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He Had Faith in Rupert

A SAD LOSS to the city will be felt with the passing of John Lambie, another of the pioneers who went through the city's good times and bad to make their enduring contributions to its history.

Mr. Lambie came to Prince Rupert at a time when it was prospering, and he came on the railway that was expected to keep it that way. But when the city's fortunes failed to follow their predicted course, John Lambie did not light out in another direction. He kept faith with the place of his choice and, staying on through its trials, came to have an important part in the development of its public utilities.

A true Scotsman, Mr. Lambie had all the tenacity and purpose of his race. It was, in fact, due to the determination of early citizens such as he that Prince Rupert survived its bitter years so that it can now move into the brightening future which they saw for it.

We owe them much and can reward their endeavors by showing the same kind of faith with which they were blessed.

Ninety Million Ties

IT COSTS a lot of money to run a railway. Just how much, the CNR tells in a new booklet with lots of pictures and few words.

If 27,000 people crowded Toronto's Varsity Stadium and each of them paid \$2, says the CNR, the stadium would have to be filled nearly two and a half times to take in enough money to buy a single railway coach.

A sleeping car costs as much as 16 modern suburban homes, and 14 high schools could be built for what it costs to equip the Continental Limited.

Then comes the coup de grace. A railway tie costs \$3.09. And there are 89,655,378 of them in the system. We would like to see the one-long, one-short-step character who walked the rails to count them.

Some facts are missed. No mention is made of how many pennies are put on the track to be flattened out each year. And no one has thought of the barked ankles from slipping off the rails or how many freights have been "jumped."

And no one has counted the number of cream cans tossed off in the early hours of the morning at Hoedunk Hollow just as you have been shunting off to sleep, or how many whistle blasts have disturbed the early morning slumbers of the citizens of some faraway Ville St. Jacques-de-la-Tremouille.

Still, it's a good story.

—The Financial Post.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

In the comfortable spirit haven in which Albert ministers to the distinguished thirst of a mainly Parliamentary clientele, discussion often turns appropriately upon spiritual subjects.

The late Prime Minister Mackenzie King's interest in psychic phenomena in the last years of his life is a favorite theme. That the great Liberal leader hoped like the great Houdini to make contact with this world after he had departed it is well known to those who were his former intimates. After about the second pot of Albert's Magic Mixture, when the idea of impossibility begins to lose its hold over the mind, the chances of the late Party Chieftain piercing the veil often are discussed in terms which reveal most creditably the extent of the theological interest and knowledge which some MP's possess.

Albert himself is a frank sceptic. "I almost believed in Spiritualism once," he said cryptically to a corner table audience. "That was when one of my customers here insisted on me coming up to the House of Commons to see the devil. Since then I haven't been interested." He lapsed into unsatisfactory silence. "Tell us about it, Albert," his audience insisted. Albert complied.

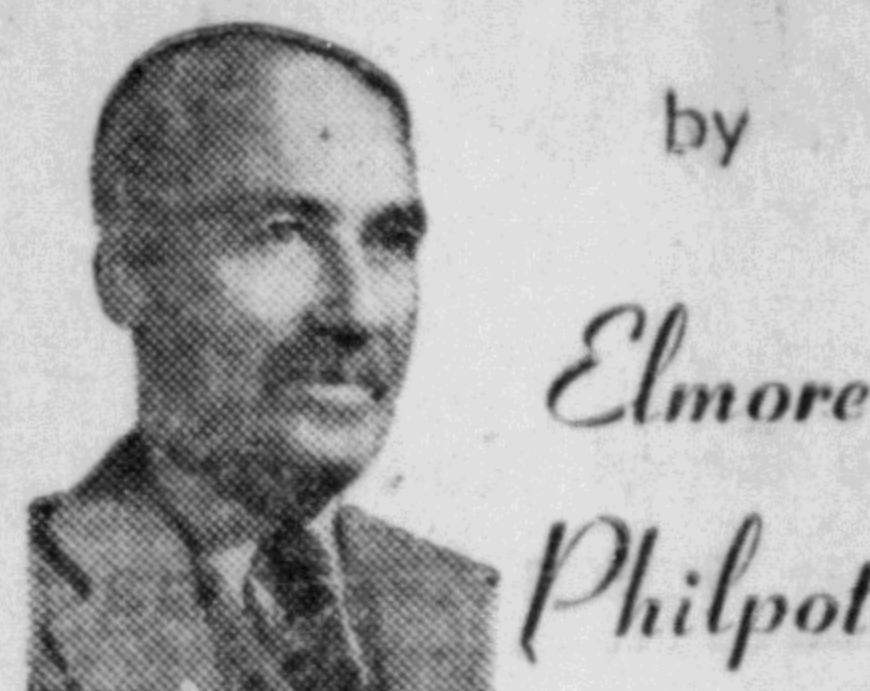
"I will call this MP Henri, because he was French-Canadian and Roman Catholic," Albert commenced. "That was what made it worse for him—Roman Catholics aren't supposed to believe in spiritualism. Well, Henri was a customer here away back in the days before prohibition. He wasn't too good a customer. Just about right. But we were pretty good friends.

"One night he left here late to go back to his office to write some personal letters. About a quarter of an hour later he telephoned me. He wanted to know if I had put anything extra into his glass of Magic Mixture. I told him I hadn't, because Magic Mixture didn't need anything extra. He said that he would accept my word, but that he was more worried than ever. I asked him what had happened. He said that the Devil had just passed his open doorway. 'In the morning, Albert,' he told me, 'I go to confession.'"

"I was still wondering whether those Magic Mixtures mightn't stand a touch of water in them when Henri made his second call. He told me that I must come up right away. The Devil had passed his door again. This time he had seemed to look in. 'I put a flask of Magic Mixture in my pocket just in case it was needed and went up. Henri was white and frightened and I poured the Magic Mixtures without any hesitation. Henri drank his right down and held out his glass for another. But before I could pour he let out a shriek. Out of the corner of my eye I caught a glimpse of the red spectre passing the door.

The MP's at the table waited for Albert to take a refreshing sip from a glass before he enlightened their perplexity. "In those days," he finally explained, "one or two of the more thrifty MP's used to live in their offices. Henri's devil was one of them. He would go several times during the night to the washroom for a drink of water. This night it was winter and he was sleeping in his red flannel underwear.

As I See It



Plump or Not Plump?

READERS of this column are aware that I dislike the confused, switch-vote system which we now have in B.C.

I favor the good old tried-and-tested British system of voting—where you put just one X opposite the name of the candidate you want elected.

True the one system slants the result in favor of the party which comes first. But far from being a bad thing I think that is the greatest argument in its favor. It makes sure the winner gets a working majority.

But the point is, we are "stuck" with the switch-vote system for this present election in B.C. It is vitally important that intelligent people everywhere should realize just how it works.

THE MAIN question in the mind of the average voter is: Should I plump or not plump? That is—should I mark only my first choice? Or should I use all my choices—and vote 1, 2, 3, 4?

The answer depends. If you are only interested in electing one particular person then by all means plump. One thing is sure. Your ballot can never be used to elect some candidate or party that you do not want if you do not vote for that candidate any place on your ballot.

But if you are really interested in getting good, stable government for B.C., then use all your choices and use them intelligently.

HERE is my hint to voters who are not yet sure how to mark their ballots:

USE YOUR FIRST CHOICE TO TRY TO ELECT THE PARTY YOU PREFER.

USE YOUR SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH CHOICES TO DEFEAT THE PARTY YOU MOST WANT TO DEFEAT.

Let us consider what would have happened last year had all the Liberals, Conservatives and CCF given each other their second and third choices.

We know very well that a considerable number of Liberals and Conservatives would not then, and will not now, give their second choices to the CCF—and the same thing applies the other way around.

But this fact is now clear: If the Liberals, Conservatives and CCF want to make sure of beating the Soereds government then they should teach all their supporters not on any account to give any of their second or third choices to the Soereds.

THANKS to a masterly statistical analysis made by Jim Denniston, a retired naval intelligence officer, it is clear that the real choice in this B.C. election is between the Liberals and the Soereds.

His final figures show that 22,447 former Liberal voters deserted the party last year and gave their first choice to Soereds. Conservatives lost 58,344 former supporters to Soereds. CCF lost 33,489.

Yet on the first count the Liberals only ran two per cent behind the Soereds—while the Soereds in turn ran five per cent behind the CCF.

Even a moderate swing back to the re-vitalized Liberals could elect them with 30 seats. Take the case of Salmon Arm. This has become the political stormcentre of the province, due to the Soereds' attack on teachers and teaching in B.C. schools. The Soereds gained as follows from the other three parties: From Liberals 561, from Conservatives 423, from CCF 460.

If you study those figures you see what the last chapter could be.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

India is demanding return of the great diamond called the Kohinoor, worth about six million, greatest gem in the British crown and sometimes described as "a mountain of light." Well, it must be said this is an awkward moment to ask for it back.

SAILING TIME

For 79 days at Vancouver grain handlers and waiting ships killed time. And now it seems to be about over. If these are what you call incidents, they are not at all uncommon or extraordinary.

Stalin's successor staged a gracious entry to the Kremlin.

THE LETTERBOX

HARD TO REALIZE

The Editor, The Daily News.

Hearing the radio-broadcast offer of a cash payment to the first deliverer of a compact Russian MIG aircraft filled me with amazement and alarm. How such an offer could be used by those most interested for propaganda can hardly be realized.

Those of us who try to analyze the full significance of news items, the above offer can have but one effect, for taken in conjunction with previous statements of the utter inefficiency of these machines as a fighting unit it is quite impossible to accept news items as authentic.

If these machines possess novel and most-sought-after features which give outstanding performance then the previous statements are quite incorrect.

Possibly my reaction to the cash offer made was influenced by schoolboy code of honor in that any boy who disclosed the tactical methods employed by his home team or divulged the names of any of his schoolmates responsible for certain escapes was placed in "coventry." He was ostracized by all. His entry into the assembly hall or classroom was greeted by low hisses. His only escape was to leave.

Surely we are not compelled to adopt such methods as a cash payment for such service rendered when we have a department financed to obtain such information. The question now arises: Do such offers as above produce that mental outlook so necessary if a peaceful solution is to be found for the settlement of international differences?

W. D. GRIFFITHS

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