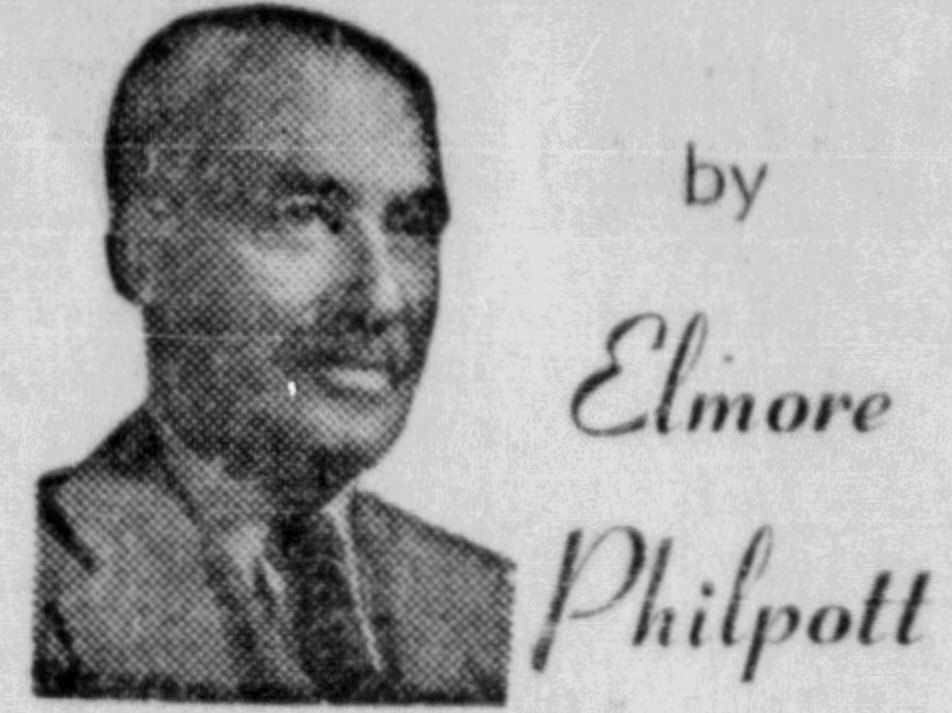


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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

PRECEDENT PRILPOTT PRAGE 2 (The following column, first of four guest columns which will appear in this space between now and August 5, is written by Miss Lorraine Johnston, Progressive Conservative candidate for Vancouver South in the Aug. 10 federal election.)

MY PERSONAL thanks to Elmore Philpott for his generosity in permitting his opposing candidates to share his column during the election. His scholarly manner in conducting a political campaign belongs to the school of politics in which I was tutored by my father, the late Adam Smith Johnston.

THE MAIN ISSUE in this campaign is simple. Is the Liberal government giving you, the taxpayers, sound economical government for every tax dollar you pay to the treasury of the Liberal government?

The Conservative party in the House of Commons for the past four years has charged that your tax dollar is not being spent with the same thriftiness that you, yourself, spend the weekly pay cheque.

Since 1950 the Conservative party has presented to the House motions deploring the extravagance and waste in government expenditures. Each motion, as it appeared, was quickly voted down by the huge Liberal majority, with not one Liberal member disagreeing with the Liberal whip's instructions.

In presenting to you the evidence of the charge by the Conservative party of waste and extravagance, I wish to remind you of the Currie report, the McNab report of 1949 (which was brought to light only in 1953).

Apart from these reports, there is evidence to indicate that the Liberal government is not making an effort to cut down on government costs for non-defense departments. The Liberal government estimates spending over \$6 million a day for non-defense expenditures, an increase of over \$1 million per day from last year's estimates.

THE CURRIE REPORT was filed at the request of the Liberal government. After "certain irregularities" amounting to good old-fashioned theft at one army camp were reported by an anonymous phone call to the RCMP, the Liberal government engaged the services of a well-known chartered accountant and a former deputy minister of the department of national defense to investigate the "irregularities" at Petawawa.

Mr. Currie did as he was instructed and the result of his finds are known to all. A committee of the members of the House was then appointed to review Mr. Currie's findings. Mr. Currie appeared before this special committee and the final report of the committee endorsed the original findings—namely, incompetence of management at the camp which resulted in thieving and waste of defense materials.

The McNab report was made in 1949 at the request of the Liberal government, its findings, which came to public light in 1953—four years later—verified and confirmed the Currie report made in 1952.

On March 16, 1953, the prime minister, replying to the demand of Mr. Davie Fulton that the McNab report be filed, stated "the associate minister of national defense (Mr. R. O. Campney) positively stated that there was no report on record in their department containing the language read into the record by the Hon. Member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton)."

WHILE the prime minister was speaking, the Ottawa Journal appeared on the streets carrying an interview with Mr. Nab himself, confirming the report had been filed. The Progressive Conservative members called for production of the report, which was refused.

In refusing this request, Mr. St. Laurent stated on the same day (March 16, 1953) that his government was required to produce to Parliament only such information as a majority vote might force them to do.

Again the huge Liberal majority, and no dissenting Liberal voice, voted to not produce the report. This was the same procedure which met the motion of the official opposition to have a full inquiry into the department of national defense expenditure.

Why is the Liberal government afraid to investigate the entire defense department? The first airplane flight by Wilbur and Orville Wright in 1903 covered only 284 yards.



ONE ALMOST SURE WAY to save money is to be a lighthouse keeper. The earliest lighthouse on record, and still operating, is this 82-foot stone tower at Sambo on the south coast of Nova Scotia. (CP PHOTO)

Thrift Thrust on 1,150 Keepers Of Canada's Lonely Lighthouses

OTTAWA (CP) — Thrift isn't a virtue among Canada's lighthouse keepers—it's thrust on them by isolation.

There are approximately 1,150 lighthouse keepers throughout Canada and the maximum pay rate is \$3,500 yearly. In many cases, say marine service officials of the transport department, lighthouse keepers in remote areas have little chance to spend money. And dwellings, too, are provided in such places.

Lighthouses are to be found in lonely spots from Cape Race

in Newfoundland to Estevan Point on Vancouver Island, and from Pelee Island in Lake Erie to Resolution Island northeast of Hudson Bay.

PLENTY OF APPLICANTS

There are generally more applicants for jobs than positions available, though it varies according to localities. In areas close to settlements would-be lighthouse keepers are numerous; in windy and wet areas a long way from human habitation there are fewer applicants.

The earliest lighthouse on record—and still operating—is the 82-foot stone tower at Sambo on the south coast of Nova Scotia. It has been a guide to transatlantic ships since 1758.

In 1808 the first inland waterways light was built when Sir Francis Gore was lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada. It is operating today, at Gibraltar Point on Toronto Island. In 1833 a light was raised at Point Peter in the Picton, Ont., district and subsequently at strategic points throughout the Great Lakes.

Today there are about 2,000 lights in operation, of which 1,150 are tended by keepers. The remainder of the lights are automatic. The transport department hopes, when it signs a new lighthouse man, to keep him for life. Frequently applicants know the region where a vacancy occurs—tides and fogs, winds and reefs. In some cases care of the light is handed down from father to son, often for three or four generations.

A good keeper is expected to look after his lighthouse and dwelling in the same way as ordinary householders tend their homes.

Lighthouse attendants believe, like their old-time counterparts, that "the light must not fail." But today there are more helps in this respect. Duplicate power plants and duplicate for alarms cut chance of light failure to a minimum.

Keepers are mostly married men. Transport officials describe them as "steady types."

HEALTHY LIFE

While there is occasional loss of life among the group due to the job itself, the occupation is described as "safer than driving on a highway."

When loss of life does occur, it is usually by drowning. Longevity, probably because the lighthouse keeper's life is essentially a healthy one, is the rule.

In some island lighthouses keepers can get ashore to bring in supplies. In other remote places this is impossible. Supply ships bring in needed goods. Most difficult areas, say marine officials, are along the British Columbia coast.

While there has been an increase in recent years in new equipment, many lights working under remote control or automatically, there is little chance modernization will ever replace the lighthouse keeper himself.

A spokesman said: "Mechanical equipment can fail. There is no substitute for personal attention."

Radio-Phones To Direct Boats On Big Canal

MONTREAL (CP) — Canadian Department of Transport officials have put into operation a traffic-control system on Montreal's Lachine Canal which they hope will make lake skippers the envy of harassed motorists.

For though no one has yet found an effective way of stopping week-end traffic jams on the city's road approaches, the Transport Department believes now it will be able to stop traffic snarl-ups on Montreal's only effective water link with the Great Lakes.

Their solution: use high-frequency radio telephones between ship and shore.

MUCH TRAVELLED ROUTE

How well it will work remains to be seen, but one thing everyone agrees on is that something had to be done. The seven-mile canal, which by-passes the stormy Lachine Rapids to connect the port of Montreal with Lake St. Louis to the west, has become one of Canada's most heavily travelled stretches of water.

Congestion has brought traffic complications in its wake, leaving frayed tempers among canal men and lake skippers. At peak periods when heavy grain shipments are moving down the river, and empty ships are moving westwards, there are frequently queues at both ends of the canal as vessels wait, sometimes for hours, to enter the locks.

WILL EASE CONGESTION

Officials believe the new phone system—already in operation at Welland and at Cornwall—will ease the position. With three men on duty, each working an eight-hour shift, captains will be able to telephone the canal's traffic controllers as they are coming down the lake to find out how the traffic is moving through the locks.

Said Jean Carcelo, canal superintendent: "We're just working in a temporary set-up now, but soon we'll have everything ready to pass on the information the captains require."

Bees and Fame

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP) — New Zealanders think there must be something remarkable in bee-keeping, since bee-keeper Sir Edmund Hillary and a native guide reached the top of Everest. Another bee-keeper, Maurice Gordon, won the Nez Zealand rifle-shooting championship, and will try for the King's Prize at Bisley in England in July.



BEST OF FOOD FINEST OF COOKING FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS Phone 200 Broadway Cafe

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Prince Rupert showed a boost of six and a half million bushels in wheat shipping this season. The total may equal or surpass that much in future years. The point is this port has reached the stage when the grain trade is taken as a matter of course.

NO FIVE-DAY WEEK

One of life's major surprises awaits the girl who weeds because she's tired of working.

One hears in Ottawa that the \$40 old age pensions appears to be coming a national burden. To avoid what might become an emergency, the best thing to do is forget it and announce a \$60 pension, effective immediately.

I have a cure for boredom that will never fail, it is made up of 10 rules. Go out among the people and perform one kind act 10 times.—Carrie Chapman Catt.

WE'VE HEARD OF IT

Perhaps, in the United States, before long, a man will look incredulously at a huge mounted fish that had been caught in the harbor of Prince Rupert, favorite tourist port, and he will say in a low voice: "The party who caught that fish lies."

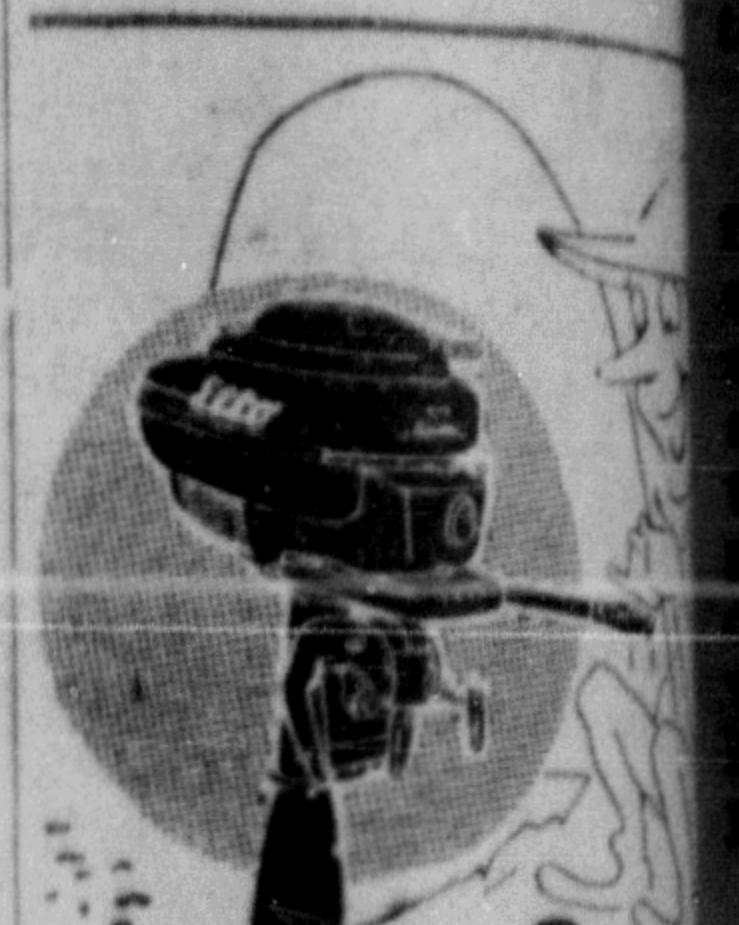
The father of the famous Black Prince in English history was Old King Cole, according to the School Bay Howler studies.

Royal messenger to two cannibals about to have a luscious blonde into the kettle: "Hold!! The chief wants his breakfast in bed."—Ex.

A NEW ONE!

W. H. Rapp of Philadelphia, an advertising man, noted at a broadcast that a couple lost a \$1,000 prize because they did not know who was buried at the Hermitage, old home of Andrew Jackson. Rapp was astounded.

and set out to see for all the other prizes. In Concord, New Hampshire, he asked about the prize. A citizen reminded him of the prize. Only Franklin D. Roosevelt, N.Y. he inquired from the station attendant. President Chester Arthur buried and received the prize. "The president? Can you give a new one on me?"



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Scouts Set Example

WITH boys coming from all over the world to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree at Ottawa, the thought is provoked that in a movement such as his may lie the secret of peace and global friendship which man has sought since the first dawn of history.

At Ottawa there will be no question of national, religious, economic or color supremacy. The boys will work and have fun together as they form acquaintances in the quick and friendly manner that seems to characterize the young more than the adult. They have a lesson for us if we care to heed it.

It is unlikely that we will. For for reason, the differences that exist between the countries of the world are given more emphasis than their common interests. The principle of competition is apparently more important than that of mutual endeavor. Because of this, the belligerent leader is often considered a stronger and more worthy man than the one who has the courage to concede a point if it means an amicable and fair solution.

When the Jamboree ends, the boys will be reluctant to say goodbye to their new friends. If international meetings of state were adjourned in the same spirit of reluctance, the chances are that we would have at last located the road to permanent peace.

Letters Boost Morale

ACCORDING to Bill Boss, Canadian Press correspondent in Korea, Canadians fighting there have a complaint which should never be allowed to arise. It is that they are not hearing often enough from home.

The fact that this is not a new problem among troops in active combat does not excuse it. In the Korean war especially, those who are participating have a grim and unpleasant task.

As Mr. Boss phrases it: "This is a wearing, wearying war—just as trying on the soldier as fluid mobile warfare. It's harder on the nerve to sit and take it than to be up and at them. There's no change of scenery, or even of conversation. Apart from his five-day leave in Japan once in his year abroad, the soldier lives in a narrow, unrelieved world."

The tough part about the Korean war apart from its remote and bleak locale, is that it offers no prospect of a solid victory which would give a real meaning to the whole engagement. It is a standing action, designed more to hold on than go ahead. Those in it must wonder why they are, yet it is impossible that they be withdrawn until a conclusion is reached.

Under the circumstances, the problem of morale is an acute one. More letters from home will not call for much extra effort on the part of the senders but will do wonders for the recipients. Let us not neglect them.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

There used to be a time when Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner was regarded as one of the "miracle men" of Canadian politics. It wasn't too long ago—right up until the time that Premier T. C. Douglas and his CCF cohorts took over in Saskatchewan politics. That sad event—sad at least in the annals of the old-line parties—was the beginning of the end for Rt. Hon. "Jimmie." Since it happened the formidable Gardiner reputation has lost much of its old-time magic.

Now "Jimmie" Gardiner is enjoying an unexpected opportunity to win back his old-time miracle status. All he has to do is to win election personally in Melville on August 10th next.

If he does so, it will be as great a miracle as has been performed in Canadian politics since an unknown figure by the name of Garfield Case trimmed Defence Minister A. G. L. McNaughton in the North Grey by-election in the midst of World War Two.

The reason a victory for the Minister of Agriculture will rank as a political miracle in the present campaign is mainly Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent. The fact that the head of the government is the chief factor which his Cabinet colleague must overcome may strike the outsider in politics as difficult to understand. It undoubtedly strikes Mr. Gardiner the same way.

Saskatchewan riding of Melfort was eliminated. Its MP was Percy Wright, the wheat expert of the CCF group. In the redistribution Wright normally should have chosen to run in Humboldt riding, since the majority of his old riding was affiliated there, including the town in which he lives. Instead, he chose to run in Melville, where he doesn't live, where only a fraction of his old riding is represented, and where Agricultural Minister Gardiner has been the perennial choice as MP ever since he entered Federal politics.

Percy Wright either wasn't intimidated by the Gardiner legend, or else he relied upon the Gardiner political touch having lost its magic over the years. Nevertheless, the report via the political grape-vine ever since the campaign opened has been that the Minister of Agriculture was a little more than holding his own in a particularly stiff fight. But any success he was having was attributed to his promises around the riding that the Liberal Government would build the South Saskatchewan power and irrigation scheme.

Then some days ago the Prime Minister spoke in Saskatchewan and repudiated the Gardiner pledges. That makes Gardiner strictly a miracle man if he can win. Parliament Hill isn't betting on his chances. Furthermore, it isn't betting on him staying in the Cabinet if he does survive his August 10 crisis.

All members of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 2310 are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, R. S. Traquar, Past Master, on Wednesday, July 22, at 2 p.m., B.C. Undertakers. Sojourning brethren invited.

Signed, J. DAVIDSON, Secretary.



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