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# tlections Across the Line

IN THE United States the presidential election preliminaries carry all the excitement and expectancy of the bars of an orchestra before the curtain. goes up.

As front row spectators Canadians cannot fail to have some pronounced opinions about the cast of actors. There is evidence that our favorite is Eisenhower, which is understandable. For one thing, he has a wartime association with Commonwealth nations which makes him much more to us than just another American political figure. In addition, he is a born leader who inspires confidence and he has had experience on an international scale which should give him special qualifications as head of a country which must take a lead in world affairs.

On the other hand, he has thrown in his lot with the Republican party which has never distinguished itself for its sympathy with foreign problems. Moreover his chief rival, Taft, has a reputation for brilliance and integrity in a field of public life which Eisenhower enters as a novice.

Across the stage the two chief performers appear to be Kefauver and Harriman. Both have had more than average prominence in the past two years or so, but we knew them perhaps better for their party identification as Democrats than as personalities.

What makes the whole show particularly intriguing is that none of the participants has been president before. As a result the greatest figure in American history may now be in the making. Whether he proves to be the greatest or not, his responsibilities are almost sure to be.

# UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

gone to bed, a small cucumber throw empty jars in the garbage up on the pillow and spat in my worms and bugs and things that

I suppose it was a dream, but at the same time it was a sharp empty jars in a corner of the reminder that any day now will be pickling time again under our

When it's not pickling, it's jamming time, and when it's not jamming it's jellying. There seems to be no end to the things you can do with jars and pots in the country.

small son and I live from hand aged to stutter. to mouth, foraging for any little sent our dog into the woods,

isn't pickling time, Anastasia is cooking curry and rice for Col. S. Sheffington-Smutts at me. (Ret.) and that is conugh to

There was a time, I remember, phone the grocery store. It was everything else. a peaceful existence.

moved to the country. Neighors that a pickling period is upon us. dropped in to bid us welcome to There is just one other thing our new home, and they came that bothers me. I don't think laden down with jars and bottles I'll ever know how good my wife's of assorted shapes and sizes. It jams and pickles are. You see, turned out they were filled with that's a part of this business that relishes and pickles.

"Do you mean to say that our filling all those jars and sealing neighbors make these things them. themselves?" I asked my wife. "Of course," she said.

"How quaint!" I murmured, and smiled at my little city-bred

Of course, I should have suspected something when she first started to collect empty jars. The other night, after I had Back in the city we used to with a nasty, wrinkled face walk- can-or my young son would use ed across the blanket, hobbled them as homes for the pecular he used to keep collecting-but now my wife began to stack utility room, in neat little rows.

> And then came the day when arrived home to find my small son cowering in a corner of the garage when I drove in. It was some time before I could get a coherent sentence out of the terrified child.

"Mummy's trying to ! low up These are the periods when my the house!" he eventually man-

Then I noticed the smoke bits of food we can find. All pouring out of the kitchen wincold, of course, because we can't dow and I rushed to the rescue. get near the stove to cook any- Just inside the door I slipped on thing and the electric hot-plate a cucumber peel and fell flat on is broken. There isn't a square my face in a mess of plum chutinch of the stove that isn't co"- ney that overflowed from the ered with kettles and poss and stove and was seething around pressure-cookers, all bubbling the floor. The room was heavy away like mad and letting off with smoke and fumes, and the noxious fumes that have even table and the sink and a couple of chairs were covered with bits Of course, we never get the of onion and tomato and plum stove anyway, because when it and peach. Through the haze I saw my wife clining to a huge pot on the stove, trying to smile

"Helle, darling," she greeted drive anybody into the woods. me, "doesn't my chutney smell" simply wonderful!"

when Mr. Heinz supplied all the Well, it's a commonplace thing pickles in our house. We lived in now, and I suppose you might the city then, and whenever we call it one of the hazards of ran out of ketchup or chili sauce, country life. You get used to livor jelly or jam, my wife would ing with it, just as you do with

And whenever I start seeing But all this changed when we cucumbers in my sleep, I know

homemade jams and jellies and I'll never understand. She knocks herself out making the stuff and

And then she gives them all

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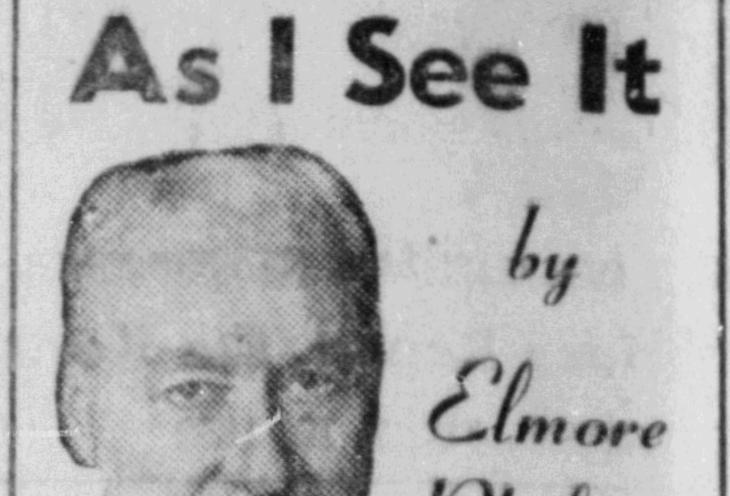
What is happening to the secret ballot? If one care to cast their mind back they will recall that the Nationalist Social ist movement in Germany, latterly called the Nazis, first got into power by gaining control of the labor unions. After gaining power the unions were sup-

History has a remarkable faculty of repeating itself. Do not delude yourself that such cannot happen today. Take a look at the situation in South Africa and before you cast your ballot on Thursday remember you may by following the directive of certain union leaders be doing away with your hard earned

A UNION MEMBER.

Tourists Increase

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP. -A total of 12,204 vehicles passthrough the immigration gates at the Sault ferry dock in year. The number of Americans the Liberal leadership of Previsiting Canada for 48 hours or mier Byron Johnson.



Hospital Insurance

DEFEAT for B.C. Hospital insurance, in the

set back the whole cause of social welfare in Canada by perhaps 10 years. few months ago that a national ily, which is much less than it overail health-care program would be if those families joined would certainly be introduced in Canada in a very few years. Family Allowances and Universal Old Age Pensions, without Means Test, were the first two steps in a complete national

This will not be complete until every person in Canada is assured of proper health care. Hospital service is an essential part of this plan.

weifare system.

ONLY two provinces have so far put in Universal Hospital-Insurance Schemes. One is Saskatchewan, under a CCF government. The other is B.C. under

more was 3461 against 2676 last In B.C. two parties uphold the luniversal hospital system—the

the very feet of Hon. Paul Mar- without proper per tin's plans to set up in Canada Also, the method of payment collect the costs of hospital care Americans would grab such tin's plans to set up in Canada of yearly charges seems to me from an across-the-board retail erage of would grab such tin's plans to set up in Canada Also, the includes seems to me from an across-the-board retail erage at our rates and the finest, simplest and sanest of yearly charges seems to me from an across-the-board retail erage at our rates and health care program in all the to violate the basic principle of tax it would be an improve- they were getting the work bargain in him

IT IS EASY to whith up petit resentment against the universal principle in hospital care. But what the people are not told is that if the "voluntary" system is adopted the rates for all election on June 12, would of us will be greatly increased -maybe by as much as 50 per cent or even more.

The reason for this is simple and inescapable. If you insure the entire province for hospital Hon. Paul Martin told me a care you can fix a rate, per fam-

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CALVIN BULLOCK

Liberals and CCF. Two parties, on the voluntary of the Conservatives and Social more in, the cheaper for each rule when it comes to collect for the general scheme charges. It is surely ridiculous, would be a scheme

stood that abandonment of the READERS are aware that I have poorest family in the province Canada. stood that abandonment of the READERS are aware that I have the same annual premium as the universal principle would be a sharply criticized some of the richest of our many millionaires pany in U.S.A. Insurance universal principle would be a sharply criticized some of the also cut the ground from under that it was "shot" at the people

Liberals and CCF. Two parties, on the voluntary basis. The "capacity to pay" should be the BUT THE POINT is that charges. It is surely ridiculous, would be a disaster to B indeed outrageous, to charge the a setback to welfare all

Even if we had to abolish the of prepaid hospital co the very feet of Hon. Paul Mar- without proper preparation. direct premium altogether and that B.C. gives ALL its pe

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The Alternative Vote, to be used in the coming election, prevents the election of a candidate on a minority vote. The Alternative Vote is a fair method of voting because it enables you to vote for your favorite candidate as number one, your second choice as number two and so forth. You are thereby given the opportunity of selecting the candidates in order of your preference. It's as simple as before, only instead of marking an A against your one favorite candidate only, you can mark 1-2-3-4 with your first choice as number one. In the

majority of ridings where one member only is to be elected you will mark one ballot only, listing the candidates in order of your preference. In a few ridings where more than one member is to be elected, more than one ballot will be used. Marking of these ballots, however, will be done exactly the same way as where only one ballot is used.

There is no problem or anything difficult in Alternative Voting. It is simple and fair. Under the old system of voting, it was possible for the candidate or party with a minority vote to get elected. For instance, if two candidates had 1000 votes each and the third had 1025, the third candidate would win even though 2000 votes had been cast against him. Under the Alternative Vote this is impossible. You mark the ballot thus: 1-for your first choice; 2-for your second choice and so on. If, on the first count, there is no absolute majority for any one candidate, the one with the fewest ballots marked in his favor is dropped and his ballots distributed among the candidates according to the second choices as indicated on these ballots. Again, if on the second count, no absolute majority is reached the same process would be used again. Then, when the candidate who has more votes than all the other candidates together is found, he wins and is elected.

Remember, all you have to do is to mark a numeral 1-2-3-4 against the candidates listed on the ballot in order of your preference.

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