

George Drew and Conservatism

— By Stephen Leacock —

I should like to have the opportunity of expressing through the press my appreciation of the claims of George Drew to political leadership, and my sympathy with the ideas which he represents. I believe that the ideas which he represents are the best ideas to be held in the Dominion. This is not said by way of flattery, but because I have had my share of the rough and tumble of election politics and have found it good fun, while it lasted, with many pleasant recollections left behind. But I have reached an age when people are warned to prefer the simple truth. I do not say this in disparagement of what we call politics. To pick sides is our only way of playing a game fairly and squarely. Many of our politicians of all parties give a long life service for a small reward. George Drew in his family origin represents the British people who made and fashioned Upper Canada and started it on its way, some of them as incoming Loyalists and others as immigrant settlers of the days of the old Canada Company during the great peace. Some by descent, and all by nearness of neighborhood, have remained in close touch and sympathy with the United States, a sympathy bound by a thousand threads of family relationships. We can safely leave our relations with the American republic in the hands of such men as George Drew when we remember that the people of his part of the Dominion are probably in closer touch and understanding with the Americans than any other British people in the world. I am certain that he could play base-ball with General Eisenhower and power with General MacArthur.

Our destiny has given to Canada a singular position in the councils of the world. We have become a sort of middle term between the United States and the British Commonwealth. To the ideas which he represents, to the political, everything we are become by honour of destiny, the key-stone of the world's arch. The attitude is proving too high for some weaker heads. They want to be set down off the key-stone and crawl into one side of the arch itself. No, thank you, Humpty Dumpty. We are all good Canadians. But we need not make ourselves uncomfortable about it. There is no need to hide in the background our British origins, our British traditions and our admiration of the British spirit. Any one who cannot admire the British spirit after the defence of Britain in 1940 is a damn fool.

Even for our French Canadian fellow-Canadians this is a British country. For they themselves, having lived under British government but never participated in its operation and made their contribution, through such men as LaFontaine and Laurier, to its advancement. We need not hold it against George Drew that he is proud of being British and never fears to say so. There is too much nonsense over this at present. For a flag, what better than the Union Jack and "God Save The King" all round, and something extra on the side for each for Canada, "O Canada", if you will for Britain, "Rule Britannia", for the Welsh "Pop Goes The Weasel" (if that's it), and for the Scots a tune on the pipes all to themselves. I am certain that George Drew is not the man ever to let our politics degenerate into a sentimental Victorian drunk over music.

George Drew is a Conservative.

Progressive Conservative

RALLY GEORGE DREW

WILL ADDRESS A MEETING AT 2.30 P.M.

IN THE
High School Auditorium
SIMCOE

Saturday JULY 31st **Afternoon**
Vote **WALSH** HALDIMAND-NORFOLK



ERIC CROSS

SIMCOE, July 23rd, 1943
To The Electors
of Haldimand-Norfolk.

I ask for your support and confidence in the approaching election on August 4th. My duties as Attorney-General and Minister of Municipal Affairs do not permit me to spend as much time in the Riding as I would like and I would ask, therefore, you to regard this open letter as a personal call upon you.

Our first task which over-shadows all others these days is to win the war. We must, nevertheless, maintain our democratic institutions at home and a new Parliament of your choice is now in your hands. That Parliament needs the ablest men you can choose to represent you and to give voice to your interests and your needs. In the past I have endeavoured to be a servant of all my constituents - whatever their political persuasion and if elected I shall continue to do so. It has been a source of pleasure to me, to bring to the County of Haldimand the honour of the high post of Attorney-General. I recognize if it is a wider opportunity of service in your interests and those of Ontario and I will be honoured if you will insure my election so that I can carry on this important trust on your behalf.

Your Government has had a proud record of performance. Your dividends in good Government are real and substantial. The County of Haldimand has benefited to the extent of \$416,000, by way of relief from Municipal Taxation. Two other parties now seek your vote, each with promises which would bankrupt Ontario. Our main object is to keep Ontario sound in wartime and for the problems of peace. I believe Ontario needs the sane and steady leadership of the Honourable Harry Nixon.

I urge you to vote on August 4th for the man whom you think best able to represent you in the Parliament of Ontario.

I wish to thank all my constituents for the opportunity of serving them for the past six years assembly and with your confidence I promise to serve you as I have done in the past.

Yours sincerely,
Eric Cross

There is no harm in that - or not now. Conservatism like all things human was born in part at least, in sin, just as the original Liberalism carried the suspicious appearance of the visionary or the revolutionist, so the Conservative carried some reminiscence of the tyrant, of the power of the lord over the serf and of the rich over the poor. Far down into our time something of this carried on as class privilege, as vested right in church and state and property. All that has passed away. A Conservative leader now-adays no more keeps a dungeon than a Liberal keeps a dagger. The Canadian party is now the Progressive Conservative party, thus recognizing a thing in name after it has long existed as a fact - another highly British practice. The Magna Carta was really centuries old before they signed it.

Conservatism must now mean in Canada a guardianship not of the rights of a class but of the rights, and of the welfare of all; not theories, facts; not dreams, realities; not tears, but action. Conservatism proposes to make a new social order by working the old social order properly. I am certain that millions of my fellow Canadians agree with me that we must be done for ever with unemployment, done for ever with giving children just enough.

By the use of methane a by-product of sewage purification, the West Middlesex Drainage Board (England) has been able to save 1,267,000 gallons of fuel oil and 2,800 gallons of petrol in a year.

In the year that war broke out Britain imported more than 1,800,000 tons of paper-making materials. Today her imports are negligible and paper is being made from salvaged paper and sometimes from cotton rags.

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(Signed) STEPHEN LEACOCK, Orillia, July 8, 1943.

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Voters who have relatives in Service out of Ontario, please contact us

VOTE "WALLY" WALSH

Robinson Business College -- NEWS -- (WATERFORD)

Thirty students of this past year's class have already accepted good positions. Several others do not desire office employment until August.

The complete list to date is as follows:

Pauline E. Goble, Waterford - Secretary, Cocksbutt Plow Co., Brantford.
Morris Held, Fisherville - Canadian Gypsum Co., Hagersville.
Martha Nytray, Townsend - Cocksbutt Plow Co., Brantford.
Lily Atkinson, Waterford - St. Catharines Steel Products Co., St. Catharines.
Dawn Elshoe, Canfield - Canadian Bank of Commerce, Danville.
Betty Bisbee, Canfield - Otis-Fensom Co. Ltd., Hamilton.
Twila Lynbarner, Canfield - Dominion Glass Co. Ltd., Brantford.
Clayton Snively, Holstein - Glendinning, Gazy & Roberts, Toronto.
Marion E. McDougall, Scotland - Crane Co., Toronto.
Ray Parkhill, Norwich - Cocksbutt Plow Co., Brantford.
Theina Penny, Norwich - Cocksbutt Plow Co., Brantford.
Donald Winger, Hagersville - Michigan Central Railway, Waterford.
Norma Pios, Waterford - Verity Plow Co., Brantford.
Stuart Rammage, Oakland - Clerk-Typist, R.C.M.P. Regt., Ray Burkholder, Waterford - Stenographer (Medical), R.C.A.P. (W.D.) Ottawa.
Melva Long, Waterford - Southern Ontario Telephone Co., Waterford.
Marion Aiton, Waterford - Molded Aircraft Ltd., Brantford.
Margaret Fleming, Waterford - Molded Aircraft Ltd., Brantford.
Veda Kitchen, Waterford - Molded Aircraft Ltd., Brantford.
Hilda Rusling, Boston - Hughes, Agar & Thompson, Toronto.
Edna Jaques, Jarvis - Secretary, Cocksbutt Plow Co., Brantford.
Dorothy Kinsella, Norwich - Clerk-Typist, R.C.A.P. School No. 5, Brantford.
Pauline Pettit, La Salette - Junior Teacher, R.R.C. Waterford.
Jessie Rettle, Norwich - Bank of Montreal, Norwich.
Marion Holtzman, Waterford - Bell Telephone Co., Toronto.
Elsie Garner, Wilsonville - Canadian Canners Ltd., Toronto.
Ruth MacMillan, Teeterville - Ryrie, Birks & Co., Toronto.
Clarke M. Smith, Hagersville - Clerk, Brockville Refine. Co., Alton, B.C.
Mrs. Rheta Hailer, Waterford - Secretary, National Soldiers' Service Office, Simcoe.
Mrs. Hazel Billmore, Colborne - St. Williams Presbytery, Simcoe.
Leota Bowman, Hagersville - Meakins & Sons Ltd., Hamilton.

Young people desiring to enroll with us for the Fall Term should write at once to the Principal, O. U. Robinson, Waterford, for our beautiful New Catalogue which will be off the press in a few days.

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The regular Sunday morning service of the Young Men's Club of Chalmers' Church, presented Lorne with a suit of clothes. Lorne has been a member of this group since it was some fifteen years ago. He has been one of its most regular attendants. Lorne is a few well chosen words and James Biggar presented Lorne with a suit of clothes. Lorne has been a member of this group since it was some fifteen years ago. He has been one of its most regular attendants. Lorne is a few well chosen words and James Biggar presented Lorne with a suit of clothes. Lorne has been a member of this group since it was some fifteen years ago. He has been one of its most regular attendants. Lorne is a few well chosen words and James Biggar presented Lorne with a suit of clothes.

The Letter Box

Dear Members: Just received another 200 Buckinghams and since I am starting another leave on Wednesday, they are more than ever appreciated at this time. Yours very truly, MALCOLM PEACOCK

Dear Friends: Just a line to let you know that I received another 300 cigarettes today. In the last month or so I can see that I am receiving most of the cigarettes which you send me. Thanks a million. Yours as ever, KEITH FESS

Dear Friend: I want to thank you for the 600 cigarettes that I received today. I am in a hospital and my mail is catching up to me now and they are very good. I do appreciate them very much. E. J. MCCARTIN

Dear Sir: I received another 300 cigarettes today. They were a real gift for me. I was going on leave this morning but I wasn't pleased as they could never have come to me at a more welcome time. Please thank every one concerned. Yours truly, J. BARTLETT

I sure enjoy Canadian cigarettes. London, July - (CP) - F. J. Osborn, president of the Town and I would like to put my new address in here. Now thanking you once again, I shall sign off. Yours as ever, WM. G. HOSKIN

Hear GEORGE McCULLAGH
President and Publisher, Toronto Globe and Mail

Thursday, July 29—10.30 p.m.
Friday, July 30—10.30 p.m.
CFRB and Network

His Subject:
"This Election Decides Canada's Future"



VOTE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 FOR LOWER TAXES - BETTER INCOMES A SECURE FUTURE

The people of Ontario have much to gain from the Progressive Conservative programme, outlined by the Leader, George Drew, on July 8th after months of consultation with farmers, merchants, drovers and all classes of citizens all over the Province.

The Progressive Conservative Government will:

- 1 Establish county committees of leading farmers to plan production and distribution of farm products to meet domestic and foreign demands on a profitable basis—to assure for the farmers a fairer share of the national income.
- 2 Eliminate speculation in livestock by converting stock yards into a province-wide publicly owned service.
- 3 Relieve farmers and all home owners of one-half the school taxes.
- 4 Revise the whole provincial tax system to stimulate home improvements and house building.
- 5 To provide for every child all the education that can be usefully absorbed.
- 6 Introduce such vocational training in schools as will imbue farmers' children with pride in and love for agriculture as a basic and honourable calling; and fit them to make it in their own life time a more gainful occupation than it has been in the past.
- 7 Educate the rising generation to earn their own living and make their own way.
- 8 Improve the health of children by furnishing them with adequate medical and dental care.
- 9 Increase mothers' allowances and old age pensions.
- 10 Reduce the cost of electric power to farms and homes.

The rural population, which in more senses than one have their feet on the ground, will approve the note of authority and confidence which animates the Progressive Conservative platform. The farmers will welcome the advent of a strong aggressive administration to Queen's Park—an administration which will employ the most advanced economic and scientific methods to develop and utilize the agricultural, mining, forest, and other natural resources of the Province, to build up a strong provincial economy, furnish steady employment to men and women and establish social security for all classes.

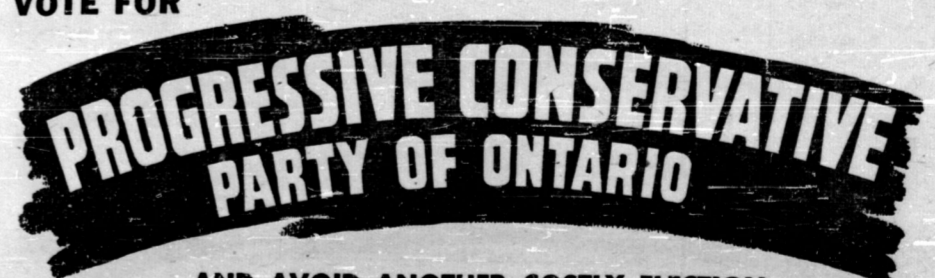
The Progressive Conservative Programme affirms that the moral, spiritual and material welfare of Ontario will be best assured under British democratic institutions and within the British Commonwealth of Nations and Empire.

THE ISSUE IS NOW IN YOUR HANDS... VOTE FOR

- (1) The Progressive Conservative Candidate—(No Party in the history of this Province ever attracted a more representative group of candidates). The Party is pledged to carry out every commitment given in the Drew 22-Point Programme. Drew has faith in Ontario, faith in its people, faith in the future. Only Drew can win.
- (2) We want and need a change—vote for a change—but weigh the facts. Don't vote for a party whose aims you have never studied or who would destroy individual property rights and everything else you hold dear. Drew's programme is clear and sound. Don't cast a vote that will set Ontario back 100 years. Vote to assure George Drew a strong working majority in the Legislature.

Take the necessary time off on Wednesday, 4th of August, and mark your ballot for the Progressive Conservative Candidate.

MAKE ONTARIO STRONG



AND AVOID ANOTHER COSTLY ELECTION

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