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Monday's By-Elections

The loss of three out of seven Liberal seats in Monday's federal by-elections is evidence—if such indeed were needed—that the party's top-heavy majority in the recent general elections was not something the electors wanted or anticipated.

A matter of general satisfaction is the return in Toronto of Mr. J. M. Macdonnell, financial critic of the Progressive Conservatives in the last House, who is a man of outstanding ability and whose election by a substantial majority will add greatly needed strength to the Opposition ranks.

It is to be hoped that in the near future another outstanding Conservative—Mr. J. R. MacNicol—will also find means of being re-elected. His defeat in Toronto Davenport at the last general election was a loss to the Maritimes as well as to Ontario.

Leaner Show Cattle

What is said to have been the first step known in Canada to judge show ring cattle in accordance with butcher shop requirements was taken at the Canadian National Exhibition this year.

"As in all departments from established custom," says an exchange, "judges and livestock men agree that this one must not be carried too far, but strike a happy medium between the too fat and too lean."

Splitting The Constitution

When the Prime Minister says he wants Parliament to have amending power over the British North America Act only in "strictly Federal" matters, he may appear to be setting limits to this Parliamentary right.

In effect, Mr. St. Laurent introduces a new legal concept: division of the Constitution into two parts. In one part the Provinces would have at least the right to express a view.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Judging by the by-elections, a Liberal under any other name, will hit the jackpot.

School children in Britain are to be charged a penny for their "free" school lunches.

Scripts, under the new British austerity regulations, will cost the recipients sixteen cents. This may restrict the number of spectacles, wigs and false teeth indulged in.

Mr. R. R. Bell, K.C., M.L.A., has proved once more the advantage of going abroad to see "how the other half live." He has returned after a 3,000 mile trip in Canada and U. S. A. to announce how thankful we should be to be able to live in this Province.

It is marvellous the amount of money that may be saved in judicious cutting out of "Hills and furbelows". Prime Minister Attlee will improve the Government's finances

by nearly \$900,000,000 by such a process, including \$4,000,000 paid to "public relations officers"—those bright, dazzling youngsters who engineer their way into the public service to keep the press, radio, etc., informed on what should be conveyed by advertisement.

Now that both houses of Parliament have been filled we may expect to hear more personal and fewer party opinions expressed.

The worst advance notice for television so far is without doubt the heading carried by an exchange: "Television is super salesman with foot in door."

The Sudbury Star says that the successor to Mr. Farquahar Oliver as leader of the Ontario Liberal Party will be Hon. Paul Martin, Federal Health Minister.

All Prince Edward Island Dieselized by the year's end is the expectation expressed by the C. N. R. Cleaner, quieter conditions for those living near the trains and additional space for other freight on the car ferry should be the result—if it materializes.

Mr. Mitchell Hepburn was always a stormy petrel in political life and it is not surprising that as a farmer he should become known as "onion king" rather than specialize in less pungent vegetables.

The hydraulic brake was a major advance in highway safety, perfectly solving the problem of applying equal pressure at each wheel. Unfortunately lack of attention to the hydraulic brake system has become a major factor in causing accidents.

Attention is drawn to an advt. in this issue from the Men's Association of Trinity United Church on behalf of the starving children of the present upset world.

Cash bonuses for outstanding civil servants who have made important scientific discoveries, are advocated by Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, M.P. That is where an appropriate system of honours would score.

William Hogarth, English painter and explorer, founder of the British School of Artists, died this date 1764.

Two deputy Federal ministers, Mr. Max MacKenzie of the Agriculture Dept., and Mr. J. G. Taggart of the Trade Dept. have gone to London to discuss contracts with the United Kingdom.

The young Liberal Federation of Canada at the close of its biennial convention in Montreal the other day called for an exclusive Canadian flag and anthem and a "Canada Day" holiday.

There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood; Touch of mellow, hint of mood; And my heart is like a rhyme With the yellow and the purple and the maple keeping time.

There is something in October sets the gipsy blood astir; We must rise and follow her. When from every hill and flame She calls and calls each vagabond by name.

The consumption per person of petroleum products in Canada is second only to the United States.

If The Example Were Followed ---



POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM ALLOWING AN ONTARIO AND A NOVA SCOTIAN MEMBER TO DISTRIBUTE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS PRODUCE OF HIS OWN CONSTITUENCY....

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

MR. STEWART'S RETIREMENT

Sir,—Since it became known that Hon. W. F. A. Stewart was no longer a member of the Government, many have been the expressions of regret because Hon. Stewart possesses all the virtues necessary to be an outstanding administrator of public affairs and what is even more important, he can be relied upon not to sacrifice any of them for either party or selfish interests.

ANNUAL PARTY MEETING

Sir,—Many electors both in Charlottetown and in Queens County generally would like to know why the annual meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association for Queens County has not been held.

Schoolboy Resolution

(Hamilton Spectator) The young Liberal Federation of Canada at the close of its biennial convention in Montreal the other day called for an exclusive Canadian flag and anthem and a "Canada Day" holiday.

The Age-Old Story

I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return; that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength; even to Him shall men come, and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed.

CONSIDERATE

Bee-keepers usually wear smooth clothing, since a bee's feet get tangled in a fuzzy cloth.

EARLY POSTMARK

The first dated postmark on a letter was used in 1829, not for the cancellation of stamps but to ensure prompt delivery. Postage was paid by the receiver of the letter.

Public Business And The Press

(Summerside Journal) It would seem, according to the Charlottetown Guardian, that the City Council of the Island Capital appears to take the attitude that the less the public knows about civic affairs the better.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) POINT PRIM LIGHTHOUSE

"On Monday last, a Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, consisting of the Hon. Joseph Pope, Speaker, F. Longworth, W. Douse, G. Coles, A. MacLean and D. Montgomery, Esqs., accompanied by the Hon. T. H. Haviland, W. Cundall, Esq., High Sheriff, L. W. Gail, Esq., Land Surveyor, and J. D. Macdonnell, W. Bremner, George Birnie, J. Longworth, F. Kempster, J. Davis, Jr., R. Finlayson, T. Fethick, J. Davis, Sr., M. Doherty and Isaac Smith, Esqs., and the two Masters Douse, proceeded, in ten sleighs, to Point Prim, on the Belle Vue, to erect a lighthouse on the site of the intended Light House.

Public Business And The Press

"The party partook of a lunch, and returned the sixteen miles, in one hour and twenty minutes, thus showing the facility with which travel can be performed on good ice in winter."

Public Business And The Press

"Among other things the mayor suggested that the writer was unfamiliar with the Ontario Municipal Act, which under certain conditions permits holding of closed meetings. The mayor may have been right in that opinion but he showed himself woefully wrong about the responsibilities of the press and the conducting of public business.

Public Business And The Press

"When public officials attempt to conceal public business from the public there is bound to be criticism. And there should be."

Public Business And The Press

"The flag—ran its headline resolution—should not bear any symbol of dependence or any colonial characteristic, and the anthem should glorify Canada as it is today. . . . Flag and anthem should testify to Canada's status as an adult nation."

Notes By The Way

What is demanded of Britain and the United States today amounts to two revolutions in thought. The British Government has to persuade the ranks of British labor that a rise in money wages is not necessarily a good thing in itself.

The only means of ensuring world safety now is to ensure continued world peace and world peace can only come through the surrender to the United Nations of some such body of sufficient sovereignty to enable the international organization to control effectively atomic weapons and any other weapons of mass destruction.—Vancouver Province.

For some reason adults can't fathom, many youngsters prefer to play on roads. They don't realize that highways are deadly dangerous playgrounds that should be shunned.

The provincial convention of the Liberal Progressive party showed good sense in supporting the present Coalition government of this province.

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