

Dr. McMillan Discusses Political Intrigue and Manoeuvring at Ottawa

The following address on the federal political situation was delivered last night by Hon. Dr. W. J. McMillan, O.B.E., leader of the Opposition: Some weeks ago the curtain rang down on a historical drama in Ottawa unparalleled in the history of Canadian politics and one which everyone sincerely hopes will never be repeated. It was a drama in which political intrigue and manoeuvring reached its highest heights, made tragic and memorable by the weak Prime Minister and his Cabinet, checker playing for political advantage in the solemn hour of Canada's greatest need.

It was the inevitable result of the federal Government's pitiable failure to carry out the plain duty distinctly given it by the plebiscite vote of the Canadian people in 1942. This drama ended in an appalling attempt, which in time of vital need is disgraceful, namely, of playing both ends of the stick against the middle. It is indeed a sad day for Canada when such a black, dishonourable page must be written in our Canadian history. It is humiliating indeed, that Canada has thus reached a new low level and has been led by Prime Minister Mackenzie King—once, when he acknowledged on the floor of the House of Commons that he had led the Liberal party down into the Valley of Humiliation and weeping.

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ernment, a Government more representative of the people, but we did not get more than a memorandum from the Government that did not lead the people—a Government that had to be driven to do anything but to oppose in Parliament, or by the Public Opinion Press, and over the radio, Hon. King's Cabinet for many years.

What concerns Canadians most, is the fate of our gallant soldiers upon the front. Canada's experience in the last war has not been properly weighed and evaluated by the King Government. The net result of that experience should have shown the King Government that it was far better to organize, train, equip, and adequately maintain a permanent force of 100,000 men.

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Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week

FEBRUARY 18th --- 24th

The middle of February brings with it each year the annual observance of Boy Scout Week. This year the sister organization, the Girl Guides, is joining in and some 150,000 young Canadians are taking part in the week's activities.

The Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements stand out in direct contrast to the Hitler youth movement. The Hitler youth is inculcated with a doctrine of racial superiority, of hate, of brutality, and of greed. The Scout-Guide Movement is the antithesis of Nazism. It seeks to inculcate a directly opposite philosophy.

It has been said that the Founder of the Scout and Guide Movements, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell died a broken hearted man in 1941, because Scouting and Guiding had not brought peace to this troubled world. If he did, he never revealed it to his closest associates. Scouting and Guiding aims at a world brotherhood. It seeks through its worldwide ramifications to breed respect for, and fellowship with all races, all colours, all creeds. It seeks to foster a spirit of goodwill in contrast to hate. It teaches respect for the physical and mental feelings of all peoples. It teaches the sharing of life's good things with one's neighbour.

Together with all other agencies and forces of goodwill this purpose will eventually be achieved. During this Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week the public is asked to see Scouting and Guiding in action, to learn more fully its purposes, and in the knowledge gained and women who are today giving voluntary leadership to Scout and Guide Groups are rendering a service to Canada, which if not publicly applauded, must give them a tremendous amount of satisfaction.



K. M. MARTIN, Provincial Commissioner Boy Scouts Association



E. C. JOHNSTONE, Queen's County Commissioner

Former Scouts Awarded V.C.



Two former Canadian Boy Scouts, both of them from British Columbia, have been awarded the V. C. during this war. Canada's first Victoria Cross winner, Colonel C. J. Merritt (left), was a Cub and Scout in the 6th Victoria Group, Major Charles Ferguson Hoey (right), British Army. He was a Scout, Rover and Scoutmaster at Duncan, B. C. Colonel Merritt is a prisoner of war and Major Hoey lost his life. His V. C. was awarded posthumously.



His Excellency the Governor-General, The Chief Scout for Canada, is shown as he presented the first copy of the Norwegian Boy Scout Handbook to the Honourable Daniel Steen, Norwegian Minister in Canada at Ottawa recently. Canada's Boy Scouts have provided 23,000 Handbooks for the Boy Scouts of Europe.

Mr. Bracken's Return

It was a different story when John Bracken returned from overseas. Mr. Bracken spoke revealingly the true picture, supported and seconded by Col. Ralston, showing the Government and the public that it is to send all the trained re-inforcements with all possible haste.

Strange Words

High sounding words indeed, but nothing that indicates that the great cause for which the Liberal Party stands, is the cause of backing up the Canadians against overseas, nor that the triumph of the cause will be an adequate flow of re-inforcements overseas.

Next Election

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Navy Discusses Report On Tars And Spars Incident

The Royal Canadian Navy today issued a prepared statement saying that a special inquiry into reports that women aboard a British tug were insulted and molested.

Text of Statement

Text of the statement follows: No action was produced by any witness, to indicate there was any intoxicating liquor aboard the ship except that which was brought on board by a civilian member of the visiting party in contravention of naval regulations.

WEST COVEHEAD SCHOOL

Report for January: Grade IX: 1. Kathleen MacDonaid; 2. Olive Maye; 3. Melvin Willis; 4. Ina Bell; 5. Ernest Bell; 6. Orville Willis; 7. Carl Cole.

IMPORANT IN WAR

Talc. the basis of face powder, has important war uses. The story as first published accusing naval personnel some of whom had done many years in Atlantic convoy duties to protect democracy and especially freedom of the seas, was deliberately published before naval authorities concerned had even a chance to inquire into these reports.

EAST ROYALTY SCHOOL

Report for January: Grade I: 1. Donald Allan; 2. Isabel Allan; 3. Doreen Hughes; 4. Perfect attendance: Florida Thomas and Billie MacKinnon.

PARK CORNER SCHOOL

Report for January: Grade X: 1. Elaine Campbell; 2. Jean Parson; 3. Robert MacKenzie; 4. Amy Cousins; 5. Verma Harding; 6. Nellie Montgomery and Charles Murray (equal); 7. Margaret Campbell; 8. Lottie Parsons; 9. Mrs. Jean MacMillan.

ARTHROITIS AGONY

May originate in lack of essential vitamins in the daily diet. Bones, teeth, nerves depend for their health and vitality on adequate, regular supply of minerals and vitamins.

Advertisement for 'ALL-IN-ONE' VITAMIN TABLETS, featuring a hand holding a tablet and text describing the benefits of the product.