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On To The Polls

TWO OR THREE features emerged from the election campaign, now in its dying hours, which deserve mention before the whole affair becomes history.

First was the formation of the Civic Affairs Association. This more than anything else revealed the growing determination of voters to take matters more into their own hands. It has led to the selection and endorsement of four aldermanic candidates who are considered best qualified to represent a broad cross-section of the electorate.

To follow this up the association plans, through personal representation, to keep an eye on council proceedings, and to discuss and analyze them at monthly executive meetings. This is a service designed for the electorate as a whole. Its operation should prevent any alderman in future making the bold claim that he is the people's watchdog. Under the new arrangement, the people will do their own watching.

A second feature was the attention which centred on the four referendums. It was a singular chance to air some of the questions facing the city and served in particular to stimulate interest in problems affecting the city's parks and its Civic Centre. The referendum concerning municipal buildings somehow figured less in discussions than the other three.

Still another feature, and an important one, was the heavy competition for aldermanic seats. Among the candidates to be voted on tomorrow, there are several comparatively young men making their first venture into a civic election contest. The conclusion is that a recognized need has arisen to infuse fresh blood into the council. It is a better than even bet that by tomorrow night there will be new names in the list of aldermen.

At the top of the heap the mayoralty contest stands clear and well-defined between two men. Both have given noteworthy service to their community and both can be counted on to give more. With no thanks to George Casey (who, despite appearances, is not running for mayor), their fight was above the belt.

Give either of these men a good council, and the city will have good government.

LETTERBOX

ASSESS REFERENDUMS

The Editor,
The Daily News—

As a taxpayer, I find difficulty in assessing the referendums being put before the electors. What is the city's long-term planning for the Algonia and Roosevelt Park areas? On what basis is this planning? If any, based? Are there any tentative plans for new municipal buildings? What from the general need? How many are required, by what date, and what is a rough estimate of likely costs? The same reasoning can be expanded to cover waterworks and other city talked-of projects.

As a professional engineer I question whether the city has any real plans, beyond yearly necessities and council discussions. Your present works superintendent is doing a good job, but I expect he would be the first to admit that his present limited staff forces his entire energies to current problems only.

Comparison with other cities of this size—and generally all situated in better positions—will show that an enlarged engineering department is a "must" and will save its own cost many times over.

We've had city-wide arguments on money problems in the past. I contend that most would have been unnecessary with proper advice from a city engineering department. I suggest to the new council, the CAA, the Ratepayers' Association and all taxpayers that this is one of your most urgent problems and early consideration is warranted.

I had hoped this might be the No. 1 plank in at least one candidate's platform. The crux of the situation appears to be lost in the multitude of unknowns.
G. NEELY MOORE, P.Eng.

pertinent information before the public.

In March, 1952, the city council was advised by the company that it felt an extension should be made to the diesel plant in Prince Rupert.

As there was some doubt as to whether or not the company would continue to supply the city, certain guarantees of reimbursement of expenditures were requested in event of expropriation.

These guarantees were not obtained but at a regular city council meeting held on April 15, 1952, a motion moved by Alderman Daggett, seconded by Alderman Hills requested the power company to proceed with the installation of additional plant capacity as outlined in their previous submission of March, 1952.

Members attending this meeting were Aldermen Casey, Currie, Glassey, Daggett, Gomez, Krueger, Prusky, Hills, with His Worship Mayor Whalen officiating. All the aldermen voted in favor of this motion.

The power company, following notice of this motion, borrowed the necessary capital, prepared plans and specifications, received bids for equipment and made commitments for same in October 1952.

After the company was committed to purchase the diesel certain aldermen who had pre-

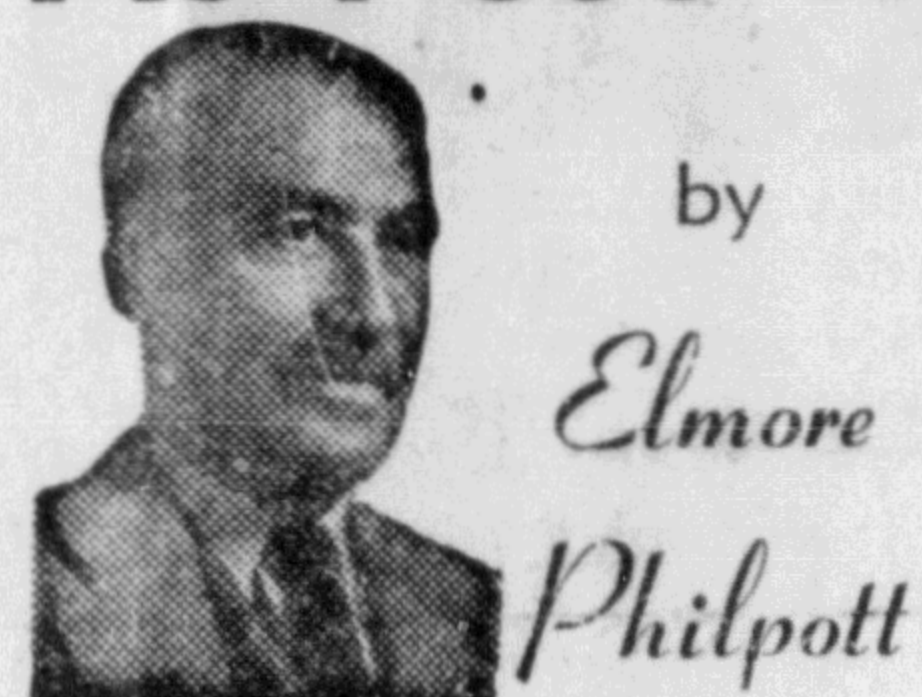
FOR GOOD CIVIC
ADMINISTRATION

VOTE

J. W. PRUSKY

FOR ALDERMAN

As I See It



McCarthy—J and C

THE big votes are all over, and parliament is now settling down to the more practical work of the session, such as what to do about the natural-gas pipeline.

There was nothing surprising about the votes on the speech from the throne, except that some Conservatives, headed by John Diefenbaker, voted with the Social Crediters, and against their own leader, George Drew.

I THOUGHT that George Drew and M. J. Coldwell between them gave most impressive reasons why the Social Credit amendment, as it stood, was not a practical proposition.

It baldly called for the acceptance of pounds sterling, as a means of promoting international trade.

As I myself have pointed out in this column over and over again in the past ten years, merely to accept sterling is not the answer either to Britain's problem or to Canada's problem.

You also have to have a plan to do something with that sterling after you do accept it. You either have to buy more British goods with that sterling, or you have to buy more stocks and bonds on the British market.

The only effect merely of "accepting sterling"—with no plan to make use of that sterling—would be to load up Canada with a pile of inconvertible British money.

AS WE waited in the lobbies for the vote I was comparing notes with the Hon. Douglas Abbott who has just taken all his medical "shots" for travel to Australia via Asia. In Australia the various finance ministers will grapple with the very thing that our own parliament has been discussing.

How to make the British pound and Canadian dollar convertible. It would be a wonderful feather in Mr. Abbott's cap if he could help with this, just before his final budget.

He is adamant, by the way, that it is to be his final budget.

PEOPLE are now having second thoughts about the unabashed defence of McCarthyism by the rugged Social Credit M.P. from Lethbridge—John Blackmore. They are beginning to think, it was not a mere man show.

Half-way through that stormy speech, that is, on opening the second day's installment, Mr. Blackmore stated he spoke only for himself.

But meanwhile in Regina, Saskatchewan, the Rev. E. J. Hansell M.P., was also making a forthright defence of Senator Joe McCarthy.

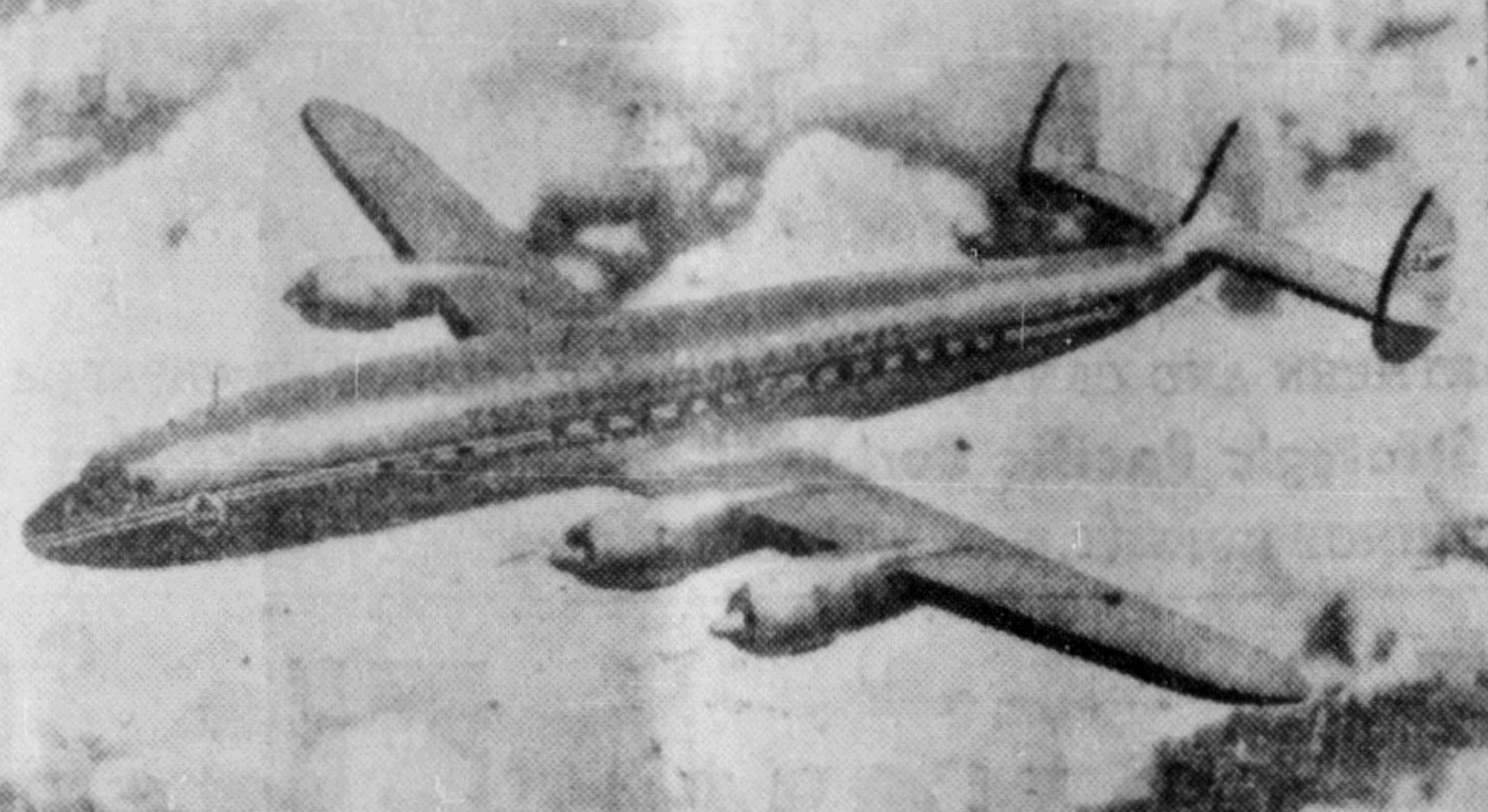
Mr. Hansell, it will be remembered is the man who engineered the successful capture of B.C. by Social Credit in the election of 1952. He is generally considered as the real "brains" of the Social Credit party. Hence it would appear that the Social Credit party is getting ready to make itself the deliberate and vocal champion of McCarthyism in Canada.

IN ONE of his speeches in support of Senator Joe McCarthy, Mr. Blackmore named Adlai Stevenson and Dean Acheson as among the "Communist top-notchers."

This fantastic falsehood was based on "evidence" read by Mr. Blackmore from a book called "McCarthyism" by the said Senator Joe McCarthy.

It could be Joe McCarthy is now to have his Charley McCarthy here at Ottawa.

Incidentally, Dean Acheson is one of the most universally respected men here. His autographed photo hangs near the Queen's portrait in the home of the Prime Minister of Canada.



FLYING TIME FROM MONTREAL to Vancouver will be reduced by two hours on Trans-Canada Air Lines routes when Super Constellation aircraft are added to the company's domestic fleet next autumn. The new planes will carry 63 passengers at better than 300 miles an hour and will allow a total elapsed flying time of 11 hours five minutes between Montreal and Vancouver.

Report From

PARLIAMENT

E. T. APPLEWHITE

Although we have all been rather hoping to hear from Elmore Philpott, the well-known newspaper columnist, who is now the Liberal Member for Vancouver-South, so far Mr. Philpott has not spoken in the House. However, he did intervene on one occasion, on a point of order, when he had John Blackmore withdraw the expression, "villifying outrageously," which Blackmore had used about Dave Croll, referring to a speech in which Croll had shown up McCarthyism for what it really is.

The announcement made in the Montreal Gazette on November 23 that Mr. Fred Rose, the Communist, has left the country to take up residence behind the Iron Curtain either in Russia or one of Russia's satellite states has been confirmed by his wife, who still resides at Montreal. Mr. Rose is the only Communist who ever got elected to the House of Commons. The news of his departure will cause only one regret in Canada. It is a pity that, like Mr. Rose, the other communists in Canada do not transfer their persons and their abodes to the other side of the Iron Curtain.

I hope I don't often—at least not too often—let politics dictate what I write in these notes, but I do think one thing is worthy of note at this time. The government has announced that at this session it will introduce co-ordinated plans for rehousing of disabled persons and a nation-wide federal-provincial assistance programme for totally disabled persons. This means help for those disabled persons who are not covered by military pension, Workmen's Compensation Acts, blindness pension or any other public provision. I think it fair to point out that this measure is being brought in at this Session, and is not being held until just before an election. In other words the St. Laurent government definitely is not playing politics with these unfortunate people.

The other day we came into the House of Commons Chamber at 2:30 in the afternoon to find on every desk a sheaf of bright yellow chrysanthemums. On making inquiries I found that these had been supplied by the Members for Hamilton, and were distributed in celebration of the Grey Cup victory of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

In the Commons last month, Maurice Bourget, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public Works, tabled a report of an investigation into measures for the reduction of the flood hazard in the Greater Winnipeg area, dated October 1, 1953, prepared by the Department of Resources and Development.

You may have seen from time to time references in the press to the desirability of improving the procedures in the House of Commons; a few days ago Mr. S. Laurent moved "that a select committee be designated to be appointed to consider with Mr. Speaker the procedure of this house for the purpose of suggesting any changes that may be desirable to assure the more expeditious dispatch of public business." He said that he thought it would be the desire of all members of the House to provide in the most efficient possible manner, for the orderly conduct of our deliberations, and he thought it was the general feeling that our rules and "standing orders" might be considered by a Committee of the House, with the Speaker, for the purpose of reporting to the House whether or not in their opinion there are any of these rules that it would be desirable to modify for the sake of the orderly conduct of the business of the House. The matter had been discussed with the leaders of the other groups in the House and it was generally considered that it would be desirable to have a committee set up that would study with the Speaker the rules as they exist and then report to the House whether or not in their opinion there are modifications that it would be desirable to introduce. It was for the purpose of providing an opportunity for such study that the motion had been put on the order paper and that the P.M. submitted it for the consideration of the House. It carried unanimously.

The doctor accidentally learned more of the early use of the mortar through an elderly Native woman patient.

Curious as to what her people had done when a mother could not nurse her baby, he had questioned the woman, since in those days there had been no cattle and canned milk and baby foods were unknown to the Indians.

The woman said that they had tried to find another woman, able and suitable to substitute for the mother. If none could be found, she said, they used ground dried salmon, and pointing to the mortar, went through the motions of grinding up the salmon, adding boiling water, expressing the fatty liquid and feeding it to the new born baby.

Her final remark—"Quite a few grew up to be strong, big men."

Civil Servants Get Holidays

OTTAWA (CP)—Civil servants this year will not work the afternoon before and the day after Christmas and New Year's, the civil service commission announced.

Both holidays fall on Fridays. This time off for civil servants was approved by the cabinet last March. Those who do not come under the five-day week and who normally work Saturday mornings also will get the Saturdays following Christmas and New Year's off.

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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

"The old man seems to be living in the past."
"Why not? It's much cheaper."

Fifteen Edmontonians have become traffic victims since January 1953. But is it always fair to place the blame—or some of it—on the driver? This is sometimes not the easiest thing to do, yet there has been many a fatality where the saving of a life would have been a miracle.

STILL DEPRESSED!
Early last summer, the PGE railway linked up with Prince George, and glorious was the rejoicing in the northern town. But if one may judge from the lack of developments since, the situation today is cruel. No one, it seems is able to cheer up. Perhaps what was expected did not transpire immediately. That often happens. Look at Prince Rupert. That fair young city is familiar with unfulfilled expectations, yet today is far indeed from being a dead one.

Marriage is like a pair of shears—inseparably, often moving in opposite directions, but punishing anyone who comes between them—Sydney Smith.

When you hear different concerning tomorrow's election discussed with increasing you can't but think of years. Today, there is a live, and interest. Men are arguing candidates are putting a punch into their remarks. Evident no one cares a hoot it hurts or doesn't. They something to say, and intend have it heard.

What do you think of Carthage, first of all, how of it do you really understand? To what extent have you the thing stowed away in head, so you could go on of it for years if others allow you?

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