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The City Absolved

THE horrors of corruption, skulduggery and other forms of malpractice pictured by some in the administration of our civic affairs have dissolved into such a mild anti-climax it is like reading a story that starts as a mystery thriller and ends as Little Red Riding Hood.

Having examined the city record, municipal inspector B. C. Bracewell has concluded with well-considered patience there is nothing seriously wrong here that a more congenial atmosphere in the council chamber will not cure.

It is significant that early in his report he mentions his efforts to stress the folly of bickering, and it is obvious that he feels this is where the main trouble lies. His advice must not be ignored. For a long time it has been apparent to even the most disinterested that a state of belligerency exists in the city council which goes far beyond the type of open discussion that serves the best interests of the taxpayers. No doubt some of the quarrels are caused by an honest conflict of views, injudiciously expressed. Others appear to be created with an eye to their publicity value. An aggressive fighter always commands a certain popular following and realization of this seems to have aggravated situations in the city council which could have been settled without the furious theatrics.

It is not to be forgotten, of course, that Mr. Bracewell has pointed to incorrect methods in the conduct of some procedures. He noticed that accounts have been paid without prior authorization of council and that committees have incurred expenditures beyond the statutory limit of \$50 without authority. While he detected no deliberate intent or ulterior motive, it is important that his recommendations for their correction be made effective. Failure to do this may cause a predicament which no amount of innocence can excuse.

Although it is regrettable that bitterness and suspicion in Prince Rupert reached a point where Mr. Bracewell's inquiry was considered necessary, his visit has served at least temporarily to restore the city to its rightful place in public opinion. The same outside newspapers that carried reports of alleged dirty work up here can now change their stories to read that our affairs are managed reasonably well and that the charges are unfounded.

This is the type of publicity we want and must continue to justify. With every other city in the province looking for new business and new citizens, it is no time for Prince Rupert to be hunting witches instead.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

So far as excitement in this country is concerned, the public has had it. Some sections of the nation may still come in for handshakes from the party leaders as they pass that way, and several hundreds of their babies—of suitable ages, of course—still will get kissed. But there'll be no big or dramatic surprises.

In brief, the cards on which the rival political parties intend to rely for victory now are all on the table for the voters' inspection. The party leaders have no aces left up their sleeves or otherwise concealed for a surprise play between now and voting day.

That makes it just about the dullest campaign in the long history of Canadian politics. Certainly veteran Ottawa observers can remember no past contest which has been so barren of high drama, so colorless in its personalities, or so devoid of tension and suspense.

For the candidates concerned—especially the government standard-bearers—the campaign has manifested most of the trying features of a war of nerves. This has been due to the opening shot fired by the P.C. Leader with his 16-point platform. The acquiescence of the Liberal candidates in the P.M.'s strategy of refusing to compete with Drew promises has by no means done justice to their nervousness over the possible effectiveness of those promises in gathering votes. Particularly have the Liberal gladiators been "jittery" over the P.C. Leader's specific pledge to slash taxation by a half-billion dollars.

The fact that the campaign hasn't taken on at least some of the aspects of a political auction has been due to the cool-

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

IWA Pattern Sound

THE IWA is the strongest union in B.C. Its welfare affects everybody. Its policies set the pace for all B.C.

It is therefore a matter of the highest public importance that the IWA has just deliberately adopted what its international secretary Carl Winn calls "a strong pattern of co-operation." Both the IWA and the operators have been irresponsible in the past in meeting some of the problems of this industry and in trying to solve them realistically.

"Employers have been reluctant to join forces for the common good, and so has the union up to this time. Now we are taking the initiative in this direction because we see the distinct and important possibility of strengthening the economy of this great industry."

CARL WINN puts his finger right on the core when he says:

"We can join forces on such matters as full employment, steady incomes for our people and a reasonable return to the employer on his financial investment."

Surely, that is a far cry from the time when no leader of any union could ever afford to say a good word for the bosses, the "boboed capitalists." It is so because it is no longer as much as your life is worth to try to go into a logging camp, sawmill, or pulp and paper plant to "try to organize a union."

Thanks to the Labor rights legislation passed by the Liberals both federally and in B.C., every worker in B.C. can freely join the union of his choice.

PEACE IN KOREA, and a general relaxation of the armament drive made necessary by the Cold War, will mean that new markets will have to be found for B.C. forest products.

For years back I have been trying to tell all who would read or listen that it is in the interest of everybody in B.C.—Labor, management and general public alike—to put our heads together to nail down the British Commonwealth market for wood products, salmon, etc.

If we don't grab and hold those markets—make no mistake—Russia will be right in there to grab them, on a barter basis. This is no time or place to go into technicalities about those markets. But it is the time and place to remind everybody that the Average Joe, who works for any woodworking plant along the Fraser River has a greater personal stake in the solution of this problem than has—say even H. R. MacMillan himself.

For H.R. could get along very nicely for the rest of his life if all of B.C.'s markets were lost—but the Average Joe could not. Nor could Average Joe's wife and children.

THE IWA spokesman spotlights what every IWA man wants, and has a right to want: Full employment and fair pay in times of peace, not just in times of war!

If Labor and Management stand shoulder to shoulder to expand our markets at home—and above all an all-out, sound house building program right across Canada—we need have no fear of trade in Korea or peace in the world.

Vessels Collide Off Sable Island

HALIFAX (CP)—Marine Radio here reported the Italian steamship Carla Maria G. collided early today with the freighter Robertson I, 90 miles southwest of Sable Island.

A report received at the station here said the Italian ship had taken all the Robertson's crew aboard and was towing the damaged ship to Halifax. No casualties were reported.

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GEORGES-EMILE LAFALME, Quebec Liberal leader, flashes the smile of victory at party headquarters after winning a seat in the Quebec legislature. He won a by-election in Montreal-Ouaremont. Mr. Lafalme was chosen party leader in 1950 and was defeated in his first bid for a seat in the general election last year.

VICTORIA REPORT

Premier Bennett says there'll be two by-elections to seat Finance Minister Gunderson and Education Minister Tilly Rolston, who were defeated in the June 9 election.

The Premier doesn't say how he'll go about this—if, again, as last year, he'll ask two Social Crediters to resign their seats. It seems likely, at this moment, that Mr. Bennett will have the Legislature add two or three more seats at the autumn session. Then he can have his by-elections, without asking anyone to resign. And M.L.A.'s elect hate resigning, even for the good of the cause.

And now, with the Bennett government back in power, we may turn away from politics—but only for a few weeks, because the session will start about Sept. 15.

Walking along the waterfront here the other day I spied a weather-beaten vessel tied up at one of the docks. She was the Maken, and so I rubber-necked, when a tall young fellow invited me aboard. He was Michael Fitzjames of Vancouver—tall, blonde, blue-eyed, and shining white teeth—the perfect Viking-type, an adventurer who can't stay long in one place, though he says that now he's 28 he thinks he'll settle down and get married.

Fitzjames sailed the Maken from Norway in 180 days. He had a crew of two across the Atlantic—an Englishman, who came through to Victoria, and a Norwegian. The Norwegian left the vessel at Panama, and Fitzjames and the Englishman sailed her to San Francisco, where two Americans joined the crew.

Maken is 43 years old, 45 feet long. "She's lousy with dry rot, but the plank's good," says Fitzjames cheerfully. I enjoyed my visit to Maken, and decided once more that I could never be happy living away from long from the salt sea waters, beside which I was born.

Another pleasant visit I had in recent weeks was to Mrs. W. Fitzherbert Bullen, who will be 90 July 19. She's a remarkable old lady, this oldest living grandchild of Sir James Douglas, the father of British Columbia. She lives yet at "Oakdene," a fine old home on the Esquimalt Road, where she went as a bride in 1824.

Mrs. Bullen's parents were Agnes, one of the five daughters of Douglas, and Arthur T. Bushby, early-day residents of New Westminster, where Mrs. Bullen was born July 19, 1863. She was christened Annie Amelia, but her family soon called her Rose.

Mrs. Bullen well remembers her Grandpapa Douglas. She describes him as "sweet and gentle and kind with children, but not the frolicsome type." She recalls a time Douglas took her on a picnic to Sooke: "We were a plate short, and Grandpapa made me a plate of maple leaves."

Mrs. Bullen's Aunt Marth, in May of 1866, wrote in her diary: "A fine day; my little niece

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Australians before long will be cheering the Queen's good will hand waves. And then Her Majesty will be receiving the Australian heat waves.

It seems Premier St. Laurent is reported to have stated he will not fill the 12 vacancies in the Senate before the next election. He will leave that to the next prime minister. We're not suggesting he might be capable of knowing something about this, but he has given a few hints over campaign broadcasts.

Everybody has to love somebody. Tragedy is that so many people choose themselves.

Monopoly is like a baby—a man is opposed to it on general principles until he has one of his own.

Women are like elephants—I like to look at 'em but I'd hate to own one.—Will Rogers.

It's highly remarkable that billions of people have survived many summers although they manager to slumber in un-airconditioned rooms.

A century ago this month Cecil John Rhodes was born in Hertfordshire, England. He enjoyed neither long life or good health, although wealth in the

diamond fields became his. Of those who helped expand the British Empire few in history have gone further.

An etiquette expert says it is quite proper to blow your nose at the dinner table. Blowing your soup, however, remains strictly taboo.

Middle Age—That time of life when the average man is going to start saving next month.

Calgary was a small town when its most famous race was staged. It had to be. There were about a dozen contenders, with that many bars scattered along the course which was near Eighth Avenue. It was up to

each man to take one of the finish if able to stand late Mr. R. C. Edwards have had something to do with it.

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