

Mr. MacKinnon's Retirement

Had it been at a Conservative instead of a Liberal convention that Hon. Dougald MacKinnon announced his retirement from active politics, we venture to say that the tributes to his popularity and integrity would have varied little from those paid him by his own party stalwarts at Eldon on Thursday night. He will carry on until the next provincial election, but he firmly refused to nominate again.

Well, twenty-four years in politics is a long time, especially if you work hard at the job and serve your constituents' interests as your own. For several years past, as Minister first of Public Works and Highways, then of Industry and Resources and latterly of Fisheries as well, Mr. MacKinnon's constituency was the whole Province, and he gave the same conscientious attention to these duties as he did to the requirements in his own bailiwick as a back-bencher.

Back-bencher is hardly the word, for Mr. MacKinnon never took a back seat anywhere. He and the late Senator Jones entered politics together in 1935, and from the start they were an unbeatable team. Mr. MacKinnon actually made the grade first as a non-portfolio member of the Campbell Government; but both of them were seasoned debaters when they entered the House, and not at all inclined to be intimidated by members of greater pretensions on either side.

Senator Jones, though he tried to disguise it, was a highly educated man, and Mr. MacKinnon always claimed that he was not. To watch these two professed amateurs on the hustings in their early campaign days was an entertaining and instructive lesson in the tricky art of politics. Like the late Will Rogers, they confessed to knowing nothing more than what they had read in the newspapers; but the unwary opponent who accepted this idea, and presumed to take advantage of them on any subject—political, moral, philosophical or sociological—was soon pulled up short and was lucky to escape with his tail-feathers. That was one of the joys (to a reporter at least) of the old joint-meeting days, when rival candidates went at it hammer and tongs on the same platform, and the incompetents were spotted and weeded out before they ever got on the legislative payroll.

From the day he was elected in 1935 Mr. MacKinnon went on piling up majorities in every contest. He could coast along now on his laurels and get back next time, we imagine, with very little difficulty. But the traits for which he is admired do not fit him for that kind of old-soldiering. Feeling, no doubt, that his health will not stand the all-out effort he has put into his public chores in the past, he is stepping down to give place to a younger aspirant.

His friends may regret his choice, but will understand his reasons. That goes for Conservatives as well as Liberals. Indeed, some will be inclined to say that Dougald MacKinnon has more true friends in the enemy camp than he has in his own, and that his merits entitled him to much more than he ever received from the Liberal Party. Be that as it may, we know that the Party will never have a stauncher champion, a shrewder adviser or abler expounder of its policies and principles. The best wishes of all his fellow Islanders will accompany him in his retirement when it comes.

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Sounds Timely Warning

Addressing an investment dealers' convention in Toronto recently, Mr. N. R. Crump, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, made sage reflections on Canada's changing position in international trade. Canadians, he said, should reappraise certain assumptions which have come to be accepted as landmarks in their economic life. These assumptions are often reflected in public and business policies, and are widely, but erroneously, considered to be self-evident truths.

At the top of the list Mr. Crump placed the assumption that the world economy needs us more than we need it. (Isn't that behind every demand for tariff boosts?) There was a time when this was true, par-

ticularly right after the Second World War, when Eastern Europe could not begin to produce for its own needs, let alone compete internationally. But this situation has radically changed. Policies based on the old assumption are based on a dangerous fallacy.

In Mr. Crump's view, the industrial burgeoning of Western Europe has made world trade more intensely competitive than at any time in Canada's history. The competition will become even keener when the European Common Market produces the results expected of it. Canada still sells large quantities of the traditional export commodities, but not as high a proportion as we could, or as we used to. In most cases these products can be bought elsewhere and often at lower prices. The business we retain often is held because of some advantage other than price which we can offer. It will become increasingly difficult to hold if the price gap widens.

Monty's Braces

The most curious sights at the Aldershot and Searchlight Tattoo this month, says a London report, are to be seen in an Army exhibition placed beside the arena. Pride of place among mementoes of many wars goes to Lord Montgomery's braces. They were once thought to have been lent him by his batman, when his own broke in the heat of battle in Normandy. In fact, the disaster happened after the war, when Monty was leaving the War Office for the theatre. A sergeant major lent him his own pair and later presented them to the RASC museum at Aldershot.

So there they are, proving that fame can be measured by trivial things as well as great. Beside the braces are Napoleon's personal dental instruments, a two-man wheelbarrow used as a field ambulance in China, and the gun metal from Sebastopol, from which all VC's are still made. They have been salvaged for posterity, and—who knows?—posterity may treasure them above many of the glittering ornaments a grateful nation bestows upon its war commanders.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Schoolchildren in India's Deep South cheered recently when the Communist Government of Kerala state postponed the opening of schools by a fortnight to June 15. The move was an effort to avoid a real clash, if not bloodshed, between the Communists and the non-Communists, mainly the Catholics, over the Education Act. What Kerala's children did not realize, of course, was that a desperate battle had begun for their young minds.

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All three opposition leaders were defeated in the Alberta elections on Thursday. Combined, their followers will scarcely amount to a corporal's guard in the next House. The Social Crediters practically swept the board in their seventh consecutive victory at the polls. Liberals who may be nursing hopes of doing the same thing in this Province should remember that Alberta has been riding the crest of the wave financially, with rich oil deposits that have turned staggering deficits into whopping surpluses, enabling the Manning Government to play Santa Claus to the voters on a scale unparalleled in Canadian history.



THE PILOT THAT WON'T BE DROPPED

OTTAWA REPORT

Summer Residence For P.M.

By Patrick Nicholson

Our House of Commons has voted unanimously to adopt an isolated house in the Quebec Hills as the official summer home for the use of Canada Prime Ministers and for the entertainment of distinguished visitors.

"As the acquisition of the house was purely incidental to our purchase of a critical area of land needed for the Gatineau National Park, we would most likely have decided to pull it down if it had not been put to this use," General Kennedy, chairman of the National Capital Commission, told me.

The progressive plan to build this former lumber town into a worthy capital city was launched by Parliament exactly 60 years ago. In 1899, Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier inaugurated the Ottawa Improvement Commission "to improve and beautify the National Capital by the development of parks and construction of driveways."

PRETTY QUEBEC HILLS
An obvious part of this program was the creation of a national park enclosing the southern crest of Quebec's Gatineau Hills. This area includes magnificent countryside for summer walks and winter ski-trails, attractive picnic settings and sandy lakeshore beaches. It also offers a breath-taking view of Greater Ottawa, including long stretches of the Ontario and Quebec shores of the Ottawa River.

25 years ago the Commission began to buy land to form such a Gatineau National Park, commencing only two miles from the Parliament Building, and following the hill crest for 30 miles, with a maximum width of 7 miles. Now the Gatineau Driveway has been built through this area, a skyline trail with a scenic view

Mr. Frost On The CBC

Montreal Star

It has always been known that the broadcasting of news and commentaries is a sensitive point in any system of publicly-owned broadcasting. It is at that point, if any, that the pressures of government are likely to assert themselves. This is the main reason why, ever since 1936, the CBC has devoted much thought and great ability to achieving the greatest possible degree of impartiality.

This is why, also, Premier Frost of Ontario has delivered a diatribe against the work of the CBC on election night last week. He believes that, in principle, there should be no public broadcasting, that it should all be in private hands. He adds that he himself has in actual practice suffered at the hands of the CBC. NOT TELEVIEWED

The latter charge will surprise most of those who listened to the CBC broadcasts of the Ontario election returns. The CBC, now well versed in handling such events, performed, one would have thought, with admirable objectivity. Premier Frost is also annoyed that the leaders of the Liberal and OCF opposition groups were televised, while he was not.

But the CBC has a good answer. The other two men were available where they were. Insurmountable technical difficulties prevented putting Mr. Frost on the screen, for Mr. Frost had retreated to his home at Lindsay, Ont., on election night, and Lindsay is, from TV point of view, inaccessible. The impression is left that Mr. Frost has become unduly sensitive as a result of losing a few seats.

But the Ontario Premier says that, as a matter of stern principle, he is opposed to all public broadcasting. It is a pity that Mr. Frost did not take the trouble to present his arguments to the successive Royal Commissions on broadcasting. If he had told

How To Cure That Headache

By Herman N. Bundeese, M.D.
HERE'S how to cure that headache.

Recurring or prolonged headaches, of course, should be treated by a physician. But for the average run-of-the-mill headache you and millions of others experience occasionally, here are a few easy remedies:

Simplest way to relieve a simple headache is to take one or two aspirin tablets or some of the other analgesics that are available.

LARGE VS. SMALL DOSES
Right here I'd like to explain that large doses of aspirin do not give more relief than a couple of tablets provide. Repeated small doses, however, may prolong the relief.

Now the use of aspirin or other analgesics apparently doesn't halt the pain itself. However it does raise the threshold of pain. And just as long as the pain doesn't cross this threshold, you are comfortable.

There are some newer drugs that interrupt the mechanism that produces pain as well as elevating the pain threshold. ASPIRIN WITH COFFEE

If aspirin alone doesn't do the trick, aspirin with strong black coffee probably will. This combines a pain reliever with caffeine, generally an effective combination.

But taking a combination of two or three analgesics will not multiply the relief from pain by two or three times. Even aspirin with codeine raises the threshold only to the level obtained with codeine alone.

The value of analgesics in severe headaches is limited. Therefore if these simple remedies don't help much, better see your doctor.

OTHER MEASURES
There are other measures, too, that will probably help, either alone or in combination with simple drugs.

An ice bag on the head is often of value. And application of heat—hot towels, heat lamps, packs, etc.—to the feet, tense upper shoulder and neck muscles might be of some help.

The frequency and intensity of tension headaches might be lessened by a soothing warm bath for half an hour a day. Just sit with your entire body immersed and relax.

In most cases, I think you will find that one or a combination of these remedies will be effective. QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. P.A.L.: I would like to know if immersing my hands in warm paraffin would be beneficial for arthritis in my fingers?
Answer: I would not recommend this procedure as a recognized medical treatment.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(June 26, 1934)

Summerside harbour after an interval of 93 years is to be surveyed and a new official chart of the harbour and its approaches will be drawn up from the findings. The Government Steamer Acadia, under command of Captain J.U. Beauchemin of the Canadian Hydrographic Survey Department arrived yesterday and immediately began the survey.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

During the past year railroads in South Africa have reported the disappearance of 30 cars, 800 tons of rails and 50,000 ties. Neither the thieves nor the receivers of these stolen goods have been apprehended.—La Depeche, Algiers

A small child asked his father if he had any work he could do around the place to replenish his finances. The father assured him that he could think of nothing. "Then," answered the modern youngster, "how about putting me on relief?"—Capper's Weekly

Such expressions as "nymph, wet fly, dry fly and streamer", uttered fervently at any other time of year, would not make much sense. But these balmy early Summer days, the words have magic in them for, to some people, this is the beginning of a magic season—fishing time.—Sherbrooke Record.

Bush, Captain Luther Jordan of Murray Harbour, left yesterday with a cargo of potatoes for New Glasgow, N.S. The cargo is made up of Island blue, red and white potatoes and Mr. Jordan stated that he expected to get about seventy cents a bushel for the load.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 26, 1949)
Mr. Jack Webster of Cardigan won first prize in the violin contest and Mr. Allison MacDonald of Bridgetown first in the step dancing at Morell last night. The competitions, sponsored by the Morell Branch of the Canadian Legion, were attended by over 1300 people. Gerald Shephard of Cardigan won the junior step dancing contest.

Fire Saturday afternoon destroyed a building, some machinery and a quantity of lumber at the farm home of Bishop Read about a mile east of Summerside. The fire occurred about 4 p.m. but with the help of neighbors the house and barn adjoining were saved.

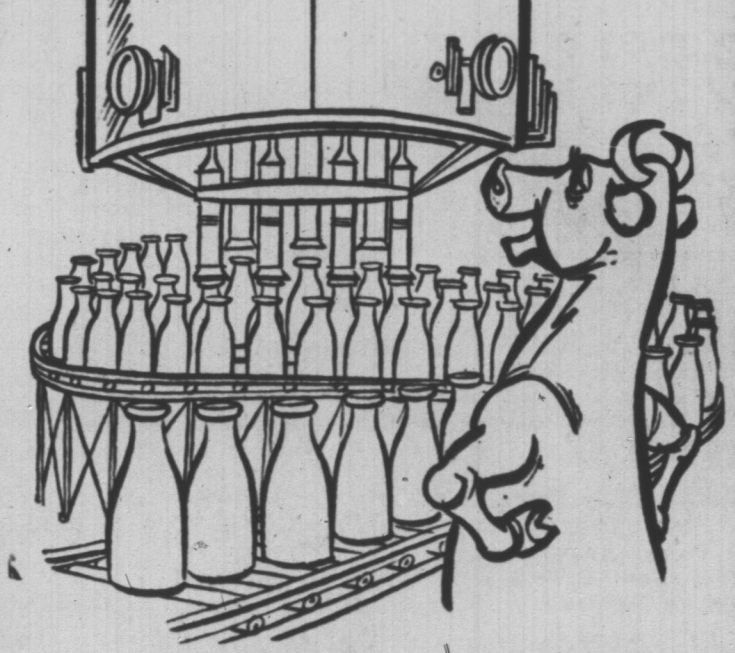
The Age Old Story

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

FOR A SOLITARY CHILD
There are things that Martha knows—
Where the meadow's bluebell grows,
Where the striped chipmunk lives,
Where the wind goes when it goes.
Into a grows up world, and love
Martha will grow tall and move
A man and Marthas of her own.
But Martha growing up will prove
Her small-girl world, alone, apart
Of brook and field, has taught
The art
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