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Social Credit Moving Fast

NONE can say for sure how far Social Credit is going as a national movement but likewise none can deny, that, wherever it is going, it is moving fast. It seems scarcely more than last week-end that B.C. was startled by a political invasion from Alberta which went on to capture the seats of government.

To some extent the confusion caused by the suddenness of it all still remains, but apparently Social Creditors have no intention of halting while the situation becomes clarified. In the same way that they dashed from Alberta into B.C., they are now jumping from this province into Manitoba. The chief organizer for the party there is Peer Paynter who until recently was principal Social Credit field representative in B.C. His assistant is also a British Columbian.

Although the approaching provincial election in Manitoba is regarded as a stern test, party leaders are not holding up the show to await developments there any more than they have been waiting to see what happens here. They are hard at work in Ontario where Solon Low, the national chieftain, is heading the campaign, and a build-up is also going on apace in Quebec. That, at present, is the eastern limit of their crusade.

Analyzing Social Credit's prospects as a federal power for MacLean's magazine, Blair Fraser makes this comment:

"If the pipe dream comes true and they win their maximum estimate, Social Credit will have about 40 seats, more than the Progressive Conservatives salvaged from the wreckage of 1949. But the Conservatives have gained ground since then, so a Social Credit gain would have to be accompanied by Conservative losses if the job of Opposition Leader were to change hands.

"Of course there is always the possibility that the Conservatives might win the election, leaving Social Credit to fight it out with the Liberals for the No. 2 spot. Social Creditors do not take this possibility very seriously."

Although Social Credit's accelerated pace of organization probably makes its chances seem better than they really are, there is sound reason to expect that the party will improve its position substantially in the next federal election. Its novel victory in B.C. gave it some useful publicity on a country-wide scale and also, no doubt, was good for morale.

The big catch is, of course, that there is another election in B.C. soon to come. The results of this will have an important bearing on the future of Social Credit as a national party. Consequently, the people of this province are right now in a position of influence on national affairs which even Quebec would not sneeze at.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

In a lengthy open letter which has created a considerable stir in these parts, one Garfield Case has a somewhat daring suggestion for meeting the tidal wave of propaganda which the Liberals have been rolling up nationwide against PC Leader George Drew.

Case advises, in effect, that the PCs should admit frankly the truth of much of what the Liberals are saying.

Here's a sample of the counter-propaganda line for the PCs which he urges in his letter, to which a Toronto newspaper gives two-column publicity on its editorial page:

"Maybe Drew is not a 'hale fellow well met,' but he has a great heart and is honest with his fellow men. His former colleagues in the Ontario Legislature claim they were always taken into his confidence. Maybe Drew is not a 'good mixer' or a 'diplomat,' but he gets things done. After all, he is not engaged in a popularity contest; his is the serious business of government. Canadians should realize that the Liberals cannot possibly win the next election and George Drew and the Conservatives offer the only possible alternative."

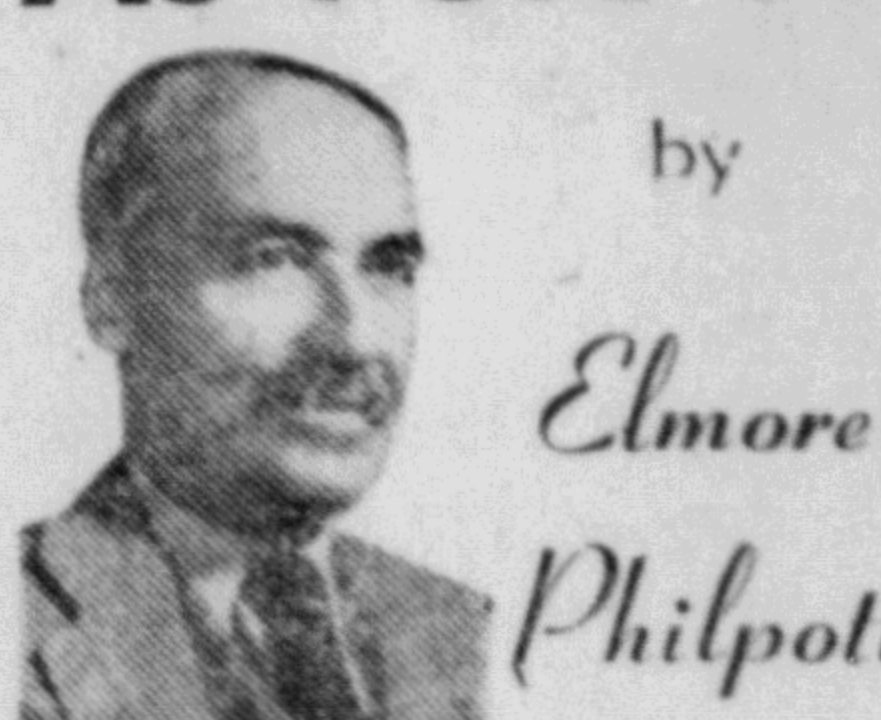
Garfield Case will be remembered as the PC who modestly altered the course of Canadian history when he made it impossible for General A. G. L. MacNaughton to continue in the

wartime cabinet as successor to Col. Ralston by defeating him in the memorable North Gray by-election. That achievement won Case recognition as one of the shrewder brains in contemporary politics. Political circles gave him full marks personally for bringing about the victory.

His current suggestion that the PCs, instead of simply becoming indignant and furious over the Liberal propaganda against their leader, should adopt a constructive attitude towards it, and make it the springboard for a wave of Conservative counter-propaganda, coincides with the views which neutral political circles have been expressing here privately for several weeks past.

The whole sad situation, as Ottawa political circles view it, is that the PCs haven't anyone skilled in the art of propaganda, or even with a limited understanding of it, connected with their otherwise elaborate organization. The Liberal propaganda offensive against Leader George Drew so far seems simply to have bewildered them and left them powerless to resist or strike back. Garfield Case is the first among them to suggest that they should take the propaganda in their stride and do something to turn the tables. Many on Parliament Hill think that the PCs could do worse than pick Case to fill their urgent need of a competent and not-too-easily daunted director of propaganda.

As I See It



Offers \$100 Reward

A FEW DAYS before the 1952 election a Social Credit candidate who later became a cabinet minister told a mass meeting:

"I don't know much about Social Credit, but I intend to study it."

So that more people may get the full truth about the Social Credit theories I will gladly print in this space statements by any one of the B.C. cabinet ministers on the so-called A plus B theories, national dividends, or "just price" fixing.

I particularly invite the two acknowledged top Secret experts on the monetary theory—Hon. Eric Martin or Lyle Wicks. Their manuscripts will be printed exactly as received, and without comment by me in that issue of the paper.

The space available is same as this article.

JUST TO ADD to the fun of the election campaign I also hereby offer a reward of one hundred dollars cash to the first Social Credit who can prove the authenticity of either of two anti-Jewish slurs which were scattered by tens of thousands across all B.C. in last year's election. Even duped church groups handed them out.

The first slur-smear appears in a leaflet by Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit party. It is entitled "Men or Money?" The cover carries a quotation from the Psalms. But, page one, inside, takes the usual indirect innuendo crack at the Jewish bankers thus:

"In 1760 Maier Amshel Rothschild said: 'Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws'."

I believe the above is a phony, a fake, a fabrication.

A similar slur-smear appears in another leaflet, also scattered last year by scores of thousands throughout B.C. It is entitled "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" and is signed by Ernest Hansell, M.P. It gives a slightly different version of the same smear.

The second paragraph of the first inside page reads:

"Baron Rothschild said: 'Permit me to control the credit of the nation and I care not who makes its laws'."

Now I have spent a great many years studying public questions. I have read all the Social Credit books I could get, as well as those of other economic theories. I have studied a great many reference books on the anti-Jewish question.

I believe that Baron Rothschild, or Maier Amshel "Rothchild," never said any such thing as is attributed to him by Messrs. Low and Hansell. I hasten to add, I do not believe that either Mr. Low or Mr. Hansell would deliberately spread an untruth, or even a half-truth smear-slur.

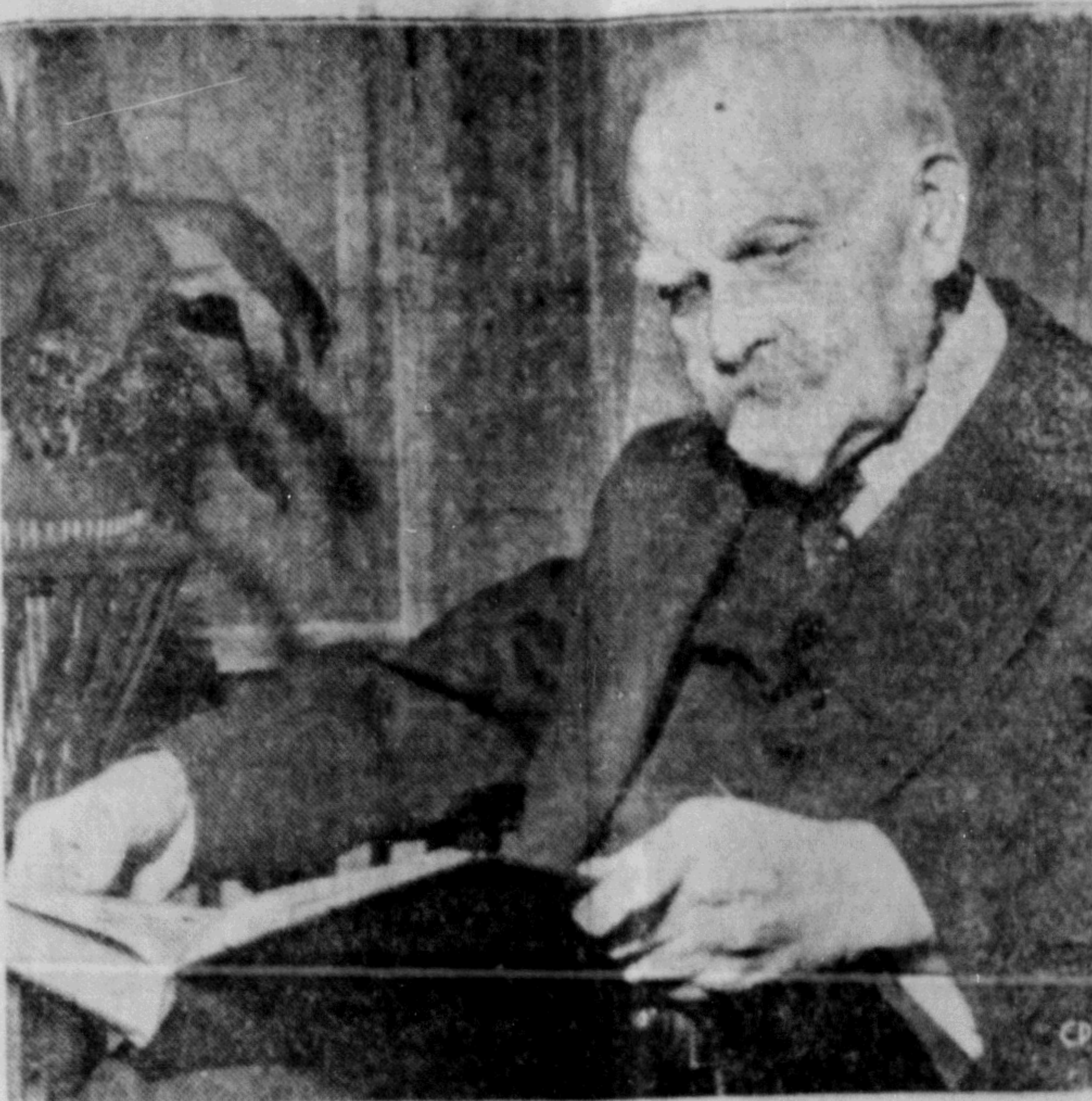
Rather, I think, they themselves have been victimized, they have been too gullible to accept at face value, without checking, some disguised anti-Jewish propaganda handed to them by some wily propagandist.

BUT perhaps I am wrong. Let's all know. If so, I will gladly, promptly pay the first person who can show me my mistake one hundred dollars cash.

But the "proof" must go back to some convincing book or document. It can't just be Hansell quoting Low, Low quoting Douglas. It can't be second-hand, second-cousin hearsay—or a tale that A told B that C told D and so on to XYZ.

In case of dispute re facts, I will accept the word of the Librarian of Parliament, Ottawa, of the Provincial Librarian of B.C., or the Chief Librarian of Vancouver.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (CP) — K. O. Petterson, an electrician, recently made his 140th blood donation at the Sabbatsberg Hospital here. Altogether he has donated about 75 quarts of blood since 1934.



EDMOND DYONNET, oldest and one of the best-known Canadian artists, approaches his 94th birthday firm in the belief that painting is a recipe for longevity. A former secretary of the Royal Canadian Academy, he said records show that many painters live to an old age. He arrived in Montreal from France in 1875 and painted until two years ago.

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

As I write this report, Joyce Aspellet of Telkwa is here with us for a week, representing the Smithers High School. Joyce is a delightful girl and my wife and I are enjoying her company very much. No, I'm not going to spoil her fun by telling what she is doing, or who she is meeting down here. I'm going to leave that for her to do when she gets back home.

Any old-timers of Stewart, B.C., who happen to read this will be interested to know that a few days ago we had a visit from Don McLean, son of Duncan McLean, for many years a Stewart resident. In fact, Don got his schooling at Stewart. He and his wife and children were here for a few hours from Trenton where Don is now, with the Air Force. He is a flying officer in the RCAF.

Talking to Mr. Howe a couple of days ago, he expressed the greatest satisfaction with the way the Prince Rupert elevator is performing. We have been giving serious thought to more adequate fire protection for the elevator, and steps are being taken to that end.

It was of great interest to me to read of the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association. I find myself taking a much greater interest in the hospital since I was chairman of the Modernization Fund. I am sure we all wish Bob Moore every success as president.

Nothing new at the moment in connection with the Prince Rupert airport. I intend to speak on this when the appropriate item in the estimates is up for discussion. At that time I hope to get more information as to the department's plans for this year of 1953.

I am glad to say that my representations about the necessary rehabilitation work for the Prince Rupert Drydock and Shipyard have been referred to the appropriate officials in National Defence for a full investigation. As I am sincere in my belief that this is a matter of vital concern to the whole of Canada, I propose to keep the subject active.

Let me review very briefly the latest economic indicators for January and February, and consider two major influences on gross national expenditure for 1953, namely federal government expenditures and new public and private investment outlook.

Although many of the major indicators of economic activity reflected a seasonal slackening between December and January, their levels were considerably above January of last year, with some exceptions of which commodity prices in general are the most important. Non-durable manufactures contain items which were somewhat lower than in January of a year ago, namely canning and preserving, grain milling, tobacco products and paper products.

A larger share of increased investment is forecast for sectors such as commercial and financial services, affected by

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

No two men could have been more different than the late Marshal Smuts and Dr. Malan, says Gerard Murphy. The Marshal, brilliant and lively, won early fame. Malan, dour and plodding, became premier of South Africa at the age of 74. Smuts was Britain's friend and a foe of the Kaiser and Hitler, although he had little in common with either.

When a man says his mind isn't made up yet, he means he has yet to ask his wife.

Quentin Reynolds tells about the Englishman, Arablan and Yank who were conversing on a Casablanca street corner when a spectacular Oriental beauty ankled by. The Englishman exclaimed, "By Jove!" The Arablan murmured a reverent "By Allah." The Yank breathed softly, "By tomorrow night."—Omnibook.

NO TOWN FOR GOPHERS

The Alberta gopher, mentioned in this column a few days back might be able to settle down in Prince Rupert, but for lack of dryness and warmth. A former prairie resident, who read the story, says that as a rule, the less rain there is for gophers, the better they like it. Just enough to grow grain is quite sufficient. Too much moisture would mean a short life.

"We usually" have far too much money left at the end of the month," as the housewife remarked to herself when thinking of the latter part of April.

THE LETTERBOX

LACK OF INTEREST

The Editor,
The Daily News

As an ordinary citizen who has been following the power question, it seems to me that the Power Commission is not very enthusiastic in supplying Prince Rupert.

Why has it been necessary to send special delegations to Victoria to interview them? And still we find we are in the dark as to many questions.

Coming from a district where power was supplied by the Commission, I feel I can speak from experience. People have no bargaining power whatever; they pay the rates they are asked, or else.

As a consumer paying domestic rates, I feel Prince Rupert has had a good deal in the past, only they are like a bunch of sheep, and follow the leader. Why don't some of our city council put more stress on the disgraceful roads and sewers?

Finally, if the Commission is not interested enough to care when or if the new diesel is installed, what gives people reason to believe they will build an expensive power line from Kitimat? Mr. Thomas is, after all, just one individual who was paid \$798.64 to express his opinion that they "might." But still we beg them to come in!

—J. H. W.

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