



# What Is Your Opinion?

### Radio Cheer

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—Referring to the column by R. Glasgow, "Why spread blues over the radio?"

Personally, I think the Canadian news reporters are wonderfully clear and distinct, and without unnecessary verbiage. Maybe a phonograph record played in between the news items might make it more cheery.

CANUCK.

### Compares Saskatoon

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—Very much interested in your articles concerning B.C. Electric. Just want to say I agree with them and hope you will continue until there are some changes made.

We lived in Saskatoon before moving to B.C. and the power station there is city owned. I know they made a profit every year, but our electric light bills were certainly never as large as they are here.

MRS. L. WALDREIF  
Campbell River, B.C.

### Tariff Blockade

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—Please Scotsfairs have read with unqualified pleasure your editorial in The Sun, as reprinted in the Halifax Chronicle February 6 issue re the tariff. The tariff blockade of the Maritimes of both oceans by Canadian Junkerism, acting through subservient parliaments, is fast bringing the whole wicked thing to a crisis, a showdown between the entrenched forces of legalized plunder and the masses who, for two generations, have been its victims.

Let the people make no mistake, they are dealing with a crew of political puffians who hesitate at nothing, lying, cajolery, and constitutional violence if necessary. As we see your province from this side, you are allowed to trade with the Eskimo over the totem poles north, or 2000 miles over the Rockies to Toronto, and get stung, but forbidden by Canadian edict and tariff blockade to go south to the centres of population, industry and commerce to buy and sell. That is what it seems to us from this distance: it is what actually is on this side of the continent.

The implementing of the Atlantic Charter in this country will be fought to the last by the Canadian plutocracy, the beneficiaries of the public plunder. Even if implemented, that is not enough; the Maritimes will be under the heel of any form of taxation the Canadian chooses to invent to maintain the process of centralization. And here the whole question comes to the footlights, a question which arises from the following statistics, which point their own moral and call for justification to the last detail.

British Columbia pays to Canada yearly:	
Income tax	\$20,524,249
Customs duties	9,265,374
Excise war tax	14,156,759
Radio fees	287,249
Weights inspection	30,000
Auto gang steal	3,000,000
	47,263,631

British Columbia receives from Canada yearly:	
Subsidy	874,561
Harbors, rivers	926,897
Old age pensions	2,365,282
Blind pensions	54,066
Mothers' allowance	798,097
	5,038,903

What becomes of the huge gap of \$42,250,000 which lies open between these two items? They tell us, the national services. But what is a "national service"? What are the essential services? The legitimate services? Millions of it are sunk every year in the huge political jobbery with which centralized Canada reeks. It seems to be the conclusion of many that there is but one way out, that the Maritimes shall collect all taxation—they already have the machinery—including customs and all other forms, and then pay to Canada our PER CAPITA TAX of all the legitimate services of the country—and they will have plenty to say as to what constitutes "legitimate service." That will reverse the operation of the huge underground steal, by which Canada takes everything in sight and hands us back what they choose: to quote the Sirs Report—"Our fiscal needs." These are the things we are facing on both oceans, and it calls for team work. The Maritimes on both oceans combined can blast this thing out of existence if they will forget their gutter partyism and play the part of men.

WM. RAND.

Kings-Col., N.S.

### Soldier Settlers

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—Queer things happen in war time; even now the cry is, food, manpower and housing shortage, and yet reports circulating say "that the Soldier Settlement of Canada are cancelling the contracts of old soldier settlers, due to their inability to meet their SSB obligations"—and then will follow the eviction of these old vets from their homes.

Where these old veteran soldiers will obtain a bed and shelter does not appear to trouble the government.

SCULLCOATES.

### Warning Note

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—I cannot tell you how grieved I was when I read in your Sun paper regarding the man who lost his hand through putting a tool under the hammer, which could have been avoided had he used a pair of tongs.

I was foreman smith in a big works in Lancaashire for many years, and I would not allow any helper to put a tool under the hammer unless he used a pair of tongs. I think it is the duty of every foreman to see that this is done and save further accidents.

AN OLD FOREMAN SMITH.

### Not Worth the Price

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—It's a shame the way people have to beg to get a bit of fuel these days. I've been without sawdust for two weeks—except for the kindness of your neighbors a person could freeze to death. There's plenty of fuel in B.C. if they would get busy and stop passing the buck from one to another.

I know people who have three units and more coming and others like myself who can't get one unit. It's easy enough for the Fuel Board to tell you to convert your burner for coal and wood as I guess their own bins are kept well supplied.

Another racket is that wood for \$12 a cord. It's not worth \$1 and I'd go a long time before I'd pay that for a bunch of conky dead wood.

DISGUSTED HOUSEWIFE.

### One Way for Japs

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—Our present "in" politicians say that the country will go to the dogs if the CCF are put in power. Possibly the present "Powers that be" would advance a few dollars to prove their case by making an appropriation to teach our B.C. born Japs the principles advocated by the CCF.

As we are demanding "unconditional surrender of Japan," we could then replace their present system of government and have our B.C. born Japanese run the country on CCF lines. Times in Japan would be so good that all other Japanese would beat it for home.

Come on, politicians, be sports and give the CCF sufficient funds to teach their policies to the Japs. You have given these people a better deal than you gave to our native sons, so why not follow this advice and the Jap question is solved.

MURDOCH McLEOD.

### Social Security Now

*Editor, The Sun: Sir*—Here is something that all Canadians must consider in appraising the Beveridge report of England as a so-called method of bringing in social security and happiness for all, from the cradle to the grave.

The idea of guaranteeing social security, which means adequate provision of money for correct and healthy childbirth and convalescence for all mothers, correct education with greatest vocational guidance into right activities for each child and youth, highest opportunities for greatest development of individual characters for human service, and personal happiness, adequate provision of housing, food, fuel, sickness benefits and old age benefits and burial arrangements; yes, the idea of providing these benefits for all people is an idea which must be put into practice as soon as possible. If it is not put into practice directly, after the war as based upon Christian planning now, Canada and, in fact, all countries will see a kind of social revolution that may be about as pleasant as the present war in Europe.

No country in the world can have the right kind of social security unless at once there are plans laid for complete monetary reform from the present evils of competition and usury and profits to the Communian system of economics which is based upon co-operation, debt-free money and loans and production for use and service.

The money reforms necessary are first of all based upon the fact that in the future the banks, loan companies and insurance companies should be our servants operating in the civil service and not as private organizations operating for profit.

C. W. DEANS.

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acquired his wealth are various. He had quite a bit to begin with. Some say graft figured in the later acquisitions. Others say his official position allowed him to play the market, depressing and buying the stocks of prosperous companies until he and a few cronies had gained control at a cheap price. Ciano's agents have bought great areas of rich Tuscany farmland in the famous Chianti wine country. He owns corporations, a newspaper, other valuable properties."

The speed with which Ciano built up a great fortune was a greater scandal in Italy, writes Massock, than his speedy rise from vice-consul to foreign minister. But he was always the playboy. His lavish apartment in Rome was the scene of equally lavish entertainment.

"Ciano enjoyed life in a lusty way. He danced cheek-to-cheek and liked a crowd of girls around him, at dinner or on the beach. When the chancellor of the world were feverishly preoccupied with the German-Soviet bombshell of August, 1939, Ciano lay on the beach at Ostia, stroking the leg of a blonde within view of half a dozen diplomats."

Now Mussolini having fired Ciano from his Foreign Office, makes him Italian ambassador to the Vatican. What a man for such a post!

### No More Japanese

(From Edmonton Bulletin)

The city council should not entertain a suggestion that any more Japanese be permitted to take up residence in Edmonton. Of the most recent applicant for such a privilege, it is said that he is a good citizen and is opposed to the present Japanese course of aggression and brutality. That may be so. He may be an excellent citizen. But to make exceptions to any principle is to destroy that principle. And the Edmonton city council, with the full approbation of Edmonton citizens, has laid down the principle that there shall be no more Japanese in this community.

If Vancouver had laid down that principle and adhered to it over the course of the past 20 years, that city would have been saved great expense, worry and danger.

### New Archbishop

(From Calgary Herald)

Right Rev. L. Ralph Sherman has been a power for good and a leader in all worthy community causes as a Calgary citizen, his influence in these directions knowing no denominational boundaries.

The higher task to which his church has called him is one for which he is eminently fitted. He will take to it a total devotion to its purpose, a full measure of the buoyant enthusiasm that has marked his service in the post which he now leaves, along with a spirit of determination that has in the past rendered out his many qualifications for leadership.

### 'Threat of Bureaucracy'

By DR. GEO. T. WILSON of New Westminster.

"If the proposed legislation for so-called Contributory National Health Insurance is enacted in Canada, it will not only menace the medical professions but it will undermine the future of medical science and strike one more blow at the very roots of the nation's democratic rights.

"The issue involved is whether physicians, dentists, and druggists shall continue to supply goods and services to the people of Canada in response to their needs and in accordance with the available medical knowledge under the present system of individual responsibility combined with freedom of personal initiative; or whether the state shall control and direct in whole or in part the medical services of the country."

### General Shakeup



tipted to entertain his public, embracing the peoples of many lands, with large contributions to whimsical and humorous literature in which he is unexcelled. "Montreal: Seaport and City" is his latest work.

### Van Horne's Prophecy

Mr. Leacock is easily the chief of Canadian humorists. One would bracket him with L. W. Brockington, too, as the best after-dinner speaker in this country. Now he has taken prophot on a matter which vitally concerns us here in Vancouver.

That this growing seaport and city on Burrard Inlet is destined to great things after the war is the firm belief of many citizens; but few of them, one thinks would go so far as to forecast that Vancouver will "presently" increase its population three times the present figure. For that is what Mr. Leacock's reference to Vancouver practically implies. Greater Vancouver's population is now 470,000; Montreal's was around the million mark at last census.

But while Mr. Leacock's prophecy may not be realized "presently" there is no mistake it will one day, perhaps not far distant, be the largest in Canada. It is rather a coincidence that another notable Montrealer, Sir William Van Horne, when general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, away back in 1886, insisted that this city, which was likely to become the greatest in Canada, must be called Vancouver. Mr. Wriston Churchill, here on a lecturing tour, also predicted a great future for Vancouver.

So it is incumbent on us all to bestir ourselves and prove worthy of the greatest city in this Dominion. It is one of the faults of our present-day educational system that citizenship is not taught in school. Some of our universities inculcate the duties of citizens and essays are written on the subject as in other studies. Some of them have been printed.

### Schools of Citizenship

It is significant of the preparation of soldiers for the new era which is to dawn upon the world after terror, tyranny and oppression have been banished and the four freedoms have been established as the way of life, that in Britain the Canadian Army has started schools of citizenship. The Royal Canadian Air Force is starting similar courses in Canada. That men in uniform will forego well-earned leaves in order to attend these classes is significant of their earnest desire to learn to be good citizens. There are some schools of citizenship for civilian men and women here.

In addition to a live, healthy voting power, if the dreams mentioned come true, there will come larger responsibilities for public service. More representatives on the City Council will be required. One casts no reflections on the present civic administration. One thinks that Mayor Cornett is a good mayor and he has around him an alert, active and progressive Council.

When Vancouver goes well over the million mark as predicted, more of her best sons must be ready and willing to serve her. Her greatness will be reflected by that splendid unity of life, light and power represented by the Churches, the University and the City Hall. These are the three factors in all true progress, supplying the spiritual, mental and physical needs of mankind, or religion, culture, health. In the words of Poet Lowell:

"New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth."

### The Man Who Came to Dinner

