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Mr. W.F.A. Stewart On Local Election Issues

The following address on Provincial election issues was given recently by Mr. W. F. A. Stewart, one of the Liberal candidates for the First District of Queens:

"As I have the honor to be nominated for the seventh consecutive time to contest this riding, and as the time before Election Day is too short for us to meet you all personally, my colleague and I are taking this opportunity of speaking to you and soliciting your support in the coming election.

"First Queen's is the largest Electoral District in the Province with 20 polls and 360 miles of roads within its borders. We have been making slow but sure progress in improving these roads and had expected another season in which to get some of the projects already started in various parts, linked up so that we would have at least some of our important centres connected by permanent highways.

"The early election date has at least given my colleague and me an opportunity to see the worst parts of our dirt roads at their worst, and that is pretty bad. But we must remember that it is still April, that not so many years ago, our roads were closed to motor traffic until the first of June.

"During the years when I held the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture, I was criticized on many occasions for not spending all the money voted in the estimates for my department. There were a number of reasons for this underspending. Firstly, with the small initial salaries I could offer to field-men and instructors, we could not induce men or women of high qualifications, to accept the positions offered, and I do not approve of employing incompetent persons for any job.

work, had been trained to it, and was able to relieve and assist the few officials I had. For the first time in its history Falconwood Farm was operated on a sound financial basis. The services of a competent agricultural veterinary pathologist were engaged and pulmonary disease which had played such havoc with our poultry industry was wiped out.

"We inaugurated a policy of assisting farmers in insect seed and weed control, and in conjunction with officials of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture by bonusing superior males of the various classes of livestock, helped our farmers to bring their livestock up to the high standards they have reached today.

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by the cost of living, which is at the world's highest peak."

"In the next breath he laments the tremendous amount of income tax we pay. Do you realize, ladies and gentlemen, that in 1945 the people of Prince Edward Island paid only \$600,000 in Dominion income tax. But in 1949 the Liberal Government at Ottawa extracted 3-4 millions from our people. Unquote. Surely this would indicate something better than the 'critical financial condition' he deploras.

"Referring to education, Mr. Bell continued, 'our teachers' salaries are to be increased; free school books supplied our pupils, and farmers and fishermen rehabilitated. Assistance is to be handed out on a larger scale. 'The practice of road grading a mile or so of road annually in each poll is to be discontinued and projects are to be set up for whole roads; and many other wonderful promises are given us.

"Balanced Budgets
"Yet in spite of all these much-to-be-desired projects, there are to be no more annual deficits. Budgets on ordinary and capital income and expenditure are to be balanced annually.

"Does all this, to you, indicate hard times?
"During the years 1944-47, after the passing of my colleague, the late D. N. MacKay, this district was represented by one Liberal and one Conservative, Mr. Walter McKenzie and myself, and never once during these four years did this gentleman co-operate with me

for the good of the district he was supposed to represent. Never once did he correspond with or visit the Department of Public Works.

"Never once during those years when I was a member of the Social Relief Committee, did he mention to me or any member of the relief committee one single case of anyone in this district who needed social relief. He may have thought that times were so prosperous that there were no needy widows with families, no unfortunates, who through accident or sickness, needed a helping hand to tide them over a time of distress.

"He occupied his seat in the Legislature for a few days each session, cashed his seasonal indemnity cheque and retired once more to his lair. It is therefore not surprising that the electors of First Queen's have not placed the welfare and promoting of their district in his hands since that day.

"Veterans' Responsibility
"Democracy has its privileges as well as its privileges. Our greatest privilege as well as our greatest responsibility is to vote freely and intelligently as free citizens of a country made free and kept free by the brave, staunch men and women who fought and died for their cause. We can say in the words of St. Paul 'We were born free.'

"History repeats itself, and we have seen how the peoples of Germany, Italy, Japan and now Russia and her satellite countries, by not doing their own thinking, by not voting freely at elections, allowed despots and dictators to take charge, so that now, these peoples have no freedom of thought, of speech or of action, and are ground down like slaves, so I ask you, as free citizens of a free country, to turn out on election day and vote."

Crescent Carnival
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I'm going to drive a bargain. If we go to the shotgun house, we're going to stay there."

CHAPTER XXXIV
New Orleans had not stopped talking about the singularity of Patty Forrestal's choice in going to

live in a shotgun house on Kerlerec Street, when it began to chatter about the extraordinary prospect of seeing and hearing Stella Fontaine in grand opera. The "Met" was slated for a three-day "season" late in April, and Stella was scheduled to appear in Manon.

As she was singing at only one performance, on the second evening of the season, there was ample time for all the scheduled entertainments. There was a dinner at the "big" Breckenridge house, at which Drew and Patty acted as host and hostess at one table, and Anna and Gail at another. All sitting at Drew's right, found her gaze wandering to the other end of the table, where Patty sat enthroned in a high-back chair. Drew had done wonders for Patty, but Patty had also done wonders for him. Was it not conceivable that she, herself, and Raoul might also have done wonders for each other, if they had gone forward together instead of taking separate roads?

Raoul was not in Abberville any more; he was in Washington. And he was not in love with her any more; he was in love with Clarinda.

Patty was giving the signal to rise from the table, and her guests were clustering around her as she led the way into the drawing room. The other table, which had been jaded in the library, had broken up a little sooner; Anna Breckenridge was already waiting for her daughter-in-law to help her serve the coffee. Then Patty came over to Stella.

"We're all so delighted to have you with us, Stella," she said, "that we wouldn't impose on you for the world. But if you feel you could sing for us, just once, you know it would be a privilege to hear you, that we would treasure always."

"Of course I will. What do you want me to sing?"
"Well, we haven't heard you in La Boheme or Carmen. If you would sing Musetta's waltz or Micaela's prayer."

She sang them both, unaffectedly and with great artistry. And because there was nothing grudging in her performance, Patty ventured to ask if she would not go on. "It's a shame to impose on you, Stella, especially after that. But you know we haven't heard your greatest song."

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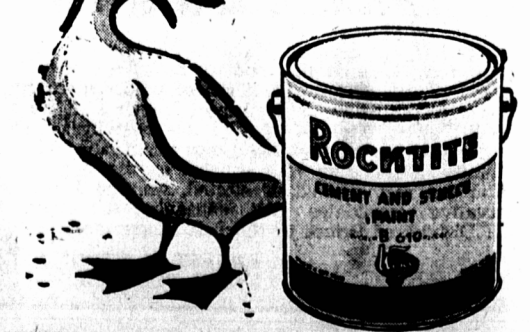
The April meeting of the Emerald Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Emmett Clow with eighteen members present. Meeting opened by reciting the creed in unison. The vice president, Mrs. Damin Duffy occupied the chair in the absence of the President. Roll call was answered with a house cleaning hint. Correspondence was read and discussed.

It was moved and seconded a resolution be sent to the T. B. League. Sick committee reported no sick calls made. Entertainment committee put on "Share the Wealth" which was very much enjoyed.

Committees for next month—Sick committee—re-appointed; Entertainment committee—Mrs. Reggie Smith and Miss Elsie Moyné. Several of the members subscribed for the Institute News. Secretary was asked to send a card to

a sick member. Roll call for next month—Exchange of potted plants. Meeting adjourned. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Everett Clow and Mrs. Reginald Smith.

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