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Sticking to Treaties

THE House of Commons is urged by an all-party committee to ratify the Fisheries Treaty which has been negotiated between United States, Japan and Canada. After a thorough testing and debate of the issues by a special committee of Members of Parliament, the treaty has been approved.

One main objection has been raised by the fishermen of British Columbia—represented by their union official.

The objection, which also nullifies the entire treaty as proposed, is to clauses permitting Japanese to fish in north Pacific waters for other species of fish than those now fished extensively by American and Canadian commercial fishermen.

The fishermen's union also would ban Japanese from fishing salmon on the high seas within several hundred miles from our shores.

As was pointed out by several members of the Commons committee in its hearing of the treaty, such a restraint on any country would violate international laws of freedom on the high seas.

The treaty appears to have taken into consideration all the major and salient points which will guarantee conservation of our fishing industry—but only if the clauses in it are followed to the letter. It will therefore behoove our country, the U.S. and Japan to see to it, if the treaty is ratified, that it is obeyed.

So many treaties have been broken in the past.

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—This week's general provincial election is the costliest in our history—more than \$600,000. It's a lot of money, but it's far, far cheaper than not being allowed to vote.

LETTERBOX

ALTERNATIVE VOTING CLASS LEGISLATION

Editor, Daily News,
 Alternative voting in my opinion is based on class legislation, a device to retain in power either a Conservative or Liberal government, or a combination of both at the expense of labor or CCF.

No Liberal or Conservative will give his No. 2 choice to either CCF or Labor while there is a natural choice between Liberals and Conservatives for a second selection.

Should Labor or CCF indulge in a second choice, they are simply contributing to defeat of their No. 1 choice.

WHERE ARE CCF LOYALTIES?

Editor, Daily News,
 At meetings of the CCF it has been noted that the official attitude is not to sing "God Save the Queen" or "O Canada."

Why are the members of the party unwilling to join in singing these numbers? Why are they unwilling to join in singing a prayer for the ruling sovereign, one who, in her official position, and in her private family life, sets such a high and unselfish standard of service? Her life should be an example that we should all try to emulate.

What also are the objections to singing "O Canada"? The poem urges us to stand on guard for our country. Why should we object to singing it? Isn't our country worth singing about? Do we not owe something to it? If it is not worth singing about then it is up to us to make it worthy of our praise.

If CCF loyalties are not to our ruler and our country, where do their loyalties lie?

J. S. WILSON.

CANADIAN PLEDGE SOUL-STIRRING

Editor, Daily News,

In Friday's edition of The Daily News, I noticed a "Pledge to the Flag" which actually was the American form. Ours—the Canadian—is as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag and to the Queen and Empire for which it stands.

"One Empire indivisible with liberty and equality and justice for all.

"One Empire for all; one Law for all; one Christ for all."

I thought it would be interesting to your readers to see how soul-stirring the Canadian form is.

DONALDA LETOURNEAU.

More than 6,000 men and women have been employed to look after the vote, in which nearly 800,000 people may this year participate—also the largest in history.

Throughout this vast province there will be more than 2,500 booths where our people may exercise their most priceless right—the free choice of a government to run their affairs.

Wages of election officials, like wages of everyone else, have gone up this year. The 41 returning officers will receive each between \$500 and \$2,000, depending on how much work they have to do.

The 41 election clerks get \$9 for the day. Each of the 2,500 deputy returning officers receives \$12.50 for the day, up from \$10 in 1949. Each of the 2,500 poll clerks receive \$10, up from \$8. Supervising deputies will be employed, where needed, at \$17.50 for the day. Special constables, where necessary, will receive \$2.

If you should rent your house for a polling division you'll receive \$12, plus \$6 for each box over the first one. Thus, when the figures are totaled up, each poll costs about \$40.

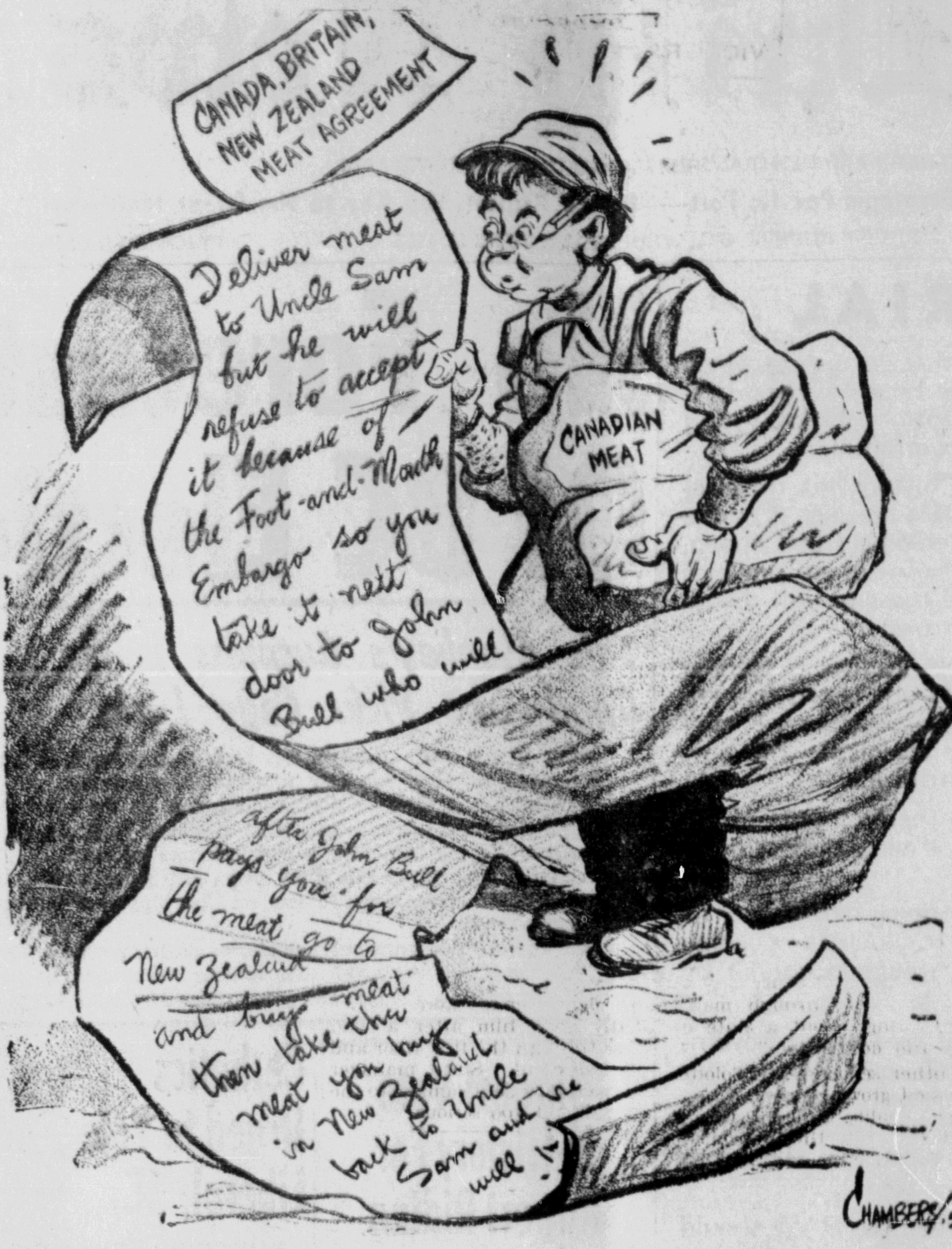
There are 13 women running in this election. Women through the years have not had an easy time getting elected to the Legislature. They've only been able to vote—and so run for the Legislature—for 34 years now. There have been women candidates in eight general elections and six by-elections since that Jan. 24 of 1918 when the women of B.C. first voted, and Mary Ellen Smith was sent to the Legislature. She was the widow of Ralph Smith, who had been an M.P. and B.C. finance minister. She was appointed to the cabinet—as President of the Executive Council, was re-elected in 1920 and 1924, defeated in the Tolmie Conservative landslide of 1928 when she tried to knock Harry Pooley out of Esquimalt, but failed.

Next woman elected to the Legislature was another Liberal, Helen Douglas Smith, in the Pattullo landslide of 1933. She was defeated in 1941. Next was Dorothy Gretchen Steeves, of the CCF, in a by-election in North Vancouver in 1934, re-elected in 1937 and 1941, went down to defeat in the Coalition landslide of 1945, has never been able to get back since, though in 1949 she was nearly elected an M.P. Laura Jamieson, also of the CCF, was elected in a 1939 by-election, re-elected in 1941, crashed in 1945.

Grace MacInnis, CCF, was elected in 1944, like Mrs. Steeves and Mrs. Jamieson was snowed under in 1945.

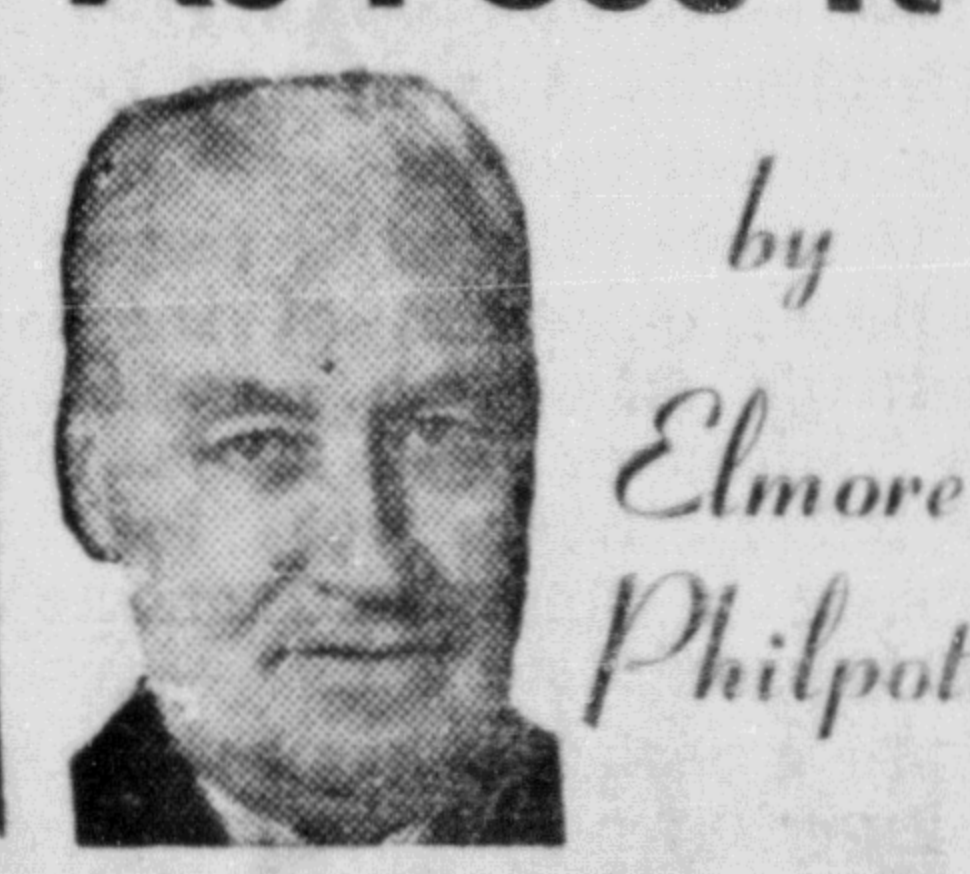
Liberal Nancy Hodges and Conservative Tilly Rolston were

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PITY THE POOR BUTCHER BOY — By R. W. Chambers in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

As I See It



Foolish to Plump

B.C. WILL vote on June 12 under the transferable vote system. That is, the voters will not simply mark X after the name of the candidate they want elected.

They will number the candidates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, in the order in which they prefer them. Because this is so, some candidates, particularly in the CCF, are advising their followers to plump—that is, to vote only their number 1 choice and to leave the rest of the ballot blank. This is about the most foolish advice that would be given, especially for the CCF. Those who are giving it are confusing this type of election with ordinary civic election held under the straight count system.

IN A CIVIC election there may be ten candidates running for four aldermanic seats. In this case, if the CCF or any other party, wanted to make sure of electing one of two of their candidates they could plump for them—that is vote only for them and leave the rest of their ballots blank. In such a way they would in effect be casting one extra vote for their favorite by leaving a blank behind the names of those others they do not want in.

But this election in B.C. is held under an entirely different

Jack McRae Says...

- He assumed the responsibility of representing this riding in Victoria just three years ago.
- He has sincerely worked on your behalf during that time and presented your views forcibly and squarely before government.
- He DOES NOT make any rash promises to hoodwink the electorate or what he WILL DO or WILL NOT DO.
- At the polls of June 12 it is you who make the decision as to whether you concur in the efforts he has put forth.
- He makes no apologies or excuses for the manner in which he has carried out his responsibilities.

That is YOUR prerogative on June 12th.

system. By plumping in this election the plumpers are simply playing into the hands of those who do not plump.

THE BEST way to understand how the new system works is to imagine that all the voters in a constituency are in one big hall. On the platform sit the six party candidates for election. In the middle is the Returning Officer with a big ballot box in front of him.

Each voter has a ballot in his or her hand. The Returning Officer says to all the voters "Please mark your first choices and come up and put them in the ballot box."

The voters do so. As soon as everybody has voted the ballots are counted. If one candidate has more than half the total number of votes he is the winner, right then and there, and the election is over for that constituency.

But suppose that no candidate has a clear majority on that first count. The Returning Officer then announces that the low man is eliminated. Mr. Low Man leaves the platform. The Returning Officer then says:

"You will now vote again, but

choose between those candidates which are still up here, eligible for election."

The voters again mark their ballots, and again go up and put them in the box. Again they are counted. Again if nobody has more than half the votes the lowest candidate is eliminated.

The process goes on 'til somebody gets a clear majority.

OF COURSE in the June 12 election the voters will not be in big halls, and vote all together, as above. BUT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NUMBERED VOTE SYSTEM WORKS EXACTLY AS ABOVE.

Now suppose you are sitting in a big hall, as I have suggested above, and the votes are being cast as I have outlined. Suppose you had voted for a candidate who had been eliminated on the first count?

Would you then quit—throw up your hands—and walk out of the room? Of course you would not. You would stay right in there and register your further choices.

You would be smart enough to know that the final standing between the parties was the most important thing in the election.

My Dear Friends:

As there are many of you whom I have not contacted personally during my short campaign, may I take this opportunity of soliciting your support at the polls tomorrow.

The problems facing our great province today are so numerous that I dare not suggest that I will be the answer to all of them.

I do, however, solemnly pledge myself to serve our district and the people in it in a manner befitting your support.

Give me this chance to prove myself!

Very Sincerely Yours,
 Art Murray

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ray Reflects and Reminisces

The biggest ocean liner afloat, the SS United States has been launched. Russia, by the way, is said to be pointing with pride at her submarines.

You've little more than another day to weigh political questions, although it can't be denied there has been ample opportunity to do a lot of weighing. And of course there's always the chance to slip a bit of prejudice into the scales. That sort of thing is taken for granted.

General Eisenhower, who suffered from eyestrain during his residence in Paris as officer commanding in Europe, has practically recovered since he returned home. Back in the U.S. to take on the presidential campaign, Ike is that much nearer the picture.

Some Canadian correspondents say life is appearing rather matter of fact in Korea. A day can actually bore. Yet it might contain a small casualty list tucked away somewhere. Being bored does not strike everybody the same way.

ON DAYLIGHT SAVING
 Then, for a slight change, we'll soon have a chance to tell ourselves what we actually think of all this daylight saving business.

That stack of 70 beaver skins,

Spray Polio Sources

OWEN SOUND, Ont. (CP)—Civic board of health approved spraying of lanes behind business premises in June, July and September this year. The action against flies is part of the campaign to reduce the threat of poliomyelitis.

packed out over 150 miles of rugged territory by the Blackwater family of central B.C., would have kindled a light in the appraising eyes of the late Wm. Goldbloom, who preferred to be called the trapper's friend. For many a long year there was no more familiar a figure on Rupert's streets, or one who liked more to give a playful twist to casual conversation.

Named in honor of the first governor of the Hudson's Bay Co., Prince Rupert should be a stand for "Here Before

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- Insurance on Cars at Cost.
- Labor's New Trade Union Act.
- Legislation without Discrimination.
- Social Ownership of Electric Power.

George Hills
C.C.F. CANDIDATE
 Phone 790 for Cars on JUNE 12