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A Liberal Victory

The Liberal candidate in yesterday's by-election in Second King's, Mr. Harvey Douglas, scored a signal victory by defeating his Conservative opponent, Mr. Milton Rogerson, by a majority of 248 votes, which is more than double the majority obtained by the late Hon. Mr. Cox in 1947, and considerably in excess of his majority in 1943. The score in those years, however, was made at a general election. As pointed out yesterday, the Government candidate is in a much stronger position in a by-election, except where the fate of the Government is at stake. The electors know that they cannot materially change the political complexion of the House, and the tendency to vote for the man in line with the Government is a natural one. The Opposition candidate and his supporters made a strong effort to offset this disadvantage yesterday, but the issue was decided otherwise. The total vote of 1820 polled was sixty-one in excess of the vote recorded in 1947. The fact that the voters turned out in such large numbers is a matter of gratification.

The successful candidate, Mr. Douglas, is a brother of the late Mr. J. Lester Douglas, M.P. He is to be congratulated upon making such an auspicious entry into public life, and we have no doubt but that he will represent his district faithfully and competently. He has an able and experienced colleague in the person of the Conservative member, Mr. R. L. Burge.

Micawber At Ottawa

Dickens' classic character, Mr. Micawber, never let adversity get him down. Despite the deplorable state of his finances, Micawber was always cheerful, always expecting "something would turn up" to get him out of difficulties.

It is the same way, apparently, with Finance Minister Abbott, who continues to talk blithely about the "buoyant" state of the nation's finances. He constantly hopes "something will turn up" to keep Government expenses down.

Nothing very impressive has turned up so far. Expenditures for October were up \$10 million over the corresponding month last year. Some of that increase was inevitable. Defence costs, family allowances, pensions and higher expenses for unemployment insurance account for the major part of the increase. Knock these items off, says Mr. Abbott, and the picture looks pretty rosy. All other Government expenditures were down by \$6,200,000 for the month.

That figure looks a lot less impressive, however, when it is realized that \$5,300,000 represents a saving achieved by a decline in interest charges. The real saving for October was only \$900,000. That is not much less than a million and, as the Rt Hon. C. D. Howe says, "What's a million dollars?" As defence expenditures go up, even the \$900,000 is going to look pretty sick.

It is time for the Finance Minister to take another look at the "buoyant" state of government expenditure, and not lean too heavily on the revenue side of the picture.

Power Of The Purse

That the power to tax is the power to govern has long been considered axiomatic and it should be no cause for surprise that Ottawa, having become the tax-gatherer for the Provinces should speak with more authority in various fields.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner's response to Maritime requests for potato price support was to tell the Provinces how he wants the potato industry organized. He "hoped to see" the formation of potato boards speeded up.

Such a hope, of course, is anything but a futile wish. The potato growers of this Province and New Brunswick are left in no doubt but that effective organization of the industry on Ottawa approved lines is a prerequisite of any consideration by holders of the Federal purse-strings.

Gibraltar Gallery

One of the proud achievements of the Canadian engineers in the last war was to cut a gallery in the Rock at Gibraltar. The gallery was cut on the landward side to strengthen the defences against attack from the Spanish mainland.

Mr. Churchill who writes of this gallery in his latest book on the war says up till

May 1943 the Rock, because of this gallery, was deemed to be impregnable. Small openings from the gallery to the outer face of the rock enabled batteries of guns to command the isthmus and the neutral ground between Britain and Spain.

And then Mr. Churchill, took General Marshall on a tour of inspection. Later, writes Mr. Churchill, General Marshall somewhat hesitatingly observed, "I admired your gallery, but we had one like it at Corregidor. The Japanese fired their artillery at the rock several hundred feet above it, and in two or three days blocked it off with an immense bank of rubble."

Mr. Churchill adds: "I was grateful to him for his warning, but the Governor seemed thunderstruck. All the smiles vanished from his face."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last day of open season on geese.

In view of the coming by-election in Queen's, it is necessary for Premier Jones to return from Ottawa with something concrete. Mere promises will not count for much.

Our Naval men in Korean waters probably hope that Communist forces will attempt an amphibious advance and break their infantry weapon on the destroyers' guns.

Defeated candidates should console themselves that they have at least offered their services to the public, and are spared, for the time being, the fatigue of being at every man's beck and call.

Old Age Pension increases and social security measures generally are under discussion at Ottawa but there is little doubt but that defence cannot be relegated to the background even for those vote-getting projects.

William Brooks of Aultsville, Ont., was awarded top honors at the Eastern Ontario Export Cheese Show. He won three of the major trophies for the three highest-scoring cheese in the show; the highest score of any two cheese and the highest for season's workmanship.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Austrian composer, died this date 1791. His genius might be described as universal, for he shone alike in opera, in orchestral and chamber music, and in sacred composition. His style has been characterized as a happy mixture of Italian joyfulness of melody with German thoroughness and depth.

Wood Island Ferries are more than justifying their existence, as the steady increase in passenger, car, bus and freight proves. It is a big undertaking, but the directorate, with Mr. R. E. Mutch at its head are more than equal to the task they voluntarily undertook on behalf of the two Provinces they connect and serve.

One had almost forgotten that Spain is in theory a republic. But an Associated Press bulletin from Paris just informs us that Alvaro de Albornoz, Prime Minister of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile, has resigned with his cabinet. He announced he did so because the United Nations recently lifted its diplomatic boycott of the Franco regime in Spain.

Our newest champion, Mr. Eric Pendergast, Hazelbrook, is to be congratulated on making a slaughter test score of 96, a figure never before reached by any sow under the Canadian Advanced Registry Board. The qualifying litter was sired by Souris Dick 60B, owned by Mr. Edward Wood, Pownal.

Butter is at a premium in Quebec. Provincial police headquarters have advised butter manufacturing establishments to exercise special vigilance over their warehouses because some thieves specializing in butter are active. Provincial police said a large quantity of butter was stolen from the Co-operative de Ste. Marie de Beauce, while another theft of butter at St. Antoine de Tilly has been reported. Thieves made away with 900 pounds of butter during the second excursion leaving no trace of its whereabouts.

The Civil Service of Canada and the U.S. are now organized in one big union, and have just elected a Civil Service Assembly at Atlanta (Ga.) with Charles H. Cushman, director of the Rhode Island Department of Civil Service, president. He succeeds George T. Jackson, director of organization and classification of the Civil Service Commission of Canada. The election took place at the annual conference of public personnel administration, sponsored by the assembly and attended by more than 600 public personnel officials from the U.S. and Canada. Also attending were observers from several United Nations countries, including England, Belgium, Australia, Israel, Costa Rica and El Salvador.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

FARM IMPLEMENTS MUSEUM

Sir, - Your editorial last week with the above heading, was quite interesting as far as the Western Provinces are concerned. But P. E. Island farmers used some very wonderful machinery before the Prairies were settled at all. The writer remembers his mother tell about the advent of the scythe which proved so much superior to the reaping hook or sickle. But that might be about the year 1840.

After this the "cutting bar" with a vibrating knife was invented. This was used on a reaper that took two men to operate - one to drive the team, the other on another shaft pulled off the sheaves with a fork or rake. This then was improved by someone placing a capstan on the "table" that carried four arms or rakes that filled the dual purpose of tipping the cut grain back onto the table and every fourth rake that came around, removing enough unbound grain to make a sheaf.

I will here inform the young farmers of today that the binding of those sheaves with straw required both agility and perseverance, and a good days work for a man or woman placed 100 to 200 stooks or twice times that many sheaves. To reach the larger number in eight hours required a speed of five sheaves to the minute.

But let us take up the threshing of the grain. The flail was used until the middle of the last century. After that the revolving drum with teeth being thought of, horses were used on a capstan, Old Dobbin travelling wearily in a circle.

Next was the tread mill which carried two horses that kept constantly travelling up hill, but never getting anywhere as the floor, like an endless chain, kept moving backward. The same drum or threshing is still used.

Next came the shaker to remove the straw from the grain. But to eliminate the chaff, the mixture was shovelled into a set of fanners four feet high and turned by hand to cause a strong breeze. All these implements were used before the last was settled.

I would like to see a museum provided for all those relics. And I would give a prominent place to the contended reaper and mower that was used for both cutting hay and grain, by exchanging the cutting bar for the grain table. I still remember the day that my father bought one of those beautiful machines. The paint was red and yellow, streaked with white - simply glitring. It was truly a thing of beauty and a joy forever, or until something better displaced it.

Why shall I say more? For time would fall me to speak of the loom, the two types of spinning wheel, the chimney with mantle, dog roons, pot on crane, baking pan with cover for burying in the red coals.

Thanking you for space, and trusting that my pipe dream may come to fruition.

I am, Sir, etc., J. A. MacKENZIE, Kensington, P. E. I.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

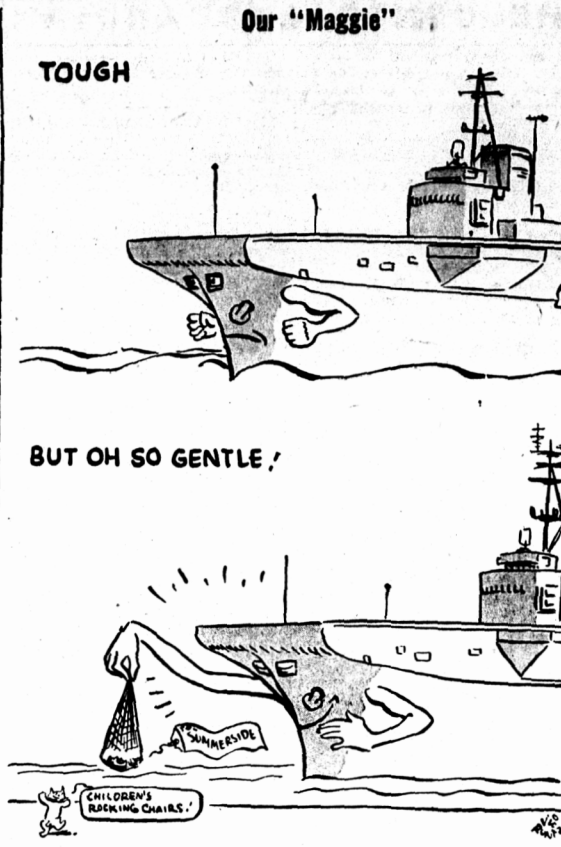
MAIL CARRIER ROUTES

The expense of maintaining some of the mail carrier routes was found by a special committee of the Legislature in 1843 to be "far beyond any benefit the public in those parts derive from these establishments, and beyond what the present revenue of the Colony can justify." Accordingly they recommend a new setup, the routes being outlined as follows:

"That in future the two carriers to Kildis and Tignish, and the West Point, travel only once a fortnight, and that the carrier to Egmont Bay be discontinued; the intercourse to Bedeque and Georgetown, being the packet stations, in Prince and King's Counties, entitle the inhabitants of those Counties to the accommodation of a semi-weekly conveyance of the mails during the period of the navigation being open; the extra trip to Prince County to proceed from Bedeque to Green's Shore and St. Eleanor's, returning by the same route - provided the expense annually does not exceed \$24 in the whole.

"Two carriers ought to go to the westward - one on the southern route to Bedeque, by way of Tryon, and the other carrier to go by the main Post Road by Prince-town and Indian River, to St. Eleanor's, and return to Charlottetown by Glover's - having two branch carriers from Glover's one to Campbelltown, and the other to Park Corner, returning by Johnston's Mills to Glover's. A carrier ought to go by the Covehead Road to Covehead, Brackley Point, from thence to Rustico, New Glasgow and Cavendish, returning to town by the New Glasgow road. New offices will be required to suit this arrangement. A Post-office ought to be established at Sable, at or near Mr. David Halliday's.

"The eastern mail carrier to go from Charlottetown to the head of St. Peter's Bay, from thence to Fortune Bay, Scouris West - River, and to the East Point Postage and return by the North Side main road. Additional offices would be required at or near Fortune Bay, Dixon's Mill, Lot 42, and the newspapers to be left at Macdonnell's, St. Peter's Road. Also, an office is required at Port Augustus, at or near Francis Kelly's, which will accommodate a large number of inhabitants residing on the south side of the Hillsborough River; and the mail-bags for this office might be taken by the Georgetown carrier to



The Poet's Corner

FROM "ODE TO DUTY"

I, loving freedom, and untired; No sport of every random gust. Yet being to myself a guide, Too blindly have reposed my trust: And oft, when in my heart was heard Thy timely mandate, I deferr'd The task, in smoother walks to stray; But thee I now would serve more strictly, if I may.

Future of Dairying

Mr. Kingsley Brown points out in the Rural Co-Operator, organ of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the recent Privy Council decision on margarine does more than keep the door open for the use of vegetable oils as a butter substitute. It also makes possible an extension of the use of these oils to other products now made wholly of milk. In some parts of the U. S. States, for example, ice cream is composed partly of cottonseed oil and some asser, that a similar substitution can be made in cheese. Mr. Brown explains, however, that the only part of milk threatened by vegetable oils is the butter fat content, "which, according to doctors and nutritionists, is the least valuable part of milk from the point of view of maintaining good health and proper growth."

By far the most valuable part of the milk, Mr. Brown continues reassuringly, "are solids such as calcium, phosphorus, riboflavin, and many others, and their presence is one of the best reasons why no matter what inroads vegetable oils may make into the butter market, they will never make much headway into the whole milk market. People are going to keep right on buying milk because it gives them the minerals they cannot do without, in the cheapest possible form."

Though there is no doubt the consumption of whole milk has increased enormously, the time when demand will absorb most of Canada's milk production seems remote. Cheese sales are up, however, and butter sales are improving. When margarine came into the market, butter consumption fell off badly in 1949 as compared with its total in 1948. But some of the lost ground is being recovered this year, with butter sales running about 1,000,000 pounds a month ahead of 1949. It may be that the threat of vegetable oils to the Canadian dairy industry has been exaggerated.

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Notes By The Way - We have great admiration for Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent as an outstanding lawyer, judicious diplomat and capable government administrator. But like many others we find him at his best in public appearance when in the company of children. He is quite different from most politicians in high places who show a patronizing and stiff shirt adulation to a youthful audience. The Prime Minister shows a natural, genuine affection for children which immediately becomes contagious. Such a demonstration brings out that commendable characteristic of the French people for their love of children and home. - Smith Falls Record-News.

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