

Lindsay House May Be Preserved

by Jessie Miller

Last Tuesday a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lindsay, Con. 2 Walpole.

It was noted that in the early twentieth century apples were one of the main crops of this farm being shipped to England in barrels. The farm youth in those days were anxious to go apple picking in the fall after the farm work was finished.

The writer well remembers the wagon loads of barrelled apples seen on the road being hauled to the railway for shipment.

This was a southern Ontario and New York state industry. Many apples from the Dunnville area and I presume others were sent to Germany to make champagne.

Mr. V. N. Styrmo, Museum Advisor, Historical Branch Parliament Buildings, Toronto was present. On his advice Mr. Lindsay was told to write the Heritage Foundation Inc. of Toronto as well as contact a former secretary

of the Township of Toronto Historical Foundation, which has been successful in overcoming such a situation. It was learned that these contacts had already been made.

Mr. Styrmo said at least two acres should go with the house as workman like to take a breather when they have their break. Also parking and picnic tables are important.

He said he would like to see some good old fashioned strawberry festivals at such a place. In this way our old "Folk Lore" might be preserved as at Upper Canada Village.

He said if this house and grounds could be saved it would provide a much needed facility and preserve a rapidly disappearing type of Architecture that graced rural communities.

An approach to County Council about the project was tabled for now because extra money is needed for the Old People's home at Dunnville, which is scheduled to be enlarged.

A reply to a letter to Texaco, stated a representative of the company, would be in Nanticoke shortly and would arrange to inspect the home. The letter touched on the subject of a Green Belt acre but stated definite plans had not been made because the building would likely be close to the main refinery on Harewood Acres.

Others present at the meeting were, Mr. and Mrs. Hare, of Harewood Acres, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Sider, Curators of the Wilson MacDonald School Museum, Rev. K. N. Brunton, Rev.

Granville Taylor-Munro and Mrs. Jessie Miller, charter member of the Haldimand Historical Society formed in 1934, reporting for the Jarvis Record.

It was decided should the Heritage Foundation of Ontario approve this project the Lindsay's would occupy the house as curators.

At their death it would revert to the province of Ontario.

Knox Church Ladies Aid And WMS

Mrs. Lillie Miller was hostess for the Knox Church afternoon groups for February.

Mrs. Alfred Walker presided for the Ladies Aid reading a poem on prayer followed by singing the psalm "Unto the hills do I lift up my longing eyes" followed by prayer.

Business included the plans for renovating the front living room of the Manse.

The couples club will be responsible for arranging the St. Patrick's supper. Miss Helen Miller, secretary was in charge of business.

Mrs. R. A. Miller convened the W.M.S. using the program designed for the Christian Unity service held in St. Paul's church on Jan. 22 when all local ministers took part and Rev. Eric Ramratten delivered the address.

At that time the weather, health conditions and other conflicting programs combined to cause this service to be very poorly attended.

Rev. Ramratten kindly loaned his notes and Mrs. Miller carried out the service using hymns "All people that on earth do dwell" and several others with Miss Helen Miller at the piano.

Mrs. Herman Fess read the scripture lesson "The Sermon on the mount" and Mrs. Lillian Lowes read the prayer as on the St. Paul's Program. The president read the sermon from Rev. Ramratten's notes.

Miss Helen Miller who had attended the Presbyterian W.M.S. in St. Columbia's church Hamilton on the previous afternoon and evening gave

Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO

John Stanley Mitchell, of Jarvis, was appointed Secretary Treasurer of the Walpole Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at the first meeting of the Board of Directors for 1950, held at the office of the Company on Saturday afternoon. He succeeds Mrs. Alice A. Miller who has held the office since the death of her husband, Geo. L. Miller, who passed away in 1946. Mr. Miller had held the office for Thirty-four years prior to his death.

Smith will be connected with the telephone exchange.

Mr. Bowman was home on leave on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Fleming has long since gained a reputation locally as a dramatic director and her efforts in the play presented on Tuesday night by the Young People of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches, only served to add to her reputation.

The local fight fans who took in the fight card at Hamilton's Municipal Pool last Wednesday night almost found themselves coming home on the way down to the ambitious city.

Local interest was the main bout featuring Mickey Doyle of Dayton, Ohio. The Smith of Dayton, Ohio, watched fans disgustingly watched four preliminaries which in all lasted a little over ten minutes. Scheduled for ten rounds Mickey danced around his opponent till midway through the second round before picking the spot that put Smith to sleep for five minutes.

Twenty-three members attended the meeting of the United Church Womens Association at the home of Mrs. Booth on Tuesday. Mrs. Telford was in the Chair and Mrs. Armstrong conducted the devotional. The Association planned to entertain Presbytery when it meets in Jarvis on Feb 23.

They had visited the Island Fortress last year and reported 98 per cent of the inhabitants as Chinese.

Their reason for visiting Hong Kong was to see their daughter and to meet their new grandson.

Last Sunday morning the recently installed Hammond Organ was heard for the first time and gave great satisfaction to the many worshippers at Knox Church.

During the past week two more Jarvis sons joined the colors. William Bowman, son of Mrs. Kathleen Bowman and Frank Smith, son of Mrs. Gertrude Smith have both joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Mr. Bowman's duties will be in wireless work, while Mr.

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

Things we miss in Western Ontario - cigar store Indians, cracker barrels, chestnut trees, barefoot boys, lively stables, fly nets on horses, peg top pants, two-for-a-nickel cigars, earmuffs, life saver ropes in hotel bedrooms, pigtails on small girls, a natural complexion on the big girls. - London Free Press.

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Editorial Comment

Pollution Peril Grows

The grounding of a Liberian-registry oil tanker off Nova Scotia recently was just the latest in a long series of petroleum pollution of Canada's waters, but it is a grim foretaste of possibly greater such disasters in the future.

The Liberian tanker was a relatively tiny carrier by modern standards, in the 11,000 ton range. Yet crude oil leaked from a number of ruptured compartments causing an oil slick that brought death to many birds along the coast.

The coastal area affected is a remote one, so the problem of beach pollution - as was the case on England's south coast a couple of years ago when another and larger tanker ran aground - didn't arise. But some fears were raised that the oil could have an adverse effect on fish plants in the area.

In any case, the remote location was only a lucky accident. Tankers can - and have - run aground or suffered damage resulting in oil leakage in heavily populated coastal areas. And with most tankers in the 100,000-ton range, and with more on the drawing boards of more than double that tonnage, the odds are moving in favor of a really disastrous incident.

The Nova Scotia incident was the first in Canadian waters in many years involving the actual release of oil through a rupture in a vessel, but for years ships of many flags have been caught dumping bunker fuel in a deliberate manner - even in the fresh inland waters of the Great Lakes.

To the credit of Canadian marine and coast guard authorities, most of these dumping cases have been run down and prosecuted. But the payment of a fine by a shipping line is a small compensation for the damage done to our waters.

One immediate result of the recent Nova Scotia incident was a fast reaction in Parliament, where the federal justice minister announced that his department is investigating the question of legal liability for oil cargoes spilled in Canadian waters. Some time ago Canada had asked at an international meeting in Brussels for establishment of international regulations on liability for pollution damage caused by leaking oil tankers.

The current justice department study is aimed at discovering whether Canada can take solitary measures in the event international agreement proves impossible.

If necessary, Canada should be prepared to go it alone. It would set a healthy example to the other countries of the world.

The Weeklies Say . . .

SPIRIT LOST

Away back at the turn of the century, there was a group of men that would have been a most interesting group to meet and know. This was a group of men who played an important role in the development of the north country.

They have passed away, and along with them the spirit of vision, adventure, yes, the true pioneer spirit that is still needed in this country. - Geraldton (Ont.) Times Star.

QUESTION MOTIVES

David Lewis, the deputy leader of the New Democratic Party, should be commended for publicly raising the issue of three parliamentarians invited to participate in a so-called "world peace conference" in Cairo.

However, on other occasions we felt his criticism of the United States bordered on doctrinaire socialist theories that usually last only as long as a labor party is in opposition. - The Canadian Jewish News.

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A REPLY TO THE OLD OWL

Editor:

Comparing the United States to Canada is in many ways a useless undertaking; however, it is necessary sometimes to undertake useless endeavors to point out fallacies, misrepresentations and incorrect logic.

In his column concerning "The Republic of Canada" (Jarvis Record, Thursday, Feb. 5, 1970), the Old Owl is worried about 'creeping republicanism'. I suggest to him that what we are witnessing is not creeping republicanism, but a fulfillment of what our Father's of Confederation developed in their desire to stay clear of the American system of government which at that time had culminated in a civil war.

In short they established a Parliamentary dictatorship and that is the role Trudeau is playing, as did the 13 Prime Ministers before him.

What we have today is a Parliamentary government that is unique to Canada and Canada alone. In 1925, Prime Minister McKenzie King forced Lord Byng, then the Governor General of Canada, (in a number of precedent setting moves, and backed by the electorate in 1926) to do only what he was advised to do by the Prime Minister.

The Governor General's function today is purely ceremonial, in theory and in practice. In England, the Prime Minister must consult with the Queen before calling an election, not so in Canada.

In Canada, the Prime Minister tells the Governor General of his plans when he wishes to do so.

Nowhere, in any democratic country, is there a popularly elected leader who has power comparable to the power of the Prime Minister of Canada, and this is a result of the B.N.A. Act, not American influence.

In Canada, the Prime Minister can appoint to his cabinet anyone he wishes, can fire his ministers at will and control as much of governmental policy as he wishes.

He has iron clad control over his party and his party's M.P.s. The Old Owl suggests that "the parliamentary system requires that the head of government and all his cabinet be Members of Parliament. This brings every move of the government under the scrutiny of Parliament which can turn out a government as it sees fit."

But this isn't true. First, a cabinet minister may be a member of the senate, and thereby not answerable to the people through the House of Commons, and as a member of the senate he is not elected by the people. A member of the senate represents no one or nothing except old memories. Secondly, look at the ministers during the World War II who were appointed to the cabinet, but never did have a seat in the House of Commons. Third, there have been two Prime Ministers of Canada who did not have a seat in the House of Commons. Fourth, a Canadian government is required to call a sitting of the House

once a year, and can pass any legislation it wishes via an order in council and therefore bypass Parliament altogether. This type of action has never been uncommon in Canadian governmental practise.

Since the Prime Minister had absolute control as to who sits on his cabinet, neither the people nor the Members of Parliament have a say in his choices what so ever. In the United States, every cabinet appointment made by the President must be approved by the U.S. Senate, which is elected to represent the people and the states.

About the veto business. Let us first remember that there is a fundamental difference in the American and Canadian systems. First, in Canada, Parliament is supreme, and power of the Prime Minister absolute between elections.

In the U.S. you have a checks and balances system. The congress, the judiciary and the executive all have independent powers, and the power to regulate each other.

The recent use of the Presidential veto does not make the American system unweidly, on the contrary, it shows how effectively the Americans have been able to balance the power amongst the three levels of government.

I would submit that the Coyne affair, the pipeline debate, the flag filibuster, and the suppression of the recent report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Resources makes our government not only unweidly but tyrannical.

The veto could certainly not have happened in Canada, because the M.P.'s as a party or as individuals do not have, and never have had the right or power to formulate a bill to present as an alternative to cabinet legislation.

Our Parliamentarians never have had and do not have the power of the U.S. congressman, which I think they should. The U.S. President has nowhere near the power comparable to that of our Prime Minister, and thank God for that!

The removal of royalty from Canadian currency, the denial of granting British titles to Canadian citizens, the passage of a distinctive Canadian flag, has no logical conclusion as the Old Owl suggests.

None of these things have any empirical relationships with republicanism or American way of life. To break down the traditions of Britain existing in Canada does not mean 'creeping republicanism' it only adds up to 'the Canadian government exercising its own independence of action.'

'Creeping republicanism' is not manifest in small insignificant things such as a Canadian flag, or statements by Dielenbaker of Phil Givens.

'Creeping republicanism' is a figment of the imagination to people caught up in the throes of frustration caused by the B.N.A. Act itself.

If the Old Owl had argued his case from the point of view of American economic and cultural



domination in Canada, or Canada's necessary reliance on the U.S. for defense measures, or the failure of Canada to convince large American oil companies that Canada controls the Arctic waters, then we would be considering arguments that hold much more relevance to the real world.

Yours truly,
Dickson Bailey,
Nanticoke, Ont.

UNITY MEETS COMPLACENCY

Once again we had our Annual Prayer Meeting for the unity of all believers. This time it was held in the Anglican Church in Jarvis. But where were the believers? Only a handful was there. Are our prayer meetings for unity just a custom, a formality? Do we really want unity or is it just talk - a piece of conversation? Isn't it a shame that we are so divided, shouldn't we be all one?

In the same manner, we would say to a far friend or relative, "Isn't it a shame that we live so far from each other, wouldn't it be nice if we could see each other more often?" The next moment we would forget it. Is it not so with our desire for unity? Do we really want it? If we really mean it we would be concerned about our division. Our

churches would be filled with people at prayer meetings for unity. We would beseech the Lord. We would pray from our hearts! The Bible says "You receive not, because you pray not." Only at the foot of the cross can we unite, as it was said that evening. Jesus himself prayed to his father "That they all may be one as their father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

Shouldn't we also pray to be one in Christ? May God have mercy upon us and forgive our half-heartedness and laziness.

Mrs. Johanna Beldman

Weekly Weather

Much colder for the next five days is the regional outlook of the Simcoe Weather Bureau.

Temperatures will range considerably below the normal high of 31 and the low of 15.

Occasional snow flurries each day throughout the period, said the forecaster

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