

BAXTER TELLS STORY OF EDWARD'S FALL

(By J. V. McAree, in Globe and Mail)

Some months ago we were shown a letter written by Beverley Baxter to a friend in Toronto. He spoke about the intention of the King to marry Mrs. Simpson and said that Baldwin would resign. That was at a time when only a few thousand people in the British Isles had ever heard of Mrs. Simpson. As a member of the House of Commons, a former editor of a great London newspaper, to say nothing of his screen affiliations, Mr. Baxter is in an extraordinarily favorable position to know all that went on in those exciting days after the scandal became public, as well as what went before. He has broken down and told all in Maclean's magazine. We may say that the issue containing the story was as hard to get after it had been on the stands a couple of days as if it had been seized by the police. So great was the demand for it that The Financial Post republished the Baxter story, which is something extremely rare if not unique in the annals of Canadian weekly publications. And as Foster Hewitt might say a smart play by Napier Moore and Floyd Chalmers.

Really an Adventurer

Mr. Baxter writes: "I refuse to believe, with the sentimentalists, that this is a love affair of such depth that even the story of Tristan and Isolde loses some of its glamour in comparison. On the lady's part I have yet to be convinced that love is even an important factor. We should face

the truth. King Edward did not abdicate the Throne in order to marry Mrs. Simpson. He abdicated because in his own opinion, his actions rendered him unfit to occupy the Throne of Britain any longer." Mr. Baxter's comments on the Simpsons are, he says, restrained because they are old acquaintances. Of Mrs. Simpson he writes: "She is not the type of woman who has ever excited me unduly, as her vivacity outpaces her intellectual development, and her eagerness to keep things from dragging is apt to have a contrary effect." He is convinced that she did not want to divorce her husband, being content to remain the King's favorite. But her husband would not amiably accept the role of cuckold. He could not divorce his wife in England but he might have done so in the United States, and this course was being urged upon him.

Then it was that Mrs. Simpson decided that she had better do the divorcing. A few days after this had been decided upon husband and wife met in Paris. There were tears and almost a reconciliation. But the forces were too great. Mrs. Simpson would not think of withdrawing her friendship from the King. Mr. Simpson refused any longer the antlers wished on him. Mr. Baxter says that a woman of her type does not understand the meaning of the word sacrifice. She was in love with herself and drunk with spurious social success. "Had she really loved either King or husband she might have saved herself," he writes. And she might have

saved more than herself. She publicly offered to withdraw and talked with Edward on the telephone by the hour but she did not withdraw. She was being paid the most extravagant compensation ever paid a woman in history and she was not the kind to let it go until she had drained the intoxicating cup to the last drop.

Blames Newspapers

Four things, says Mr. Baxter, brought Edward down: His unexpected weakness of character under the domination of a vital woman. Lack of character among the King's friends. The vulgarity of the American press. The silence of the British press. He reports that he went personally to Lord Beaverbrook and other friends in control of newspapers and tried to point out that in their desire to be fair to the King they were being monstrously unfair. How could he judge what public opinion was when the press was muzzled? Mr. Baxter believes with many others, not including the conductor of this column, that if the British press had discussed the matter the King might have said: "As a man I desire to marry the woman I love. As King I cannot go against the advice of my ministers here and in the Dominions. Therefore I renounce my private happiness for the sake of my people." Our imagination is unequal to the effort. Unless the whole thing could have been done in silence it could not be done at all and apparently silence to the end was impossible.

Without Good Friends

Mr. Baxter, who is himself no Puritan, nevertheless takes the point of view of the Church of England that the King's personal friends were a shoddy second-rate lot, not one of them fit to give him advice in this great ordeal. He says there was absolutely no response anywhere to the

GERMANS PREPARED FOR WORST WHEN THEY HEARD CANADIANS COMING, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Whenever the Germans found the Canadian Corps coming into the line, they prepared for the worst, writes David Lloyd George in his sixth and final volume of War Memoirs published in London.

In January, 1916, relates Britain's war-time prime minister, the Canadians entered the Somme battle, where they played a part of such distinction that henceforward they were marked out as storm troops. For the remainder of the war they were brought along to head the assault in one great battle after another.

"On Vimy Ridge one of the most impressive memorials of the war stands to commemorate their spectacular success there in April, 1917. There was no finer display of resistless intrepidity in the whole war. They fought through the worst horrors of Passchendaele in October and November of the same year.

"At the battle of Amiens on August 8, 1918—Ludendorff's 'Black Day'—the Canadians headed the British assault which shattered Germany's last hope of military success. And in August and September they led the attack on the Drocourt-Queant Switch and the strongest nucleus of the Hindenburg line, swept across the Canal du Nord, stormed the Brouillon Wood and took Cambrai.

"All through the final advance to victory, Canadian troops were to the fore. They took Valenciennes, and a few hours before the Armistice they marched through the streets of Mons to the tune of 'Tipperary' played on the bagpipes. Lloyd George points out that practically 1,000,000 men from the Dominions went overseas. The highest percentage of all was that of men recruited in Canada who had been born in the United Kingdom. This reached the remarkable figure of 35 per cent. far higher even than that attained by the Home Country.

"It was of course a selected class, consisting to a large extent of fit and enterprising young men, whose ties with the Motherland were particularly strong. They hurried back in their

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thousands to stand beside her in her hour of peril."

Discussing the earliest war preparations in Canada, Lloyd George refers to the late General Sam Hughes as a 'man of infectious enthusiasm and energy,' and notes that for shells alone Canada supplied more than 65,000,000 during the war.

Lloyd George has some interesting observations in regard to General Smuts' attitude in October, to suggested terms for an armistice. Lloyd George says there was considerable shrewdness and foresight in Smuts' warning against the disintegration of Central Europe, which had now become imminent. That is what Smuts said: "There is serious danger that the bad, but more or less orderly, political, pre-war system of Europe may give place to a wild disorder of jarring and warring state fragments, such as we now see on a vast scale in Russia. What is going to happen when, as now seems probable Austria breaks up and becomes a 'Balkans' on a vaster scale? With the creation of an independent Poland, there will be a chain of these discordant fragments right across Europe from

Finland in the north to Turkey in the south. No League of Nations could hope to prevent a wild war-dance of these so-called free nations in future."

In the economic realm, adds Lloyd George, though not as yet in the martial, we have witnessed in post-war Europe that wild war-dance of the new powers which Smuts foretold.

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LEAVING

Lincoln Crossing A.M.	Experimental Farm A.M.	Fraser's Mill A.M.	Forest Hill A.M.	Waterloo Row and Alexandra A.M.	Bus Station A.M.	Queen and York A.M.	York and Aberdeen A.M.	Northumberland and Charlotte A.M.	Hospital A.M.
8.33	7.11	7.41	7.13	7.15	7.20	7.22	7.25	7.27	7.28
11.45 B,X	7.08	7.41	7.43	7.45	7.50	7.52	7.55	7.57	7.58
P.M.	7.38	8.41	8.43	8.45	8.50	8.52	8.55	8.57	8.58
4.13	12.00 B,X	9.21 Y	9.23 Y	9.25 Y	9.30 Y	10.22 H	10.25 H	10.27 H	10.28
6.28	10.11 H	10.13 H	10.15 H	10.15 H	10.20 H	11.22	11.25	11.27	11.28
6.58 Y	1.43	12.02 B,X	12.04 B,X	12.06 B,X	12.10	12.04	12.07	12.09	12.10
11.35 B	2.13 Y	12.42 Y,X	12.44 Y,X	12.46 Y,X	12.55 Y	1.04	1.07	1.09	1.10
.....	4.18	1.46	1.48	1.50	1.52	1.57	2.00	2.02	2.03
.....	5.00	2.16 Y	2.18 Y	2.20 Y	2.25 Y	3.17	3.20	3.22	3.23
.....	6.33	3.06	3.08	3.10	3.15	4.32	4.35	4.37	4.38
.....	7.03 Y	4.21	4.23	4.25	4.30	5.12	5.15	5.17	5.18
.....	7.33	5.02	5.04	5.06	5.10	6.04	6.07	6.09	6.10
.....	9.33 H	5.52	5.54	5.56	6.00	6.47	6.50	6.52	6.53
.....	11.03	6.36	6.38	6.40	6.45	7.47	7.50	7.52	7.53
.....	11.40 B	7.06 Y	7.08 Y	7.10 Y	7.15 Y	8.47 H	8.50 H	8.52 H	8.53
.....	.....	7.36	7.38	7.40	7.45	9.47 H	9.50 H	9.52 H	9.53
.....	.....	8.36 H	8.38 H	8.40 H	8.45 H	10.17	10.20	10.22	10.23
.....	.....	9.36 H	9.38 H	9.40 H	9.45 H	11.17	11.20	11.22	11.23
.....	.....	10.06	10.08	10.10	10.15	.....	.....	.....	.....
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8.06 B,S	8.13 B,S	8.16 B,S	8.18 B,S	8.20 B,S	8.00 D	8.02 D	8.05	8.07	8.08
10.09 X	10.17 X	10.19 X	10.21 X	10.23 X	9.35	9.37	9.40	9.42	9.43
12.00	10.34 X,Y	10.37 X,Y	10.39 X,Y	10.41 X,Y	10.30	10.32	10.35	10.37	10.38
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	10.50 Y	10.52	10.55	10.57	10.58
12.40 B	12.04	12.07	12.09	12.11	11.45	11.47	11.50	11.52	11.53
1.54 X	12.45 B	12.48 B	12.50 B	12.52 B	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
4.09 X	1.59 X	2.02 X	2.04 X	2.06 X	12.15	12.17	12.20	12.22	12.23
6.24 X	4.14 X	4.17 X	4.19 X	4.21 X	2.15	2.17	2.20	2.22	2.23
10.52 B,X	6.29 X	6.32 X	6.34 X	6.36 X	3.15	3.17	3.20	3.22	3.23
.....	8.44 X	7.36 H	7.38 H	7.40 H	4.30	4.32	4.35	4.37	4.38
.....	10.57 B,X	8.47 X	8.49 X	8.51 X	6.45	6.47	6.50	6.52	6.53
.....	.....	9.51	9.53	9.55	7.47 H	7.49	7.52 H	7.54 H	7.55
.....	.....	11.00 B,X	11.02 B,X	11.04 B,X	9.00	9.02	9.05	9.07	9.08
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.02	10.05	10.07	10.08

DOWNTOWN--ROUTE 2--All Downtown Buses go to Fraser's Mill; those going farther are so designated.

LEAVING

Ryan's (Brick Yard) A.M.	Hospital A.M.	Northumberland and Charlotte A.M.	York and Aberdeen A.M.	Queen and York A.M.	Bus Station A.M.	Waterloo Row and Alexandra A.M.	Forest Hill A.M.	Fraser's Mill A.M.	Experimental Farm A.M.
8.13 B	8.17 B	8.18 B	8.20 B	8.23 B	7.50 L	7.54 L	7.56 L	7.58 L	8.01 L
10.02 F	10.06 F	10.07 F	10.09 F	10.12 F	9.35 L,X	9.43 L	9.45 L	9.47 L	9.50 L
10.43 B	10.47 B	10.48 B	10.50 B	10.53 B	10.15 F	10.19 F	10.21 F	10.23 F	10.25 L
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	11.45 L	11.48 L	11.50 L	11.52 L	11.55 L
12.07 F,X	12.11 F,X	12.12 F,X	12.14 F,X	12.17 F,X	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
12.52 L	12.56 L	12.57 L	12.59 L	1.02 L	12.20 F,X	12.22 F	12.24 F	12.26 F	12.28 L
2.32	2.36	2.37	2.39	2.42	1.05 L	1.09 L	1.11 L	1.13 L	1.15 L
5.16 L,X	5.20 L,X	5.21 L,X	5.24 L,X	5.27 L,X	2.45	2.49	2.51	2.53 L	2.55 L
7.02	7.06	7.07	7.09	7.12	3.45 L	3.49 L	3.51 L	3.53 L	3.55 L
9.17	9.21	9.22	9.24	9.27	5.30 L,X	5.38 L	5.40 L	5.42 L	5.45 L
10.17 L,P	10.21 L,X	10.22 L,X	10.24 L,X	10.27 L,X	7.15	7.19	7.21	7.23 L	7.25 L
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.20 F,X	8.28 F	8.30 F	8.32 F	8.35 L
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.30	9.34	9.36	9.38 L	9.40 L
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.30 L,X	10.38 L	10.40 L	.....	.....

REGENT-UNIVERSITY AVE.--ROUTE 3.

Uptown--Leaving

Downtown--Leaving

Waterloo Row and Alexandra A.M.	Church and Charlotte A.M.	Regent and Aberdeen A.M.	Bus Station A.M.	Queen and York A.M.	Bus Station A.M.	Regent and Aberdeen A.M.	Church and Charlotte A.M.
10.21	10.25	10.27	10.30	10.35	10.35	10.37	10.39
10.41	10.45	10.47	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.57	10.59
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
2.06	2.10	2.12	2.15	2.20	2.20	2.22	2.24
4.21	4.25	4.27	4.30	4.35	4.35	4.37	4.39
6.36	6.40	6.42	6.45	6.50	6.50	6.52	6.54
8.51	8.55	8.57	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.07	9.09
11.04	11.08	11.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

KEY

F--to Experimental Farm.

L--to Lincoln Crossing.

B--to Bus Station.

Y--to Queen & York Streets.

H--to Hospital.

X--via Regent-University Ave. Route.

\*--Saturday night only.

S--via Alexandra, University Ave., Brunswick and Regent on Sundays.

D--Direct up Queen St. to Woodstock Road.

ROUTES

UPTOWN--ROUTE 1.

From Lincoln Crossing, the Experimental Farm or Fraser's Mill on certain scheduled times, then along the St. John Road, Waterloo Row, Queen Street, to York, to Aberdeen, to Northumberland, to Charlotte, to Smythe, to the Woodstock Road and thence to Ryan's Brick Yard (Golf Club Road).

DOWNTOWN--ROUTE 2.

Beginning at Ryan's Brick Yard (Golf Club Road) downtown over the reverse of the Uptown route.

REGENT-UNIVERSITY AVE.--ROUTE 3.

UPTOWN from Waterloo Row, Alexandra to University Avenue, Charlotte to St. John, to Aberdeen, to Regent, to Queen, ending at York St.

DOWNTOWN from Queen and York Streets, over the same streets in the reverse direction.

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