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Women Will Come Back

WITH Tilly Rolston, Nancy Hodges and Laura Jamieson all defeated in the provincial election, the political tide seems to be running against the women, at least in B.C. But it would be a foolish prophet who drew any long-term conclusions from his particular circumstance.

Admittedly it may be more than a coincidence that all three finished as losers. Perhaps there is some general feeling at the moment that men can do the job better. But if anyone thinks the day will come when women are out of Canadian politics for good, he should go to a doctor for a good examination above the neck.

If there is any kind of generalization to offer, it must be that women are on the way in, not out. It is not so many years ago that any female discussion of politics was considered a vulgarity, and a woman who made her way into a political meeting would have been better advised for the sake of her reputation to go out and get drunk.

Since then tremendous things have happened, as revolutionary as the mechanical age. Not only as woman obtained the vote but she has put herself at the receiving end of it. Like the automobile which came along about the same time, the woman in politics is here to stay and to multiply.

Although her future seems assured in spite of disappointments (in the last federal election all 14 women who ran were defeated), her approach will probably always be different from that of the male counterpart. As Mary Lowery Ross observes: "The tendency of men and women seems to be to work different sides of the political street. From the masculine point of view, politics can be an end in themselves, and often a delightful one. The feminine position on the other hand is to regard politics as a dedicated means to an end."

The suggestion here is that women are inclined to crusade where men prefer to ponder strategy. This raises the thought that the female candidates are currently making a poor showing because at the moment there is nothing very special to crusade for. Certainly in the provincial election the issues were somewhat less than spectacular. But whether that is the reason or not is beside the point. Sooner or later something big will come along. It always does. When that happens, watch out for the women.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

THREE YEARS SINCE! While ashamed to admit not having seen the salt lakes in three years it must be acknowledged that the harbor sail and woodland hike last Sunday afternoon proved a happy and informing experience. Landing facilities for the swarms of small boats are more roomy and stronger. Summer cottages are more convenient, as well as numerous.

The active, confident youngsters, most of them nearly nude, no longer fear water deep enough to close over them. They have discovered how to swim. The less there is to their shoes, the more they cost.

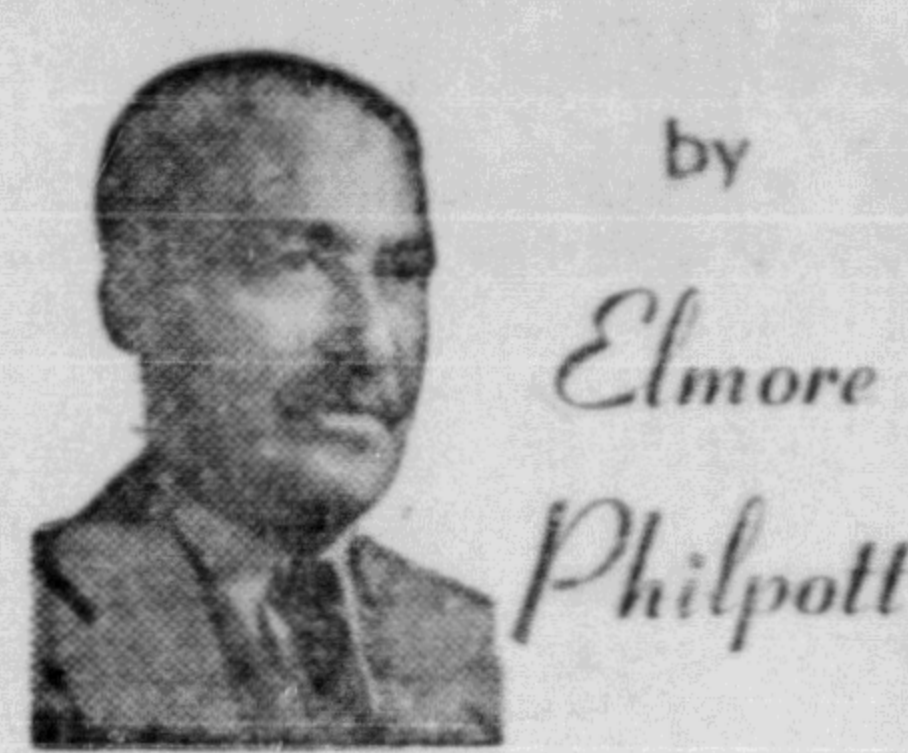
Mr. St. Laurent, speaking at Oxford, said he was 10 years old before he realized that all fathers do not speak French and all mothers English. If every Canadian child were in that position, what a different country that would be, comments the Peterborough Examiner. In what way? one might ask.

Wonder why so many farmers who oppose daylight saving time claiming they work by the sun, can usually be found on the shady side of the barn.

By Wm. L. Worden in "Alaska" (Holiday): "The ship, comfortable enough, leaves Seattle or Vancouver, British Columbia, in the afternoon and until dusk it plows through sea-borne traffic. A chart of the waters ahead is dotted with names—Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, Metlakatla and Juneau. Nowhere north on this voyage is there another city."

Short Holiday: IMBER, England (CP)—Alsatian police dog Shaun II took it on the lam when his handler went on holiday. Shaun II deserted while exercising but was found two days later.

As I See It



Give Girl a Chance

MOST of the newspaper talk of the real or imaginary affairs of heart of Princess Margaret strikes me as most unfair.

Why won't they give this girl her fair chance, like they would give any other young woman of her age?

Pity the poor princess who cannot even go out for a date without having a public discussion on how she looked at any man in the place.

If she puffs a cigarette there is a great to-do. If she goes to the races, and fails to keep grinning from ear to ear, the gossip columnists conclude she must have a broken heart. When they don't have her running off with Danny Kaye they have her in a convent. Why not, if that's what she wants?

OF COURSE, we all know that the fierce light which beats upon the throne is inseparable from the institution.

The whole royal family must live like goldfish in a bowl. Moreover, any attempt from any quarter to hide from the public the real who's who and what's what about the royal family can lead towards disaster, as witness the abdication crisis of Edward VIII.

Publicity is the medium which enables vast millions in many lands to take pride in the royal family. Publicity in all its aspects, press, radio and television—and the older forms, word of mouth or letter.

If it were not for publicity, the vast millions all over the world would have had no interest in the Coronation; and even if they had, would never have had a chance to find out anything about it.

THE young princess, with the Queen Mother, is sent off by plane to Rhodesia to do a job for the good of the Commonwealth. But meanwhile in London the newspapers discuss such things as that "the former Air Force ace is one of the few people in her circle with a chin to his profile."

How would you like that kind of thing written about your 22-year-old daughter?

Maybe you are not as hot-headed as President Harry Truman, who literally threatened to punch the nose of anyone who went too far with his daughter's name. But surely the principle is the same.

A princess is also a person, and like every other person—young or old, white, brown or black—has her rights.

MY OWN DREAM for a nice young girl like Princess Margaret is that she could somehow get away from it all, and go somewhere in disguise where her dream man could come along and marry her for herself.

Just like in the story books, I would want the hero to fall in love with the girl and pop the question before he had any idea who she was. Then the princess would surely know forever that he loved her only for herself.

They could get married and all their lives they would laugh about how they met, and their sorrows would be easier to meet then.

When I was very young, all the best stories told by my big sister always ended "and they lived HAPPY ever after" and if anybody changes that to read "HAPPILY ever after" I'll go Harry Truman myself.

Still Runs: CAMROSE, Alta. (CP)—A 52-year-old steam engine was operated under its own steam at the Camrose farmers' festival recently.

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PROBABLY THE MOST POPULAR deity around the island of Hong Kong is Tam Kung, who, the fishermen believe, has absolute control of their catch. Lest a fisherman find himself without a fish at the end of a hard day, he must win the Lord Kung's favor. Hence they gaily covered boats and the fireworks—a ceremony designed to persuade the fish to bite.

Two Calgary Oil Firms Moving Equipment, Men to Israeli Fields

CALGARY (CP)—Two Calgary-based oil companies are shifting their sights from Alberta's booming oil industry to possible oil-bearing areas in Israel.

Pontiac Petroleum Ltd. and New Continental Oil Co. are among seven Canadian, American and European oil companies recently granted concessions by the Israeli government on two million acres of potential oil lands.

Pontiac has contracted to drill on a participating basis for New Continental on 800,000 acres in the Jordan Valley, along the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee.

The companies now are moving overseas and expect to be in the field by August.

Oil is not a new story in Israel. For 100 years geologists have reported all factors favorable to the production of petroleum. Wars, politics and changing nationality have so far prevented one well being drilled to prove the geologists' theories.

For the wildcat, the prize would be a bonanza. The Israeli government is anxious for oil

Readers in Spain Prevented From Hearing Pre-Coronation News

NEW YORK (AP)—Blows were dealt the free flow of world news in Argentina in the last six months. Readers of newspapers in Spain looked in vain for any mention of British pre-Coronation activities. An Associated Press correspondent was ordered out of Tehran for writing about hot-headed Iranians attacking Americans.

These were some of the developments recorded in the semi-annual Associated Press survey of censorship and other conditions that keep news from flowing freely.

The Iron Curtain was drawn back a little. Moscow permitted a group of U.S. newspaper and radio executives to visit the Soviet capital for a week last March and report their impressions while there.

Poland let in some Western correspondents to cover a sports event and Hungary admitted several to report a Communist-led world peace council in Budapest. All this seemed linked with Russia's peace gestures to the West since Stalin's death.

For more than a month Argentine newspapers did not print dispatches of U.S. news agencies which had long supplied them with U.S. and world news. The agencies were accused by President Juan D. Peron of engaging in a campaign to defame him abroad.

In May the Peron regime suspended for a week the right of

Popular Vote Since 1900

OTTAWA — Here is the way the popular vote including rejected ballots in federal elections has increased since the turn of the century:

1900-952,496;	1904-1,030,186;
1911-1,307,528;	1917-1,833,329;
x-1921-3,119,306;	1925-3,168,412;
1926-3,273,062;	1930-3,922,481;
1935-4,452,675;	1940-4,672,531;
1945-5,305,193;	1949-5,903,572.

x—First election with general women's franchise.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

Frontenac Giltwell, Parliament Hill's official park-bench philosopher, says that the great mass of the people already have made up their minds as to how they are going to vote on August 10th next.

Privileged to cultivate a life of leisure by a combination of circumstances including both the old age pension and family allowances, plus the modest personal income of a wife considerably younger than himself, Frontenac is one of Parliament Hill's fair weather "characters."

He's to be seen occupying one of the benches which line the walk up to the main House of Commons building and non-stormy day. He never relaxes his dignity of bearing for a moment, and if a Cabinet Minister or an MP responds to the self-possession of his coolly appraising stare by an affable "Good-Day," Frontenac returns the greeting with a considerable element of condescension.

Over the years Frontenac has come to be regarded as sort of a Parliamentary personage. Cabinet Ministers have been known to consult him informally. Usually there's a definite spirit of jocularity in their approach. But frequently they're surprised and occasionally they're sobered by the answers they receive.

An example of Frontenac's occasional composure - shattering technique was his reply to the Ontario Cabinet Minister who asked him facetiously the other morning how he thought the election campaign was going.

"The election campaign, Sir," Frontenac told him, "is not going at all. It is gone." It was over before it began, in the sense that the people already had made up their minds. I personally regard the present campaign as completely unnecessary. It is a waste of money which could be spent to far better advantage."

"Yes, yes, I know, Frontenac, you would like the government to buy foam rubber cushions for these benches," the Cabinet Minister returned hastily. "But apart from that obsession, how do you figure out that this campaign is unnecessary?"

"Because," Frontenac replied, "the Chief Election Officer said the other day that people already are besieging the various Returning Officers to make certain that their names are on the voters' list. That's something they have never done before so early in an election campaign. It shows clearly that they know for whom they are going to vote. If they didn't, they wouldn't be so concerned at this stage to make certain that their names are on the list."

The Cabinet Minister pondered the very considerable element of logic in Frontenac's deduction. Then, somewhat hesitantly and with a trace of nervousness, he asked him: "Tell me, Frontenac, for whom are the people going to vote?"

Frontenac's dignity rebuked the impropriety of the question. "That, Sir," he replied icily, "is something you will have to wait until the night of August 10th to learn. All I am telling you now is that the people have made up their minds."

Shipyards Centenary: GOTHEMBURG, Sweden (CP)—One of Sweden's leading shipyards, the Eklövsberg Mekanska Verkstad, has observed its 100th anniversary. Started as a modest workshop in 1853, the yard has built 392 ships of all types and employs 4,100 men.

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Jurors 'Tipped' Reporter Covering Crippen Murder Trial 40 Years Ago

By BILL RAYMOND

As there was international interest in the Crippen case, away back in 1910 so there is in today's London murder involving John Christie, who was recently sentenced to hang. Dr. Crippen suffered that fate 40 years ago.

Sometimes, newspaper rivalry can feature the story of a trial, and this was true when all the circumstances of the latter judicial examination came to be disclosed.

What happened was this: A Fleet Street man happened to have a relative who had been summoned as a juror for the session at the Old Bailey. There was no guarantee that the juror could be called on to serve in the Crippen case, but as luck would have it he was. It was arranged between the juror and the reporter that as the jury returned to court the juror would give a signal. The signal was that if the verdict was "Guilty" the juror would hold a handkerchief up at his nose. If "Not Guilty" there would be no handkerchief at all.

Knowing he would not be allowed to leave the court room, the reporter stationed himself outside the door which had glass panels, and glued his eyes on the door from which he could see the twelve good men emerge. The juror made it his business to be one of the first to emerge. He was holding the handkerchief to his face.

Quietly the reporter withdrew to a telephone in the press room a few yards away and telephoned the verdict "Guilty" to his office. By this time the jury had answered to their names, the clerk had asked them what their verdict was, the judge had asked Dr. Crippen if he had anything to say, sentence passed and doors

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