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Time To Organize.

THE FEELING HAS been expressed in more than one place that the Liberals of Western Ontario should go ahead with their organization work right now, when the interest is still keen following the success at the general election.

One of the best-known Liberals of London Township was discussing this matter, and brought forth the very good suggestion that an attempt should be made to get Liberal clubs to follow through the sessions as they will now be held, and in that way keep their members thoroughly informed on the current political history of the day. In short, here is his view:

"A debate is always more interesting when it is right near at hand. The people are talking about it more or less, and the many points brought out by the various speakers are certain to form the basis of much of the material on which the next general election will be fought out. The election issues are always taken from the records of the various parties in the house. Thus, if we had a membership that was ready to get down to real work for a while, say once a week, go over briefly the important things that had been brought up in the house, study the Liberal angle on the matters, and know for a certainty why the party follows certain policies on these questions, you would find by the time another election came around there would be very little demand for speakers, hand-books, or any other form of election material, because the members would be well informed on the matters of importance, and perfectly competent to deal with them. I am quite convinced that this is the one best way to study current politics. It is impossible every three or four years, to take a few weeks off and cram the workers and speakers with a lot of canned facts and knowledge, and expect them to be on familiar ground. In that way it is only possible for them to have a smattering of knowledge, and as a consequence, their work is ineffective."

It might be argued that the public press provides this material from day to day. Quite true, but a man never remembers a thing as well from reading as from arguing or debating about it.

The suggestions in the above opinion are sound. Their one drawback is that they call for some good stiff work, but in the end they hold out something worth while in a fund of knowledge that can hardly be secured in any other way.

The feeling in favor of more definite work along organization lines is quite marked in a good many centres. The last election witnessed a coming together of different factions of Liberalism in Ontario, and no time should be lost in carrying the work to completion. The organization of more Liberal clubs along practical and well-proven lines in one of the best methods that could be employed.

A Good Loser.

IT REQUIRES NO particularly courageous trait of character to be a winner. It is a comparatively easy thing to bear election honors easily and gracefully, if one has been through a contest and emerged successfully.

It is a different proposition to carry on in the same manner when the electors have decided that some other person is the choice for the seat you formerly occupied.

One of the best losers in the whole Dominion is Duncan C. Ross, who for years held the Dominion seat for West Middlesex. Duncan Ross fought a good hard campaign in 1921, and when he went down he did so knowing that he could meet any or all of the electors the next day with the knowledge that he retained their respect.

Speaking to The Advertiser in Stratford a day or so ago, two residents of Lobo, who were just going up to the office of Mr. Ross on business, stated "Duncan Ross is the best loser we ever had in these parts. He is just as ready to be of any help or assistance to the men who voted against him as he would be were he elected with their assistance."

That's the spirit that's worth while, and no doubt that is the spirit that accounts for the years of public service that he was able to render the constituents of West Middlesex.

There may be some men in the surrounding towns who can walk down the streets of their respective towns and call more people by their first names than Duncan C. Ross can in Stratford, but in order to do so they would have to give a continuous performance.

Just now Mr. Ross is attending to a legal practice that is one of the busiest concerns in Western Ontario. There may be a tendency on the part of public men to intimate that after a reverse in an election contest they are through with it.

Duncan Ross has had to try to entertain some such views follow-

"After Us, the Deluge!"



William Harding

ing the election, but it would be hard to convince the Liberals of West Middlesex today that they have any intention of allowing Duncan C. Ross to drop out of public life.

Warns Municipalities.

WRITING IN the Globe of recent date, George H. Ross, finance commissioner of Toronto, takes occasion to warn municipalities not to be carried away by the easier tendency in the money markets, which might cause them to forget their present indebtedness in their anxiety to go on with new work.

Mr. Ross points out that money is much easier to secure now, and the rate is more favorable to the borrowers, recent domestic issues having been placed in the New York market on a basis of less than 6 per cent, compared with 7 per cent a year ago.

Canadian municipalities, in many cases, have financed from the banks, rather than sell their bonds in the high interest market. The result will be that right now there will be a large offering of municipal debentures because the money is available at a lower rate. In this way the municipalities will finance in a more favorable way.

There is a peculiar preference of buyers for bonds at par or slightly below, rather than at a premium. Just recently London City Council reduced the rate on some of its issues from 6 to 5½ per cent. The bonds may not sell for quite as much, but it is safe to say there will be a saving made in the long run, and the sale of the bonds will not be adversely affected by the slight reduction in rate.

Mr. Ross issues a word of warning that is quite timely, if it is severe, when he draws attention to the fact that the ratepayers cannot carry a heavier load than they are carrying at present.

Municipal rates are high for several reasons, chief of these being that the civic body has been operating in a season when the costs of government have been abnormally high, and there have been several seasons when extraordinary demands have been made on civic finances in order to provide work for its citizens who were temporarily out of employment.

Mr. Ross goes on to say that the "prevailing high tax rates are the result of an era of high prices, during which the obvious need of retrenchment was utterly ignored. Unless determined action is taken the tax rates, now burdensome, will become intolerable. This would work a double hardship upon those municipalities which have pledged their faith and credit in support of public ownership of their utilities. High taxes will not only stop new industries from coming to the industrial centres, but will undoubtedly cause some already established to leave for places where the rate is more moderate. If the growth of municipalities is thus retarded, the development and expansion of publicly-owned utilities will be correspondingly circumscribed, and in the end the large investment in these public services may be imperilled."

High tax rates are dangerous when they get to the point of making it hard for people to own their own homes, but they are necessary, and useful when they prevent councils doing what is even more foolish, contemplating a deficit in the striking of the tax rate.

Today the housing of employees is one of the big factors in the making or spoiling of an industrial centre. If a city is going to grow great it must do so as a city of homes, and a city of homes can only be built by people who are able to pay their way under the conditions imposed upon them.

Municipal financing is easier now, but against that the municipalities have to face the hard fact that they have, for the most part, large amounts to be attended to by reason of the bills of past years. It is an exception to find a municipality that is making any serious attempt to reduce its liabilities.

A Western View.

IT IS INTERESTING to note the Western view of the conferences that were held with an idea of securing an understanding between Hon. Mackenzie King and Hon. T. A. Crerar. The Regina Leader, under the heading of "A Great Opportunity Lost," commenting on the failure of these two forces to reach any understanding that would lead to the inclusion of the Progressives, said in part:

"The Morning Leader looks upon this decision of the Progressives as regrettable from every point of view that counts for anything at this time."

"Assuming that the Progressive group in the house maintains a neutrality sufficiently benevolent, a purely Liberal government can be formed by the Hon. Mr. King, with the assurance that it will endure; but it cannot be a government as well rounded and representative of all sections of the country as the times demand. The Liberals swept the eastern provinces, and the Progressives swept the western provinces. They have both become for the moment sectional parties; and no government of Canada can be said to be even an approximation of what it should be unless it is fairly representative of all sections. The Hon. Mr. King showed that he recognized this fact when he made his recent advances to the Hon. Mr. Crerar and his followers. The fact that but few Liberal candidates were elected in Western Canada did not in the Hon. Mr. King's mind destroy the right of the western provinces to representation in his government. What he could not accomplish by appointing Liberals to represent the West, he desired to accomplish by appointing Progressives. This was the hope of a statesman, who placed country before party."

The Progressives cannot claim that Mackenzie King slammed the door in their face at any time during the election, or in the period when he was forming his cabinet. Throughout he displayed an anxiety, even to the point of annoying some of his more pronounced Liberal supporters, to make his cabinet thoroughly representative.

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LITTLE 'TISERS

If China is going to have the open door, perhaps she better get a spring on it.

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25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest, As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1896.

JANUARY 4, 1897.

Weather—Cold wave coming.

M. Kennedy of Lot 12, concession 5, Downie, has sold his farm of 127 acres to Wm. Gillard of Stratford for \$7,000.

The last report of Provincial Health Inspector Bryce of Toronto shows that there were no deaths in Windsor during the past month from contagious diseases.

Charlie Stewart, merchant tailor of Lucknow, and formerly choir leader in the Presbyterian Church there, has been invited to sing in Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph, with the view of being chosen choir leader of the church.

Mr. Westervelt, after over twenty years' service as principal of Mount Forest Public School, has resigned, and was made the recipient on the occasion of two flattering addresses, accompanied with a silver tea set service, a gold-headed cane and gold-rimmed spectacles.

Ald. James R. Hunter, one of Windsor's most popular citizens, will leave Tuesday to take up residence in Toronto. He is a native of Paisley, Ont., and during the last fifteen years has resided in Windsor. He has been made manager of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Typograph Works, located in Windsor.

The handsome rooms of the Chatham Y. M. C. A. were thrown open on New Year's Day for the first time to the general public, a reception being given by the Ladies' Auxiliary. A committee, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Richardson, J. L. Gray, R. V. Bray, R. Bradley, T. W. Torrance and Misses Greening, Coltart, McLachlan and Reid did the hospitalities of the occasion, ably assisted by Dr. R. V. Bray, the permanent secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Wanda, late of Valletta, but now of Comber, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on Thursday at Comber in the presence of a large number of relatives and invited guests. Their union was blessed with the following children: Isabella (Mrs. F. J. Smith) of Grand Rapids, Mich.; John, township councillor, Tilbury East; Alexander of Grand Rapids, Mich.; David of Comber, and Annie (Mrs. J. S. Ainslee) of Comber.

Mr. Charles Willis, Seaford, left here on Thursday for Midland, where he has accepted a position as teacher in the public school.

Miss Annie Gray, Seaford, left on Saturday for Blyth to take the position of teacher in the new school there.

Mrs. J. H. Dickson of London, who has been spending the holidays in Seaford with her brother, Mr. Samuel Trotter, and other friends, left for home on Saturday with Mr. Dickson, who spent New Year's here.

Master Harvey Skye of Port Dover spent his holidays in London.

Mr. Duncan Campbell of Wingham expects to move his family to London in a couple of weeks.

The other evening, at the residence of Mr. James Elson, Oxford street, Mr. McCrae Elson was presented with a gold locket by his friends in the London West Methodist Sunday School.

Rev. Father McBrady, an eloquent Toronto priest, lectured on charity to a large congregation in St. Peter's Cathedral last night in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Father McBrady is a first cousin of the Bishop of London.

Harry C. Currie of Maple street left today to resume his studies at the Detroit College of Medicine.

Include Vitamines in Your Diet

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.



UCH is said these days about the importance of vitamines in the normal healthy diet. Few know what vitamines are or what they do.

Experiments have recently proved that no animal can live upon a mixture of pure protein fats and carbohydrates, nor even when the necessary salts are carefully added, can the animal flourish. Three active substances which must be present to allow the animal growth to flourish have been called vitamines. They are the fat soluble vitamins that prevent scurvy, the fat soluble vitamins that favor body growth and the water soluble vitamins which have to do with appetite.

be a charge on the public for maintenance and deterioration.

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Vertical writing indicates that the writer is more than normally influenced by reason, judgment and self-interest, in most of his or her actions. That is, it indicates it providing the vertical hand is a natural one, and not merely the result of training. The way to catch the difference between the two is in hastily-written messages. It is then that the natural tendency crops out in a slight variation of the slant of the letters from the writer's normal hand.

Vertical writers, however, are by no means lacking in the average amount of sympathy or impulse. But their writing indicates that reason and judgment also enter into their decisions.

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LEGAL QUERIES

Editor Advertiser:

Can you please answer the following questions, and oblige?

A. and B. buy a piece of property

jointly, the deeds being made out in both parties' names.

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Yes. Second. Would it be lawful for A. to

take a mortgage on property?

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These changes became effective December 1st.

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\$25,000,000.00

annually—becomes a very small fraction of a cent when split up among the billions upon billions of small and large articles which constitute the freight traffic of Canada during a year. And because

(3) the Court which has the power to control railway rates is not able to direct who is or is not to get the benefit of reductions. In other words, whether these savings in railway charges are passed on to you—or whether they are absorbed in marketing, cannot be controlled either by the railways or the public.

BUT this fact remains: a very great sum of money—enough to build every year a small city, or a Quebec Bridge, or four hundred and fifty of the newest and most powerful locomotives—is now removed from the revenues of the Canadian Railways and should be reflected, at least to some extent, in the family budgets of all Canadians!

WHETHER your railways can continue to function without the revenue thus lost to them, is an experimental problem facing the various managements. It depends largely on whether traffic keeps up or falls off—and whether costs rise or decline. But the managements are attempting the problem cheerfully and with determination to keep Canada's railway service the cheapest, mile for mile, and among the most efficient in the world!

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AND HAMBURG.
Jan. 23, Mar. 9 Saxonia
Apr. 10 Caronia

CUNARD CANADIAN SERVICE.
SUMMER SAILINGS, 1922.
MONTREAL TO LIVERPOOL.
May 6, June 10, July 15 ... Albania
May 20, June 24, July 29 ... Tyrrenia
July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 16 ... Ansonia

MONTREAL TO LONDON.
CHESTERBURG AND LONDON.
May 13, June 17, July 22 ... Andania
May 27, July 1, Aug. 5 ... Antonia

N. Y. TO GLASGOW (via Merville).
Jan. 21, Feb. 25, Apr. 1 Algeria
Apr. 5, May 6, June 3 Cameronia
N. Y. TO TOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Jan. 26, Feb. 29, Mar. 23 Seythia
Feb. 18, Apr. 1 Albania
Mar. 11, Apr. 6 Cameronia

N. Y. TO CHESTERBURG, SHMPTON.
Feb. 7, Feb. 28, Mar. 21 ... Aquitania
N. Y. TO PLYMOUTH, CHESTERBURG
AND HAMBURG.
Jan. 21, Mar. 7 Saxonia
Apr. 8, May 15, June 19 Caronia
BOSTON TO LONDON, LIVERPOOL
AND GLASGOW.
Feb. 4, Apr. 18, May 23 Assyria
N. Y. TO VICO, GENOA, NAPLES,
PATRAS, DUBROVNIK, FIUME
AND TRIESTE.
Jan. 10 Italia

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