, the Communist might easily get the breaks offered by the straight-ballot system to cop a victory. Nor could the voter who stayed at home begrudge him the trip to Ottawa because, by negative action, he had helped arrange it.

If anyone thinks this election lacks interest, there is one sure remedy—look ahead to the time when the results start pouring in. For excitement there is no race in the world that can beat it, and if you have a ticket on it, it is that much better.

## All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Have you heard about the brand-new car which is on the market for \$200 because its last owner died at the wheel?

According to the tale which reached me from a reliable source, the man who inherited the car cleaned it thoroughly and tried to market it in another town. Nobody would buy. People thought the car smelled of death. There was a jinx on it. The despairing owners cut the price to one-twelfth the normal market value. Still there were no takers.

The car is still for sale at that absurd figure, my informant said. Why don't I rush down and buy it? The answer is easy. The car does not exist.

When I first heard the story in Vancouver five years ago I believed it. Later I heard it in Winnipeg, then in Toronto, then in Victoria. In every case the person who told me was not quite certain where the car was stored, but he could vouch for the facts, which were passed to him by a truthful third person.

I never did find the car. It goes without saying that I don't waste any time looking for it these days. If I had time, though, I would like to follow that story across Canada.

An airman who worked in a mess kitchen in England during the war boasted how he stole a lot of service food and carried it away in two suitcases. Going out the gate, he met the catering officer, who offered to carry one of the heavy suitcases for him. Shaking with fear, the airman handed it over, and the two men walked to the underground station, took the same train, and travelled together half-way across London.

Finally the officer got off the train, never knowing that he had helped carry loot from his own mess. I believed this story until I heard it again from an army cook who said it happened to him. Both men claimed to have got away with their evil deed. I'm sorry I can't attach a "crime does not pay" moral to the incident, but that is unnecessary, because, as far as I can see, it never happened.

In almost every major city of Canada we hear the yarn of Uncle So-and-So, the radio children's hour man, who wearily closed his broadcast,

turned to an associate, and said, "Well, that'll hold the little 'uns' for tonight." He thought the microphone was dead, but it wasn't. The remark went on the air.

This particular fluff has been credited to at least 30 announcers in different towns. Several announcers have modestly let it be known that it happened to them. Yet I have never met a single person who heard it.

Like the other pieces of word-of-mouth fiction, this yarn probably sprouted from a seed of truth. Somewhere an announcer did speak a profane word into an open microphone, but it didn't sound as pat as the story would have you believe. A new car in which someone had been killed was sold cheaply—but only because the frame was twisted. A cook did meet a catering officer while carrying a suitcase of loot—but the officer only nodded and went on his way.

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## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

(This is another in the series of guest columns to occupy this space between now and election day. It is written by Ira Monson, Social Credit party candidate opposing Elmore Philpott in Vancouver South.)

OUR THANKS to those who have made this column available. It is a privilege to be able to contact new friends through this channel.

Let it be clear that Social Credit stands for a system of free competitive individual enterprise which alone will provide the standard of living and opportunities which the Canadian people desire.

The Socialist state-ownership goal removes the incentive to risk and to produce which are fundamental to our needs.

These Socialists point with glee to past and present plights and declare, "these are the results of such a system."

They are wrong. These plights are the results of such a system with ad-mixtures of monopolies and diluted socialism. We firmly believe in the ability of a system of free competitive individual enterprise.

NOW TO COME closer to home and to your pocketbook. The federal treasury derived in excess of \$1300 revenue directly or indirectly from each family of five persons in 1952.

Debt charges took a large share of this revenue with interest on the national debt calling for \$185. Extravagance and waste took another large chunk.

Excessive taxation is the price of extravagant government. Taxes are necessary, but every dollar taken from you in taxes should be used as efficiently and effectively as possible. This has not been done.

HERE IN VANCOUVER South amongst other things we think of a Marpole bridge. We remember the last sitting member at Ottawa for Vancouver South at the last federal election declaring that the bridge was almost as old as he and that he would do something about it.

What was done? Nothing. The only proposal outstanding and still standing is that of the provincial government. Continued delay has aggravated the problem. We shall insist on an early solution of this problem.

The senior citizens who gave of their lives so freely in the building of Canada are entitled to a more adequate allowance than the charity provided today.

In the sunset years of life these citizens should be considered in accordance with their contribution and Canada's ability. Those who doubt the need of further consideration should just try living on the old age pension for one month.

The disabled deserve further consideration. We believe that the government of Canada must give first place to these matters.

SERIOUS THOUGHT must also be given to the plight of those who gave of their bodies and minds in the defense of Canada. Rising living costs have far outstripped the veteran's pension.

Every citizen should have the opportunity to acquire a more realistic provision for mortgages, lower interest rates and longer repayment terms.

These provisions should be applicable to good family homes such as presently sell for \$10,000 to \$12,000.

These homes should be made available for \$1000 down and \$40 to \$50 a month, which would include mortgage repayment, interest and municipal taxes.

Social Credit demands that the highest standard of honesty and sincerity be practised in public affairs. All public purchases and contracts should be let by public tender, thus eliminating patronage, favoritism and graft.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective immediately, the offices of the Royal Norwegian Vice-Consulate will be moved to 307 West Third Avenue where James C. Georgeson, acting Vice-Consul, will handle all consulate affairs.

(signed)

Dr. Jens Munthe  
Vice-Consul.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Canada is doing a lot for Shakespeare, although we can't recall a line of his acclaiming Canada's authors, artists, poets, women—not a single word about the Mounties, even.

Plug hat—a straw chapeau on a horse.

"Can anybody tell us where we can get a cup of good coffee?"—Timmins Press. We can. But it's a long way from Timmins to our house.

There are seven ages of man and two of women. One is her right one.

### ANOTHER NEW CANUCK

This being election year, perhaps the following little yarn from the village of Hampton will be permissible. Hampton is in New Brunswick—rustic, serene and full of old gardens. The story is true. Judge Donald White, this month asked Nicholas Cashol, an Austrian applying for naturalization, if he knew the difference in the jurisdiction of the

## OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

There's one admitted Liberal fear in the current aspect of the epic conflict now nearing its home stretch.

It's the fear of over-confidence. A Cabinet Minister who had been campaigning throughout Ontario was talking to a circle of acquaintances in one of the Capital's leading clubs the other day. He was forecasting the election in Ontario of 65 Liberals.

Subsequently a newspaper correspondent who had been one of the group asked the Cabinet Minister if it was all right to attribute his prediction to him in a news dispatch.

The Cabinet Minister refused to be quoted.

"I don't mind saying privately what I think," he told the correspondent, "but the great danger to the government in this campaign is over-confidence. I don't want to contribute to that. There's far too much of it already."

This over-confidence on the part of the government forces unquestionably is one of the main factors upon which the PCs are relying to bring victory to their colors on August 10 next. It is well known that the Liberal machine has been interpreting the apathy of the public towards the campaign as an indication of general satisfaction with Liberal rule. But the PCs have another explanation for it. They contend that the people are indifferent to the campaign because they already have made up their minds to vote for a change—and that nothing that they might hear by turning out to listen to the P.M. or his cabinet colleagues would move them from their intention.

The PC high command is so satisfied that this is the case that it doesn't quite understand the Liberal failure to realize it. They say that if the campaign is to be regarded as having a surprise finish if it results in Mr. Drew's return, it will be the Liberals who will be surprised. The PCs are expecting it confidently.

In other words, there's plenty of confidence in the PC camp as well as the Liberal. Some veteran political observers in these parts are of the opinion, in fact, that this is the first Federal campaign since the terrible one of 1925 which finds both the old-line parties similarly confident of success.

The minority parties? In their own way they are confident, too. They figure they're going to so dominate the three westernmost provinces that they'll have to be reckoned with in the over-all picture. They're betting that if they take 50 seats there, neither of the old-line parties will be able to get a clear majority in the rest of the country.

governments at Ottawa and Fredericton.

"Yes sir. The government at Ottawa she Liberal. The government at Fredericton she Tory." The application was promptly granted.

### LAST WORDS

(Epitaph on a headstone in a pioneer cemetery in Medway, Mass.):

In memory of Mr. Peter Daniels, 1688-1746.

Beneath this stone a lump of clay.

Lies Mr. Peter Daniels,

Who too early in the month of May

Took off his winter flannels.

Breach of promise suit—the one the tailor failed to deliver at the time he guaranteed.

### THAT FRESH FEELING

The deep blast of the stately Prince George sounded through the wetness around Thursday's breakfast hour. By and by tourists came flocking ashore. Not for a minute would the drizzle cease, or the leaden color of the sky indicate a change toward brightness.

"Down in Texas," remarked a visitor, cheerfully, "clergymen have been praying for rain. It's been more than a hundred for 57 consecutive days. At least, that's what you hear. This north makes you feel so fresh."

A Windsor citizen has asked his home paper if it is legal to drive his car in his bare feet. To do so is entirely within the law, and this might be added: It's quite corny as well.

North America's most exciting 12 towns have been named by a United States holiday periodical as follows: Quebec, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Washington, New Orleans, San Francisco, Mexico, Los Angeles, Houston. But this does not mean that thousands of Yankees fail to spend plenty of leisure enjoying the old citadel city in winter, as well as summer, in every year.

## Work Started To Eliminate Noise of Jets

LONDON (CP)—Assets brought to the aviation world by the jet engine are as evident as one of the liabilities, the ear-splitting scream most jets produce.

The problem as it affects commercial aviation was underlined recently when the Queen was photographed at London airport holding her ears.

British and United States air technicians are working on the noise problem. Work done to date in this country indicates that ways and means do exist whereby the bone-rattling, ear-piercing jet shriek can be toned down.

Some newer types of jet engines contain the "by-pass" principle, which reduces the speed of the jet stream slightly, and are less noisy.

### NO POWER LESSENING

Other experiments show that certain types of suppressors can be fitted to the jet stream exit point, lessening the noise without reducing the engine's thrust power or increasing fuel consumption.

Most successful suppressor tested here has been a steel ring with metal teeth distributed around its circumference. The ring is fitted to the engine exit pipe so that the teeth or fingers extend into the jet stream.

### Favorite Flavor

WINNIPEG (CP)—Ice cream comes in 69 flavors but vanilla is a strong favorite of Winnipeggers, a survey disclosed. Fruit mixes and chocolate came next in order.



G. M. FERGUSON was elected a director of British Columbia Packers Limited at the annual meeting of shareholders in Vancouver. Mr. Ferguson joined the company in 1922 and has been with British Columbia Packers since its formation in 1922. He was secretary-treasurer of the company for five years and comptroller since 1941. Seven of the 17 directors are active executives of the firm who have come up through the ranks of the company.

## THE LETTERBOX

### PULL TOGETHER

The Editor, The Daily News:

If Mr. Casey has a few supporters, there are certainly a good many more fed up to the eyebrows with his actions. We, the people of Prince Rupert, elected our Mayor and City Council and therefore must have confidence and faith in them as a whole, rather than in one lone alderman who seems to think it is his duty to argue against every question that arises. He resembles our July weather. We wonder when both will "let up," and give us a break! Even when Mr. Bracewell gave a favorable report, he still isn't satisfied and continues his letter writing and pickering. The people, believe it or not, like to see the council pull together—"Never has one man done so much—to make it otherwise—for so long."

"OLD TIMER."

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## Saturday Sermon



By REV. F. ANTROBUS, First Baptist Church  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
"And the Lord added to them day by day, those who were being saved."—Acts 2:47.

Then the living, ascended Christ, was present in, and working with and through that little community of believing souls. Modern Christianity has lost far too much of the vivid impression of the present work of an indwelling Christ, and thought more of the past work of an ascended Christ.

We cannot think too much of the Cross by which He laid the foundation for the salvation and reconciliation of all the world; but we can easily think too exclusively of it, so as to forget the continual work which will never be finished until His Church is perfected, and presented faultless before God, and the world is redeemed.

"I will build My Church," said Jesus. And it is His will for, and His ideal of, a Christian Church, that continuously it should be gathering into its fellowship those who are being saved. That is His meaning in the establishment of His Church upon earth, and that is His will concerning it and us. Does our reality correspond to Christ's ideal?

Note how emphatically there is brought out here the attractive power of an earnest and pure church. Read Acts 2:41-47, closing with the words, "The Lord added: 'Yes; of course. Suppose you were like these people; and that these characteristics were yours—manifest harmonious unity, plain unselfishness; habitual unbroken devotion, the gladness of heaven, and a transparent simplicity of heart and life which knew nothing of shabby personal motives or hypocrisy."

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We plan to go by private car, and need two or three volunteers. This will save the children about \$3.50 extra on the return trip.

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