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A Chapter of Success

HOWEVER little most of us may understand the motives of those who go to extraordinary expense and danger to scale mountains...

It is a remarkable coincidence that a historic feat of exploration should mark the beginning of Elizabeth II's reign in the same way that the exploits of men like Drake and Raleigh added glory to the rule of Elizabeth I.

Although reaching the summit of Everest is unlikely to contribute anything to the welfare and development of mankind, it writes a chapter of success into a story of defeat and death...

While it is believed no one has reached the top before, two members of a British expedition were seen close to it in 1924. They never returned, however, to tell the world what success they had.

The story of Everest is full of mystery as well as frustration. What appear to be gigantic human footprints have been observed far up its snowy flanks.

Possibly the thin air affects men's minds as well as their bodies. Nevertheless, the story of Everest is an intriguing one, and it is certain that strange and adventurous chapters are still to be written.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." -St. John 14:10.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Now that Her Majesty's Coronation has become a closed and memorable chapter in Commonwealth history...

The \$64 question which has gone unanswered so far in the contest is the role which Quebec's Premier Maurice Duplessis will play.

Will he come out opening in support of PC leader George Drew? After all, the premier's Union Nationale party is the Quebec counterpart of Progressive Conservatism in the sense that it is the chief anti-Liberal force in the province.

Or will Duplessis refrain from taking any active part personally, but simply pass the word along to his provincial organization to co-operate with the Drew cause?

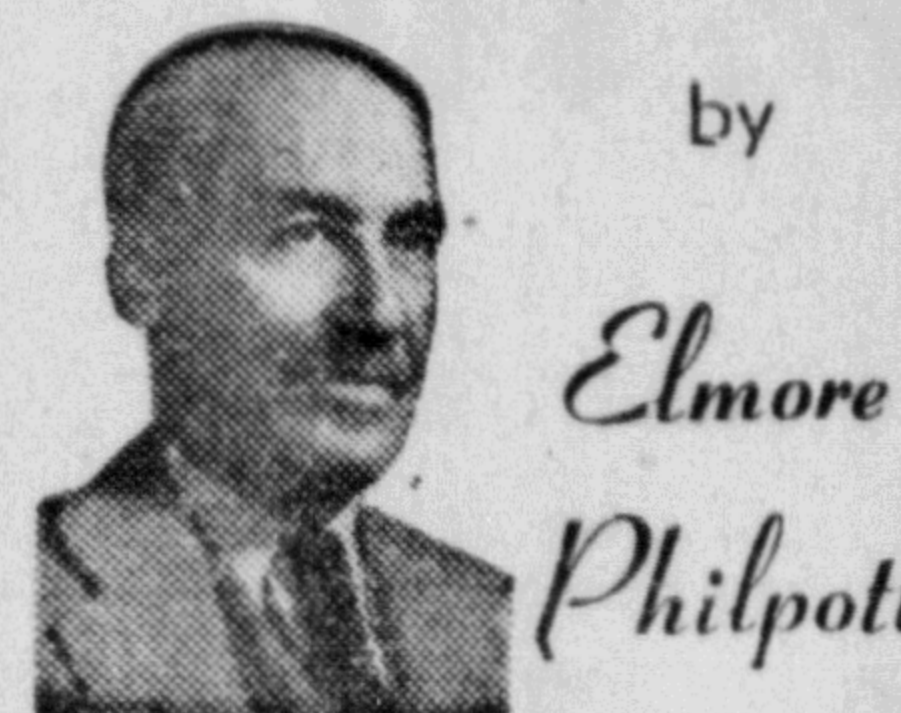
Or, finally, will the Union Nationale chieftain do neither of these things but simply hold himself and his organization carefully aloof from any participation in federal political affairs?

A possible clue to the answer to this riddle may lie in reports which have been reaching the capital here from the riding of Temiscouata. In that riding Jean Francois Pouliot is the nationally celebrated Liberal MP.

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As I See It



B.C. Premier Missing

WHILE all the rest of the British world kingdom was represented properly at the crown of our beloved young Queen, there was one unfilled chair.

British Columbia's premier was missing, although all others holding similar offices were there.

Others shared the joy, helping personify a united Commonwealth—we in B.C. get an election!

OUT OF the "dog's breakfast" election of last year came a fluke government elected by 26 per cent of the first choice votes.

"Give them a fair chance" we all said. That is what even the 74 per cent of the anti-Social Credit voters wanted. That is exactly what the Liberal, CCF and Conservative members of the Legislature did.

The Social Credit government had its fair full chance. It not only threw that fair chance away—time after time. It was determined to be beaten at any and all costs.

The Sacred premier boasted that he would not only win all 48 seats in the 48-seat legislature—but his party would hold office for a full 50 years.

We had another well known character when I first started to write this column who also "won" all seats in another parliament, and who talked a lot about a government which was to last "a thousand years."

THE SYSTEM of British democracy, of which our lovely young Queen is the living symbol, is based on different principles.

It is based on Her Majesty's government in office, and Her Majesty's loyal opposition as watchdogs and an alternate government in waiting.

In British democracy decisions are made in parliament after full discussion and fair debate. It is based on trial and error.

If we get a good government we keep it a long time. If we pick a lemon, we throw it out in a hurry—even in less than a year.

COMPARISONS are odious—but sometimes necessary. Two hundred years ago France was by far the strongest single nation on earth.

The two met in head-on political collision only once in the past. That was back in the election of 1930. On that occasion Pouliot won out by the scant margin of 117 votes.

Now the rumor is that the two are to meet again. Dube is said to have accepted designation as the Conservative anti-Pouliot candidate in the coming fight. One of the warmest contests of the whole election campaign is before forecast there in consequence.

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TWO DISTINGUISHED CANADIAN NEWSPAPERMEN take part in the 159th convocation ceremonies at the University of Western Ontario, London.

LETTERBOX

A HEALTH TO THE QUEEN! Here's a Health to the Queen, who's ascending the Throne of the mightiest Empire that ever was known.

Here's a Health to the Queen, who throughout the wide world is beloved by all where her flag is unfurled.

PROBABLY CORRECT. The Editor, The Daily News.

If (Mrs.) Wright intends to set herself up as a public informant it would be wise for her to develop attentiveness particularly when there are some 200 witnesses to her folly.

For the record, Mr. Hills did not make the statement that the Socreds passed but one bill. It was made by Mr. Brown and is quite probably correct for the additional 53 bills were passed only after the Social Crediters were defeated on the Rolston formula.

An example of these bills upon which Mrs. Wright and the Don Quixotes of free enterprise seem to place some significance is as follows:

"Bill No. 1.—This amendment substitutes the title 'court reporter' for the present 'official stenographer' throughout the Supreme Court Act."

Now that is something of vital importance to the people of B.C. Offhand I can't think of anything we need less except possibly more Social Credit carterists.

TECHNICALLY CORRECT. The Editor, The Daily News.

I attended the joint meeting on Sunday night sponsored by the Sulphite Workers Union and the Allied Fish Workers Union at which the three candidates participating in the election campaign in this riding were given an opportunity to present the policies of their respective

Ray Reflects and Reminiscences

This June a multitude of Americans and Canadians are seeing Britain and Europe for the first time. They are also discovering how much more they know that's worth knowing.

Speaking officially, Pig Island is not the real name of the small isle in the harbor of Prince Rupert near which a plane was recently wrecked and two lives lost.

QUESTION OF SETTLEMENT

It is hard, remarks a preacher, for some young couples to settle down after marriage. It's harder, sometimes, to settle up.

Edmonton's population is placed at 183,411, while that of Greater Edmonton is reported to be a little more than 290,000.

A Chicago surgeon is reported to have amputated the wrong leg of an elderly male janitor. Accidents can and will happen in the most unexpected places.

HORATIO HIMSELF!

A lot has been heard about Trafalgar Square of late, and we propose to add a bit more. For a good many years there was a square without any Nelson.

Wax Figures Of St. Laurent, Massey Unveiled. LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent and Governor-General Massey of Canada have joined three other Canadians in Madame Tussaud's famed wax-work museum here.

Unveiling of the wax figures was witnessed by 50 Canadian and 50 British girls, members of Canadian industrialist Garfield Weston's annual trans-Atlantic touring groups.

Other Canadians now represented in the museum are skater Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa, Lt.-Col. C. C. I. Merritt, VC of Vancouver, and Andrew Bonnar Law, Canadian-born British prime minister in 1922.

In this outburst of confused thinking and downright untruth on the part of an officer in the local Social Credit Club I find it easy to understand why the Social Credit government gave such dismal leadership during their tenure of office.

Yours for less mockery in democracy. B. WILSON.

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