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An Effective Argument

OF ALL those on both sides in parliament at Ottawa who have argued about the Currie report, one of the least excited and most effective has been Ted Applewhite, member for Skeena.

In the course of supporting a resolution that a select committee be appointed to examine all recent defence expenditures, Mr. Applewhite made a point concerning the report's origin which has been largely overlooked. He said:

"Unless I have this thing all wrong, the impression seems to be held by a great many people that the Currie investigation was a secret investigation of the Minister of National Defence for this house. According to the way I look at it, it was an investigation for the Minister of National Defence. The minister asked for an investigation of his own organization.

"It seems to me that the auditor and the minister personally could conceivably and justifiably have gotten together every few days as the investigation went along, to find out how the thing was going along and to see if either could give any assistance or information to the other. Why not?"

While there are grounds for questioning why conditions mentioned in the report were allowed to develop in the first place, all remarks must be sharply tempered by the fact that the defence department had already undertaken a clean-up without any prompting from the critics.

This circumstance puts the critics at a tactical disadvantage which they may camouflage but would do well not to ignore. They are, in effect, Johnnies-come-lately. Had they had the good fortune from their point of view to discover the irregularities first, their position would be much stronger.

As it was, they had to borrow, or otherwise obtain, Defence Minister Claxton's own evidence from him before they could start building a case. Under similar circumstances in a court of law, the jury would probably be unimpressed.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Only fellow who runs another man down and remains popular is the elevator operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman left Washington Tuesday evening for their home in Missouri. The future? Well, he was once a successful merchant, specializing in fish.

MILESTONES

40 Years Ago Today Captain Barney Johnson, skipper of the SS Prince Rupert, was sentenced a banquet last night by the citizens prior to his leaving this city to take over his new job in Vancouver.

30 Years Ago Today Playing at the Westholme Theatre tonight will be Tom Mix in "The Fighting Streak."

20 Years Ago Today Re-organization is planned for the partially defunct St. Andrew's Society which in former years was an important organization in the city.

10 Years Ago Today Arnold Platen last night was elected president of the Prince Rupert Branch of the Red Cross Society to succeed retiring president W. R. McAfee.

A special committee of Trustees Jack Deane and Mrs. George Hill have been unable to find out who authorized a Wartime Housing contracting concern to pile lumber on the Booth School grounds and use the grounds for traffic of large trucks, which has resulted in the grounds being ruined.

When springtime comes, car first robins and little red rashes be far behind?

A MATTER OF DIRECTION This liquor law revising, it seems, has brought out the forecast that British Columbia will have fewer breweries. Had this said southern British Columbia instead, it would have been nearer to what is really needed.

Even in Prince Rupert police court there have been occasions when the age-old question "When is a man drunk?" has been asked. In Piteburg (Mass.) recently policemen instructed a suspect to say: "Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran."

Not so many still left in Prince Rupert will remember Angus Stewart who died lately in California. A brother of a member of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, builders of the GTP Railway, he also shared in construction of the line. He took the first equipment and teams into Prince Rupert, and was early in Kitimat. His residence here was one of the first on 4th Avenue between Fulton and McBride Streets.

THIS GRIM WORLD Absurd as Casa Loma may be in conception and design it seems to us it would be a pity to wreck it. It is one of the chief reasons Toronto is different, and as such, should be cherished. Surely we are not so impoverished. Surely the amusement of the public has a claim in this grim world. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

Then there was the sixth grade pupil, instructed to prepare a short essay on the prevailing weather, who wrote: "It is raining cats and dogs outdoors, and there are poodles in the road."

Bandits recently robbed the waiters in a New York City cafe. They had to put their hands up instead of out.

The first regular television program in the world started at London, England, in 1936.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Admiral's Correction

DIANA WRIGHT is not only acting editor of the Union Farmer of Saskatchewan, but also a loyal daughter of her father, the late Admiral Kingsmill.

She writes that she was particularly interested in my column of poet prophets, but said:

"I am surprised that you have taken for granted what many people have done before, and misquoted 'Britannia rules the waves.' My father pointed out to me that this was sung incorrectly, that the words should read: 'Rule Britannia. Britannia RULE the waves.' It is an injunction rather than a boast."

Seems like a good time to sing that injunction with renewed fervor when other powers, not so wise and moderate as Britannia, now waive more and more of the rules which applied when Britannia ruled the waves.

WALTER BAILEY writes me from Kitimat that he has heard many fine bands in various parts of the world. But he thinks Kitimat's 21 piece Indian band, under Band Leader Nyce, is literally one of the best anywhere.

A young man writes me in all solemnity thanking me for the many fine arguments I have provided between his fiancée and himself! That's about as nice a fan letter as I ever got in all my life—for it is exactly what I try to do in this column. But there is one thing I hope—that the girl was not always on my side and the man not always against, or vice versa. What I hope is that the girl is sometimes on my side and sometimes against—according to whether or not she really agrees, after giving what I write intelligent criticism.

A lady in Bellingham says she subscribed to the paper just to read my column, but was disappointed at first, because it was all about local politics—but things improved later. She felt like shouting for joy, she says, when I wrote they should not print the girls' names taken in certain houses unless they print the mens' names too. When she tuned into Canadian radio she heard me on a panel discussion "and was a bit disappointed when I heard your voice."

Lady, how do you think I felt myself when I first heard it on a record? But I am too old to change it now, especially after some radio fellow wrote: "Philpott, the man with the homespun voice, rough but reassuring, and Canadian as hell."

A GENTLEMAN in Timmins, ONTARIO writes that it is all very well asking for money to send milk and quilts to orphans in Korea. But he asks "Are those unfortunate Koreans, either South or North, better off now? Could they ever have been any worse off, either under the despotic Communist rule, or the po less Sygman Rhee rule?"

I think the Koreans of all classes would have been far better off now had no foreign army ever gone into the country at all when Japan surrendered. But the situation which actually existed when the North Koreans swept south in June 1950 was one which challenged the whole basis of the crude world law, and also the existence of the United Nations. We had a watchdog UN commission actually on that border because it was recognized as such a threat to the peace.

In my opinion, had we failed to stand firm in the face of that direct aggression the pattern of attack would certainly have been repeated, first in Yugoslavia, and later in Germany. By fighting a small war we may have averted a bigger one.



THIS IS THE COVER DESIGN of the approved Coronation souvenir program. The program will be sold throughout the British Commonwealth and other countries including the United States. The program contains the form of the Coronation service in Westminster Abbey and the form of the Coronation procession. The cover design is to be embossed and colored.

Report From . . .

Parliament Hill

By GEORGE M. MURRAY, M.P., Cariboo

Premier Bennett of British Columbia and his Ministers are due to come to Ottawa shortly, and we are told they will discuss the financial matters with the Federal authorities.

It is unfortunate that this controversy has been launched over the Monkman Pass, because the Ottawa Government is not likely to view with favor a request for a large sum of money to bonus construction of a Peace River rail outlet which will not adequately serve the 60,000 people whose interests are tied up with the future of the Peace River country today.

There was general approval of the recent announcement of the Premier of Alberta and of the Premier of British Columbia that they proposed to proceed with the Pacific outlet project.

NOT WELL RECEIVED

In this connection they also stated that they proposed to extend the boundaries of British Columbia and Alberta northward, to take in great sections of the Yukon and the North West Territories. This part of the program has not been well received in the Yukon or in the North West Territories, and a mixed reception has been given: the plan in the press across Canada.

The general opinion with respect to British Columbia, is that the province is already too large, and that the government there has a big job on its hands to administer the affairs of the province as it is at present, without yearning to take in vast new territories.

Armless Man Operates Still

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP)—Police were surprised today when they found an armless man operating a still.

But Fred Strunk, 23, who was born without arms, assured them that was nothing. His specialty, he told officers, is loading and firing a rifle.

He wasn't stuffing. With police looking on, he borrowed a pistol and knocked over a bucket at 50 feet.

Unable to fingerprint Strunk, officers settled for his name, written on a card with a pencil held between his toes. He was charged with possessing a still.

Rebuild Bridge

SWIFT CURRENT Sask. (CP)—Steel workers from Winnipeg, have arrived at Saskatchewan, Landing to begin reconstruction of the three steel centre spans of the Saskatchewan river bridge that was damaged by an ice jam last spring.

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

"What is a Grit?" asked one newspaperman of a group of his colleagues in the House of Commons cafeteria the other day, and he drew a collection of blank looks, raised eyebrows, and wrong answers. Everyone agreed that a "Grit" was a Liberal party politician, and most of them thought the term came from Great Britain.

A Grit is a Canadian Liberal, true enough, but a British Liberal is a Whig, not a Grit, quoth a coffee club member. So the newspaperman went on that sort of curious mission that marks his profession—trying to find the answer to an obscure question while perhaps letting some more urgent duty slide for the moment.

A CCF party man knew that a Grit was a Liberal, but confessed complete ignorance of where the term came from. A Conservative front-bencher with 13 years in the Commons thought the term had some connection with "Clear Grit," but beyond that he admitted his mind was a blank. Three Liberal MPs who could be cornered in the cafeteria—they shall be nameless for the shame of it all—also admitted they didn't know.

NO DIRT

It took a studious Librarian of Parliament to give the answer with authority. The term was listed in Robert W. Hamilton's new collection of quotations from Canadian sources, and the term is older than Confederation itself.

The earliest known use of the term in politics was in 1849, but just who used it first is obscure. The words "all sand and no dirt, clear grit all the way through" have been attributed to David Christie, Peter Perry, Malcolm Cameron, and William MacDougall, all of whom were active in the formation of the "Clear Grit Party." This was a group of moderate reformists who could not go all the way with the radical reform platform then being advocated by some interests.

One authentic use of the term was applied by Christie, who said to Brown: "Him—we don't want him. We only want men who are clear grit."

THE DIRT

Those were the days when political journalism had few holds barred. The Globe obviously did not take kindly to the new party which was formed at a convention at Markham, Ont., in March, 1850. For only three months before the new party emerged, the Globe had this to say about its beginning:

"A little miserable clique of office-seeking buncombe-talking cormorants who met in a certain lawyer's office in King Street, and announced their intention to form a new party on 'clear grit' principles."

Alexander Mackenzie, who was later to become one of the early Prime Ministers of Canada after Confederation, dignified the term by his use of it in an 1867 election campaign, when he said: "Clear grit is pure sand without a particle of dirt in it."

Trade Comes First, Not Money, Says Former UK Cabinet Minister

REGINA (CP)—Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson, one of Britain's top trade experts and a former Labor cabinet member, says a two-per cent recession in the United States could mean the collapse of the sterling area's dollar earnings in North America.

Addressing a service club here Thursday, Mr. Wilson said: "If I could be guaranteed that there wouldn't be any recession, I'd sleep a lot easier."

Mr. Wilson, former British secretary for overseas trade and former president of the British Board of Trade, is on a private business trip to study the Anglo-Canadian trade situation.

The bulk of commodity agreements will have to be retained to help not only Britain, but America over the continuing lar problem, he said. He described the international wheat agreement as one of the finest pacts drawn up in the post-war period. Without it could see no solution to dollar problem.

Britain's trade future lay more in the export of engineering goods than in commodity goods. To solve the trade problem would have to be put and money second, instead of the other way around.

If this isn't done, he said, Britain will be driven into selling the trade issue through pound sterling.

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Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS

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There's Something about a real home-made cake that can't be equalled. I know our family go into raptures over the fluffy, tender cakes I make. They can't seem to get enough of them. Of course, my secret is SWANS DOWN CAKE FLOUR. No other cake flour, no cake mix, can make cakes so light and fluffy. Swans Down does. You see, Swans Down is especially made for better cake making. Milled by experts from the finest of soft winter wheat, Swans Down makes prize cakes, every time. You can enjoy the satisfaction of better cakes, with Swans Down. It's sifted again and again until 27 times as fine as ordinary flour. Get the recipes on the package!

Is This Your Experience, Too? I find that putting money away is hard as it is, is not the most difficult thing in the world. The tough part is leaving it alone. It's so easy to dip into your savings when you want that new dress—very badly—when where are your? You're faced with the problem of replacing those savings! And, you're like me, you'll find that hard to do. But Personal Planning (that's the Bank of Montreal's system of family-financing) has shown me not only how to build up my savings, but how to keep them intact once I have them. You see, Personal Planning convinced me that it's very often better money—made to borrow against my savings than to spend them! Then, when I paid off my B of M Personal Loans, I'll still have my savings intact. Why not look into the question of a low-cost B of M Loan next time you feel like digging down into your savings? Write for your free copy of "Personal Planning" at your neighborhood BANK OF MONTREAL . . . and you'll find out how you can save more—more of your hard-earned dollars from now on.

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