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River On Rampage As Hot Weather Strikes

BRIDGES MENACED; IMMEDIATE DANGER BELIEVED TO BE PAST

Cloudburst, Sudden Hot Spell, Sends Rivers To Brim Overnight ;Receding Now

OLD MAN RIVER is on his predicted rampage. As yet no great damage has been done and opinions differ on what may be in store.

Some bridges are reported to have gone out in the sudden flood, with others theatened, but there is still no sign of any major crisis. It all depends on how the river behaves in the next few days—for the present crisis at least.

Heavy rains in conjunction with the first real warm days of the year brought the dramatic change. In three days the rivers zoomed to torrents — most of it in a single day, result, it is said, of a cloudburst in the mountains, with steady rains lower down.

There were hopes from this theory, when, in spite of hotter following weather, the river waters receded slightly. They are, however, at a point where any sudden change could mean danger.

The swing bridge at the Tulameen colliery is said to have gone, and the main railway spur bridge there to be in peril. That would mean a big loss, in property and in lost shipments.

A road bridge is said to have gone at Keremeos, and the One Mile and Five Mile creek road bridges, either out or out of commission.

The Smith Creek bridge at Hedley is threatened and minor bridges all over the area are either in danger or liable to be.

Despite rumors, the C.P.R says there is no local alarm, though a pile driver is standing by should any bridge need help.

Mighty Ilaho

Every stream in this mountain segment is at riotous levels that would amaze anyone counting on their usual dimensions and uninitiated to the spring run-off.

Motorists, for the time being, are advised to make authoritative enquiery before starting any trip. Mothers are urged to keep the youngsters from these drunken streams.

An Osprey Lake man, riding in, was in water up to the saddle

Main interest centers in the spree of the Tulameen and the Similkameen rivers. The usual pebbly reach where they converge at Princeton is a demonaic potlatch well worth taking in.

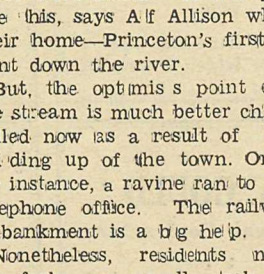
Here the valley widens and there are often alternate channels which the swift, much - changing but ordinarily well - confined mountain streams ordinarily take at their whims.

But now virually the whole wide basin is a brown, weltering food, with the island bushes bobbing incongruously out of the swill and the surly waters sucking ominously at the railway embankments, hungry and restless.

Though the flow can vary but little — it is slightly less than ten miles an hour over the average—the swell gives the impression of a mad rush at greatly accelerated velocity.

She plays strange tricks. At places her face has been altered by the works of man. She accepts every brick, takes it into her game, builds superstructure on structure, then hurls it down.

And she is architect (you see



the rivers wed at Princeton and after that the woman is boss) in her own right. In her fonaging she picks up all manner of debris, and makes magpie dams of odd assortments, then, in the same mighty scheme smashes them down. The oddest things come tumbling and plunging to an intriguing fate.

Certain it is that after a year like this old swimming holes will be shallows and there will be brand new ones to discover. By "hydraulic hoist" she moves huge boulders, which seem incongrous in the lake summer shallows. Last year she nicely improved Bob Taylor's dam, laying a huge log perfectly on the rim. Now she is lapping over it.

But some of her moods are much more fearful, and on riverside ranches there are anxious folk to-night. Large tracts are under water, but mostly grass lands, which will benefit. and no great crop damage is likely.

1894 - - 1908 - - 1948?

It was just such a year as this in '94, when all over the Interior there were floods. It was just like this, says Alf Allison when their home—Princeton's first — went down the river.

But, the optimists point out. the stream is much better channelled now as a result of the building up of the town. Once, for instance, a ravine ran to the telephone office. The railway embankment is a big help.

Nonetheless, residents near the forks can usually look for a bit of mild flooding in the bad years, and it could be bad. There is no real flooding there yet.

Tug Wilson has anxious eyes on his retaining wall. The water just lapped the top, then began to go down.

Basements throughout the lower basin are sure to get seepage, as the whole basin is gravel

Tap water is already like the coffee the boys knew over there.

Some say it is already the highest water since 1908, but this hardly seems justified. It must be remembered that due to local influences the rise is not always even. Some spots are indeed very high.

All depends now on the weather. There are those who scoff at danger, others over timorous. There is no doubt that the season is a full month behind. Up above there is more than average snow. It has been accumulating up to now, and is much wetter than usual. There is still snow at the 3,000 foot levels In the Three Brothers, Summit Camp and the Coquihalla, say observers, there is from 20 to 30 feet. Up to now there has been very little run-off. In the warmer weather of the past few days observers say the lower snow areas have become morasses. Higher up the thaw will be more gradual, but the runoff is late and the sun is hot, and there is much to come.

The present swell is probably rain plus the melting of lower snows, hence the shading off.

Violent though our mountain storms are, no cloudburst could dump the volume that is coming down our streams. In the five day wet spell total rainfall was officially less than half an inch.

YOUR FORECAST

Cloudy over the mountain area, clearing and continuing warm. The recent sultry weather expected to shade into a clear dry spell. Barometer is at 30.6—high. Even light bulbs should grow now.

Warming Up

The mean temperature, the official record shows is gradually rising. At the first of May the maximum was 49.6—sixteen degrees of thaw; minimum 25 — eight degrees of freeze. This in general means that the balance has changed from frost to thaw. Up to now snow has been accumulating for a month or six weeks when it should have been gently going off. Now the sun is rapidly gaining normal seasonal warmth. The present forecast is for a clear, warm spell, following sultry weather.

This is the first real warm weather of the year. Yesterday's official high was 75, warmest to date; low yesterday 48. In the direct sun at the peak hours it is nearer 90. The ground is well saturated—has seldom been wetter here. Near water, in the hot sun, there is a phallic, almost tropic smell.

Growth is miraculous — never a more vital green. Lilacs, well past the normal bloom season, that last week proposed their withered brown, with pinched leaf buds, are almost overnight aflame with flower buds, and will burst into bloom any day. Long-sullen gardens are sprouting; the weeds are terrific. To the foresty men at least it is a blessing. Fire risk has never been less.

Though there is nothing normal in Similkameen weather, Empire day is a fateful dividing line. The lilacs are at their peak and so is the river, about the last week in May. The river has suddenly leaped to its normal calendar level, but the lilac clock doesn't say it is quite the zero hour.

It All Depends

In the peak season the rivers rise for about twelve hours from noon to midnight, recede from midnight to noon. It takes the upper waters six to eight hours to reach Princeton.

The floods of '94 came at just this time in just such a season. but the rivers are better confined now. Our safety is that the waters pour from narrow gorges above into a broader channel here.

Jams of logs and debris, especially against bridge piers, are the big danger. This causes flooding, and a tremendous pressure builds up against the bridges.

Stream-wise locals shake their heads at the engineers who regard as big-spilling warnings to give plenty of clearance, refusing to believe that puny things could become such torrents.

The immediate crisis seems to be over. The best that can be hoped for in this unusual year is a protracted spell of high water, with always the danger of a sudden peak within the peak.

So general has been the backwardness of the weather that the cause is probably planetary influence, making the immediate future harder to predict.

Rotary Hears About --

ROTARY to-day heard about strip mining for coal, from Mr. Geo. Dillabough, assistant to Mr. A. S. Baillie, Copper Mtn. president and manager.

He said it had great possibilities in the Princeton district.

Strip Mine Again Changes Hands

MARWELL Construction Co. have sold their Princeton strip mining property to another big Vancouver contracting firm. This is the third owner within a year of the experimental coal operation.

ANOTHER MAN JUMPS IN RIVER

OFFICIAL reports not yet elaborated on, say that a man jumped into the river from a bridge at Hedley.

He disappeared in the swollen waters and no trace has yet been found.

STILL A MYSTERY

DESPITE rumors, there is no sign of the man whom two boys told police they saw jump into the Similkameen river just below the Copper Mtn. bridge a fortnight ago.

An ex-Army cook, who had formerly worked at Copper Mtn. and was waiting for a pension, suffering from arthritis is still missing. He disappeared at the same time.

Cheques which have arrived have not been called for.

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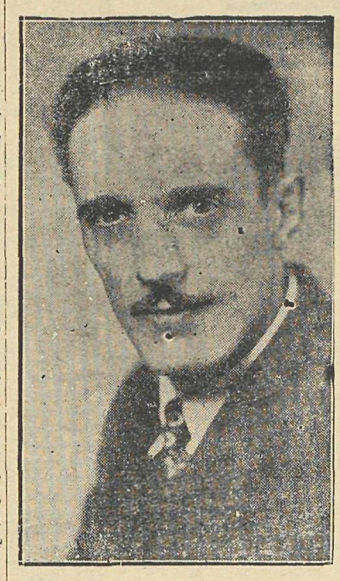

WITH the bye-election campaign in its last lap, the C.C.F. fires a big gun when Harold Winch, provincial leader. speaks in Princeton Thursday.

GET OUT AND VOTE

Etitor, The Star;
Sir:

On 31st May we will have that basic democratic right of voting. In Europe there are still armed troops who guard the polling booth while the citizen casts his secret ballot. It could happen here in Canada, but only if we show gross indifference for our ballot and its significance.

We will be sending a representative to parliament and our duty is to let him know unmistakably whether his principles and policies have our sanction. We cannot do that by staying at home on election day.

Our wants are simple; in one word—happiness. Happiness can not exist in the chaotic state we are now in.

If we have an objective in business, we apply action to thoughtful planning. We have a right to expect as much from our government representatives.

It is difficult for us to get any clear understanding of the larger issues such as foreign policy monetary reform and immigration, but we can all see the relationship between the cost of bread and butter and our incomes, and even go farther and judge its relationship to old age pensions or war veterans' pensions.

We should all be aware of the timber and materials available for that house that so many of us need. If we personally have a good house it is good business for our community to have good houses and it is in Ottawa that the machinery of production and distribution gets its impulse.

So federal bye-elections can be important if you and I put some thing of ourselves into them.

Election meetings are "good show" but the thinking should go on now and the action on voting day.

Thanking you,
E. M. MacDONALD.

Princeton,
20th May, 1948.

★ Mr. Jack Cunliffe has a broken hand, suffered at logging.

TWO HURT AT COPPER MTN.

WHEN an airline burst at Copper Mtn., two men were painfully hurt and taken to the Princeton Hospital.

BOYS INJURED: DRIVER HELD

STRUCK by an automobile at Keremeos, the two Haffey boys of East Princeton were injured and taken to Princeton Hospital. The driver was held and taken to Penticton.

Car Smashes Into Rocks

A car failed to make the approach at Stirling Creek bridge, near Hedley, and crashed into boulders nearby. The car was badly damaged and the driver shaken up.

Keremeos Wins School Track Meet

1. Keremeos; 2. Princeton; 3. Hedley; 4. Copper Mtn.

THIS time it's Keremeos for sure. Since the annual school track meet was inaugurated back when Fido's pop was a pup, Keremeos-Princeton rivalry has been like "that" and if we were to say Princeton over-all has a hair edge, we'd be starting an argument.

Last year the gladiators (some sad affairs) trooped back from Hedley assured Keremeos had won. It was official — while it lasted; by grace of a scoring error, no doubt by a Latin prof.

So the cup was somewhat sheepishly packed up and sent up to Princeton. But you get the idea—it was that close.

This time, however they are satisfied there will be no about face. Keremeos, aided by the handicap, displaced Princeton, with Hedley third and Copper Mtn. fourth. Details hoped for later. Next year's meet—it alternates—is at Princeton.

Greek Gramma

Gamma House won the annual track meet at Princeton High School. Elementary grades also had their meet.

FOR HEALTH'S SAKE

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Your M.H.O. advises The more the river rises, The more she is in flood, The more the water's mud. For Safety's sake BOIL IT.

★ McGillicuddy remarks that if a guy voted for them all, as they urge him to, they'd put him on jail.

★ McGillicuddy says the trouble is it's the wrong people who are jumping in, and again warns Allan to quit shoving. A couple of disappointed guys had better be watched after next Monday.

★ Still no danger of high water at Copper Mtn. or Nickel Plate.

★ Said the Doctor: "Dave, will you ask them to boil their water in the next issue?" You can try, but some of you surely will use it to boil it with; and some no doubt would like to boil the P.D.

★ Said issue was produced under difficulties — even rather more than usual. Staff was rushed with rodeos and elections and resurrections and after doing a job for the butcher was on one for the doctor; got crossed and nipped off a yard of lower case q shank in the job press. Then the element in the typesetting machine found the news too hot. Like light bulbs these are priority spares; we checked our inheritance, but when we came to use them found three — but not four. That was a patch-up the doctor could not make, so these brainchildren have been raised on a blowtorch. They should boil water. And here are some lower case qqqqqqqqq, in case the finger is too short.

Princeton Baseballers Trounced At Kamloops

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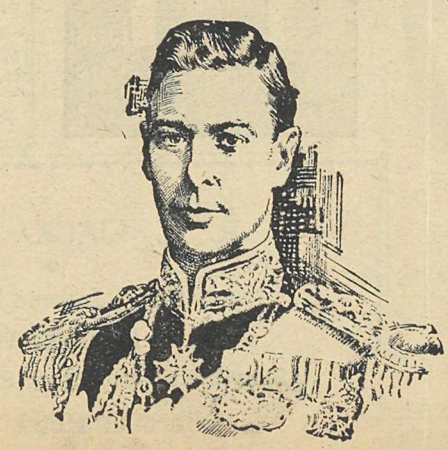

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DEMOCRACY HAS A STAKE IN THIS ELECTION . . AND A WORD FOR YOU

THE big show is on. The politicians are doing their stuff, and in a week comes your chance to do yours.

It is an important occasion, the keystone of our democratic way of life Whatever you do, it is important; it has vital value. It is a responsibility that has no escaping — or its consequences. Government is by consent. You make the bed on which you lie. It is a serious business; as serious as life.

Last week we stated our election policy. We said that, since politics in its present state is patently a business—and big business—we regard it as the business of the politicians to sell you their wares; and since good government is vitally your business, and you have equal franchise and an equal stake, neither you nor the politicians should expect us to do your job. In the true interest of good government, it could be but a rank disservice. Good government can come only, in our democratic way, from an alert and honest citizenry. If we have not good government, there is the fault; and, in honesty essentially non - partisan, far from uncaring, we do not hesitate the honest and solicitous opinion that it is the fact.

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You will not like that, nor will the politicians. It does not flatter. It is not the stuff to win popularity contests, or votes; it is not good salesmanship, in the Dale Carnegie vogue, but somehow it is hard to see the Angel Gabriel with a Dale Carnegie diploma around his neck, selling soft soap. And what is good in heaven ought to make a good earth, which is the true business of elections. If we want it—and good government is the means to it—it is the hard truths of A. G. we shall have to look to, and not the subtleties and sophistries of D.C. Politicians are no magicians. It is the best we can require that they be true men.

The weakness of democracy is corruption by good In theory it is perfect — free choice of the good that makes happiness in the divine lease of free will

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If man were truly wise, with God-like wisdom, his choice would be good and good would be good business, for the real value is happiness, and it can only be bought in true values of good. But the Psalmist would sing in melodious rags while the Andrews sisters raked in raucous millions, because you want it that way; and a Phillistine who never handled a grain of corn rakes in a cool half million — from starving stomachs — by a grain exchange gamble, and is great, with a half million of your supreme standard of value, while if a starving man took a dollar's worth, he would be a criminal.

Government pemits it, because you permit it; you want it, when you turn on your radio, when you bet on a horse race, when you double your rent because people will pay in scarcity, when you hold the strike gun at the peak crisis, when you ban margerine and create an artificial scarcity of butter. And in a thousand ways, from tycoon to tramp. It is the accepted tactic of modern business, the gauge of success, the standard of values.

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It is the privilege of free will. What you don't see is that it is self-strangulation and slavery. You forget the fundamental principle of the game of levers; the greater the fulcrum, the greater the power, that the rich get richer, with the rakeoff ever thinning the pot. You don't greatly care. You may have the lucky ticket. There is no magic; what comes out has to go in; somebody loses, and eventually the common weal of happiness pays. That is the antithesis of democracy. Its consequences are all about us, in chaos bureaucracy, shortage and frustration in the most fruitful stage of progress, a serfdom, economic and moral, only more tragic in its illusion of freewill run to suicidal licence. It is the gift of government, whose task is the ordering of our affairs; and it is by consent—nay, you demand it.

It is not the issue we will hear on the platforms in this bye-election. though the real issue it is, and government's task to face it. For government is not politics. Government is right; politics has made it expediency, and the price is dear.

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It is not the thing you would vote for. Hard, simple truths have no great appeal. You like to play ostrich to the simple mathematics of life, to get something for nothing; you don't very much care how it is done, and you don't stop to realize that it can't be done.

When a cow gives a gallon of milk and it costs a dollar, you know it will divide up into four quarts at 25c. There is no other, and no better way. But you try to get out of it five quarts at 15c. That could only be done by watering the milk, and the true values of life are being watered down in every way.

Cheat begets cheat: the incentive is to reply in kind, the pressure closing in from all sides, in the crude rule of force, the antithesis of good government and democracy, made more complicated, more wastefully artificial at every stage until the simple function of government—the social ordering of simple, inexorable natural laws — becomes a wasteful tangle of expensive, obstructive and untenable artificial props, with no relation between the dollar as society's unit of value and true values at all. And no bacon and no nails. The war that made all these difficulties was far more a civil war than a hot war, and Hilter was the least of the dictators and the aggressors. In the mass of little wrongs, you, the democratic elector are far more damaging.

But you wouldn't vote for any politician who was fool enough to tell you so, and that all the best leader could promise you is that one and one make two, and the best government and the truest efficiency is to cut it fairly, with as little unproductive waste as possible, and in this hyper-efficient set-up the unproductive waste is appalling. and values are well watered down.

There is no better example than the cost of getting your vote—that simple privilege, that plain personal good business of good government, democracy, and the fruit of life. Did you ever stop to think what it does cost? No one should have to coax you to do what is in your own interest.

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Election costs are not necessarily waste. Democracy is good value, but if it misses the cardinal principle of democracy it is waste, for nothing done outside that spirit will assist or endure, and simple principles to-day need taking down and shining up, or practical things do not stick, and that is waste.

And so is much of electioneering, because it is the type of salesmanship that appeals to you, the political fuzz instead of the sound cloth of good government.

Few politicians would dare to argue against this principle; few electors, in sober wisdom would disagree. Yet how vital a force is it in elections and in government, and how many wrongs—and stupid wrongs—do get in that it would keep out? For it is not abstract idealistic theory; it is the steeering function of the machine of government. It is vitally practical.

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But as the best in human discovery of values. it is accepted and sanctified and put up on the shelf and forgotten as too sacred for the mundane game of grabbing values. What is the object of grasp when the values are valueless?

More than once opinions from this simple page have been written, with acknowledgment, into our leaders' parliamentary addresses; and applauded forgotten in the scramble of expedient law-making. And they are very welcome to this, for while we are not always with them in their works, we are sincerly with them in the mission of their work of good government.

But how many of you would vote for this type of salesmanship? You applaud the general sentiment; and pull your ads out when the beam falls on what you foolishly fancy to be your own profit.

And the politicians know that. They discovered the politics that have now seeped through the whole structure and you are stupid if you fancy you can trim them at their own game; and that game is the very vital one of the common weal, the regulation of the real values of life; and you pay dearly for your bargains, as anything that upsets the true balance is dearly paid for.

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There are politicians, sincere men in the service of government, who know and espouse this truth, but, however deep down you may respect him you don't like and don't patronize the man who practices no hokus pokus but honest values, and offends you in holding you to them.

And the sad truth is that a man who held to these principles would stand a slim chance of your election, and even so would be a lost voice in the pack of party politics. It is sad that what should be the noblest of the professions is a by-word for something very different. It is because we see the significance so real that we flay politics so hard. And your part in it.

We hear in the current propaganda vestiges of these principles—sincerity and public service. It is sincerely to be hoped they are sincere. But there can be hypocrisy even in sacred things, and that is the most cruel of all.

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The two great enemies of democracy and good government and a good life are hypocrisy and apathy. Worse than even sad but helpless ignorance. There is sufficient lack of good in this world, to make the mess of things they are in. That is hypocrisy and wrong. There is sufficient good to take hold, and its failure is apathy and cowardice.

Beyond their words, our governments are our servants; it is our part and our need to demand service and leadership, in sincerity that is more than an empty word—and return it ourselves.

The aim of politics today is neither leadership nor service, but power, and this obsequience to the elector is very soon forgotten in the government machine.

The record of government is in the state of things, and that is sorry enough. Political debate is too often like a court skirmish between two lawyers, solely concerned with winning a case on tricks of law, with little concern for justice, waxing aspish for effect, and sipping fraternal cocktails afterwards.

In such an atmosphere it is stupid hypocrisy to talk of sincerity or public service. Here are two examples picked at random from Hansard. You find them almost on every page

Mr. MacInnis is explaining the opposition of the C.C.F. to the Communists. Mr. Case asks his views on "the book 'Make This Your Canada', by David Lewis, alias Louse".

Mr. Archibald — Take out the drunken bum.

Mr. Cardiff demands a withdrawal. The Speaker, presumably in the hubbub, has missed it, asks what is the point of order

Mr. Cardiff—The Hon. Member for Skeena made a slanderous remark about the Hon. Member for North Gray.

Mr. Archibald—The Hon. Member for North Gray made a slanderous remark about a member of our movement and implied race hatred.

More hubbub. The Speaker requests a withdrawal, after an appeal to be allowed to hear.

Mr. Archibald—On your instructions, I withdraw.

Mr. Fraser—Not under instructions. That is not good enough.

Finally Mr. Archibald withdraws.

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Mr. Case—Are you in favor of Communism or against it?

Mr. MacInnis — It would be useless to tell my Hon. friend, because he would not know after I had told him.

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Mr. MacInnis—I do not believe there is any Englishman who considers the civil war, when King Charles lost his head, anything to be ashamed of.

Mr. Case — King Charles lost his head.

Mr. Irvine—You never had one to lose.

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Are these very inspiring examples of sincerity in public service by the bright boys of Parliament Hill? You may think them clever, but sober reflection may feel it tragic that in such pressing opportunity that the place of the people's welfare becomes an arena of private insult and party pecadillo. The ability is so obviously there; insincerity is much harder to excuse. The tone of Hansard, returning after an absence fighting for democracy, is startlingly disgusting. The very basis of democracy is the sincere, intelligent and receptive presentation of the yea and the nay.

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Is there much hope for conviction then in election protestations of sincere public service? Is there much spirit in a democracy that has to consider passing laws to force people to vote? There are sincere men and good citizens who in this election will not vote, not because they have not thought or do not care, but because they refuse to endorse a travesty.

Not all abstention is conscientious. Apathy must bear a large share of the blame; plus a low public conscience that gambles in politics as long as it hopes to win, and simply pulls out when the game takes its toll.

It is all very well to say that government is by consent, and tragically true that a sound public morale is the basis of a healthy democracy, but that is like blaming a blind man for being blind. Surely it is the cream of our men who should represent us and lead us, and surely a vital qualification in our leaders is sincerity in leadership. It is their profession, and a sacred trust. Are they not designated the **Honorable** members?

There are patent faults on both sides, and no excuse for apathy. The conscientious objector is not conscientious at all when he disdains to give the candidates a hearing.

Votes cost money, and the expense should not be a bribe, but a legitimate good value. It is therefor the doom of democracy and a tragic waste when people will not take the trouble to hear some of the ablest men in their country. Some do not care but a great many do not trust. If it were possible, the real vote of no confidence would come from the people; no confidence, not merely in government and certainly not no confidence in democracy or in our political system, but simply in its present practice. And if the parties are sincere, they should give serious thought to that, for they cannot do their job or fulfill their mission without it.

All is not well with democracy. There are serious threats from without. It is the finest system man has devised, but its greatest strength is within, and there now is its greatest weakness. We must look to it—all of us who value the good life.

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It is well to check now and then on basic origins. Democracy is a Greek root meaning the rule of the people. Originally it meant all the citizens gathering together and more or less making their own laws. We have drifted a long way from that both in practice and in theory. Specialization is all very well in a complex and specialized age, but we won't approach democracy, or its blessings, until we recover the spirit of it and trust ourselves and our leaders in the rest. The voter who doesn't care, the mere party heeler, the candidate who refuses debate with his opponent, the member who makes the people's house an arena for petty politics, are all far astray.

We take no sides and we attack no party. We know that offence makes no converts and sincerity has no place for it.

We believe in the good life, and see a vital need for good government, with sincerity more important than party. We see many faults that rob us of good government and a good life. We believe in democracy to bring us the good life, and democracy is in danger, from without and within. It will take a combined operation a drastic purge, and sincerity, to save it, and win its full fruits, and for that at election time, we appeal, from above and below, to the honor and in the true interests of us all

have (or have?) appeared in Oliver and preventative measures are being taken in the schools.

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A NEW SCHOOL

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With four wins and a loss, Omak leads the Interior International ball loop. Oliver, Penticton and Kelowna all have won two out of four, with Orovi le still to record a win.

BROWN'S SCOUT'S SCHOOL

Tony Robello, scout for the St. Louis Browns, is holding a four day training school in Colville. Big Ed Brandt (Braves) was one of the best known to go up from Interior Washington.

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Big Business is trying to create a bread monopoly in B.C. Vancouver firms are dumping bread in Interior towns, in yours. In many towns the merchants have eagerly refused to be disloyal to their bakers, their community. In Princeton most stores have agreed not to handle dumped bread. But it is still coming into your town. The final decision rests with YOU.

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1. This bread is at least two days old when you get it.
2. It is only 15 oz. Princeton bread is 16 oz.
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4. With the distance so great, you take a big chance of being let down.
5. Consider what will happen if the monopoly is realized.

Your bakers—your town—is worth more to you than this!

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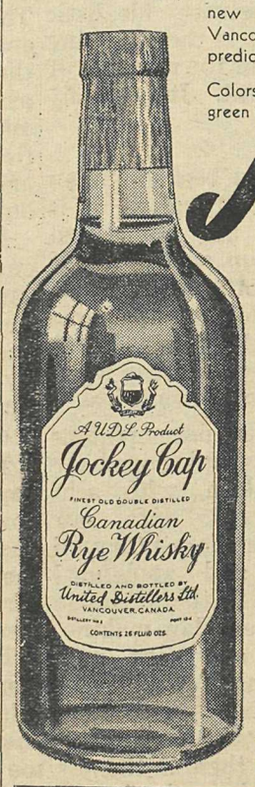
Colors: Green and white quarters; white sleeve, green sleeve, black cap.



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- Federal financial help for health services, hospitals and health insurance.
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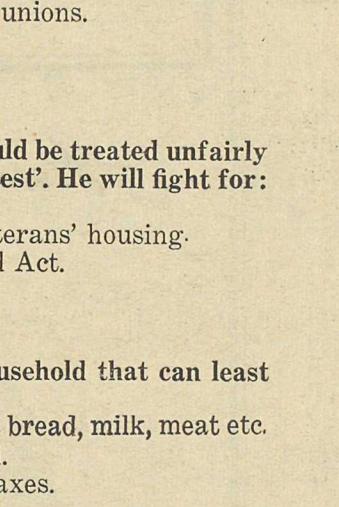

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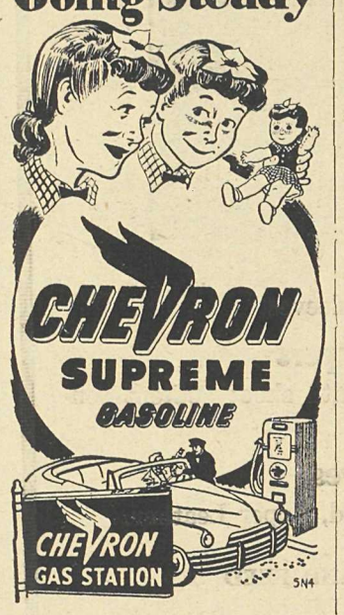

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ON ELECTION DAY, MAY 31st

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'TED' CHAMBERS on the GOVERNMENT SIDE

or

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"TED" CHAMBERS SHOULD BE ELECTED

—Because of his long experience as a practical fruit grower.
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VOTE FOR

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THE FORWARD MARCH OF INDUSTRIAL BRITISH COLUMBIA IF EVERY CITIZEN KNOWS
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— What We Are Making.
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IT IS OUR HOPE THAT EVERY INDUSTRY
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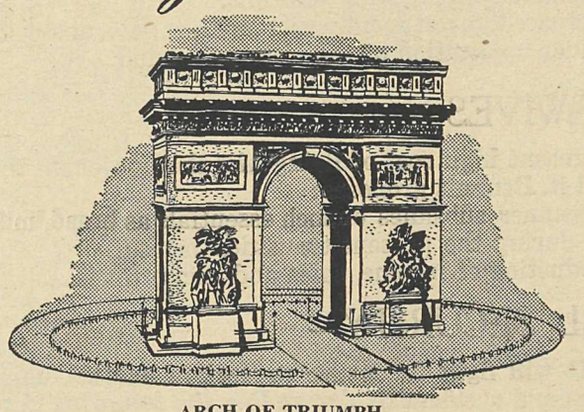

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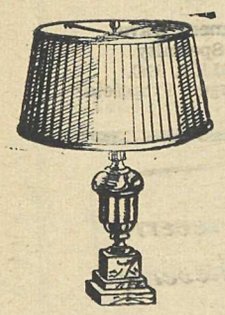

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. . . Malcolm McRae was beaten into unconsciousness, left in a ditch to die. He was a voter in the Third District, Prince Edward Island who had, the previous year, voted against certain members who were later unseated on charges of intimidation and violence.

Now a new election was called—but Malcolm McRae was warned *not to vote.* In those days he was not protected by the secret ballot—yet Malcolm McRae determined to set out for the polls, risking his life for the right to vote.

Today, because of the courage of men like Malcolm McRae, you run no risk at all in your free, unhampered exercise of the franchise.

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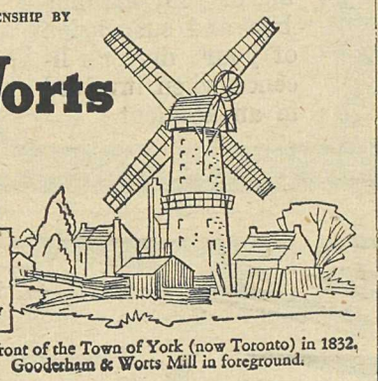

Waterfront of the Town of York (now Toronto) in 1832, Gooderham & Worts Mill in foreground.

YALE VOTERS!

YOU Will Decide

on

MAY 31ST

for

TED CHAMBERS

Assisting and Co-operating with the Government

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Another Opposition Member to Carp and Criticize

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The Future of Yale's Lifeline - -
Production and Marketing - -
Is Uncertain, and Yale Needs
'Ted' Chambers at Ottawa.
He Has the Knowledge, Experience,
and the Personal Influence
which Yale Needs Now.

Mr. Chambers's continued service to growers . . .
His sympathy with the aims of Labor, and
His sincere loyalty towards Canada and towards Yale
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MR. and MRS. ELECTOR: Your "Party" choice can await a GENERAL Election. The event on May 31st is a BYE-Election.

Decide Now to Vote for

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ELCO, ELGIN and other well known makes. Waterproof watches.

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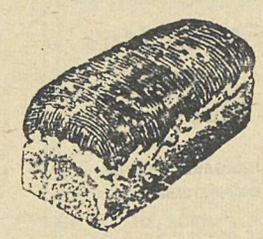

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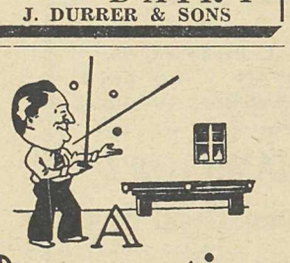

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