We found ourselves in one of those new fangled cocktail lounges the other day — not for the purpose of any personal refreshment but

marketing board.
Without in any way taking side

for or against the wisdom or need for a proper organization of crean

vote in this case actually indicated that a majority of such producers want such a scheme. Estimates of the number of farmers who ship

it can be taken for granted there

some duplication.

Our whole point is that only about 12,000 bothered to vote, yet

of disinterested people.

In a democratic country, and we

are still supposed to be one it is one thing to claim, or even to be sure, that a plan or scheme is good

sure that a plan or scheme is good for the majority; quite a different thing to say that whether they are interested or not they are going to have the right thing done for them. It can be argued the result of the vote showed a decisive majority of those who voted favoring the idea. The fact remains that anywhere from four-fifths to six-sevenths of those who should be interested were not sufficiently bothered to cast a

those who should be interested were not sufficiently bothered to cast a ballot. And this vote was well advertised, had the full strength of the Ontario Federation and the Department of Agriculture behind it.

For it must be recognized that these schemes put a lot of power, and a lot of money, into the hands of a few men. Whether cream producers like it or not they are going to have to pay a toll charge on every pound of cream they deliver in future. But if they are not interested enough to vote will ey be interested enough to vote will ey be interested enough to pay any attention to their new organization, any attention to the men who run it? It looks very much as if a self-perpetuating body may have been set up. That is not the kind

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NATURAL GAS-

ACCORDING to a Government approved order the users of Natural Gas in South Vestern Ontario will be limited to 5,000 cubic feet per month from November 1, 1947 to June 1, 1948. Scarcity of supplies, tank car equip-ment and pipe with which to import the commodity were cited as reasons for the rationing An appeal board will be established to hear claims of persons believing they should be exempt from the rationing.

For a great number of people, living in the very heart of the Natural gas fields, who have used the commodity exclusively for more than a quarter of a century, such an announcement is cause for deep concern. A dependency on Natural Gas as a fuel for heating and cooking has been developed which present circumstances prove to have been unwarranted. Yet there has been nothing to indicate, either by Government or Company pronouncement that such a critical condition would exist during the winter

of 1947-48. There are hundreds of homes in this area that could not possibly convert their heating equipment for anything else but gas during the coming winter period. These homes are not equipped with chimneys that would render them safe by the adoption of other heating Nor is other types of heating equipment available for the tremendous demand which will naturally follow this announcement.

The only encouraging feature of the announcement is that an appeal board will be set up to hear claims of persons believing they should be exempt from the rationing. appeals must be filed before August 15th, 1947. There will be many justifiable appeals from this area where Gas has been the sole heating commodity for so many years and we would suggest that the Ontario Government would be less than human to disallow exemptions in the great majority of these cases where no alternative heating arrangements can possibly be made.

v v v v POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRITAIN.

- By Lewis Milligan -

SPEAKING FROM LONDON over the C BC, Matthew Halton gave an interesting review of the political situation in Britain. His broadcasts have hitherto appeared to me to be decidedly prejudiced in favor of the socialist policy of the Labor Government, and he has seemed to take every opportunity of deriding the "Tories." But in this review he tried to take a middle course by giving a boost to the Liberal Party, which he believed was in the ascendant and the chief hope for the political salvation of Britain from communism on the one hand and extreme Toryism on the other.

Mr. Halton's review consisted largely of quotations from Clement Davies, parliamentary leader of the Liberal Party and a "life-long folinterview. He quoted Mr. Davies as saying:
"The moderate socialists are really radicals:
Liberals who deserted Liberalism because it was lower of Lloyd George, not moving fast enough. They're not true so-cialists - that is, Marxists. And this country will never go Marxist. But the tragedy is that it may gradually be pushed into it, though the socialist leaders may have the best intentions in the world. Just as there is a danger of dictatorship, even of Fascism, from the Conservatives, so there's a danger of Marxian dictator-ship from the true Socialists."

That, of course, is a Liberal Party leader speaking. There may be some truth in it so far as the socialists are concerned, but I doubt if there are any Conservatives in England certainly not among the party leaders - who would stand for Fascism any more than Social-ism. I recall that, in one of his speeches delivered in the House of Commons before the war,

sm — which he hoped he never would have to do — he would prefer Communism.

The fact of the matter is — and it is an

historical fact — that most of the reforms of lasting benefit to the British people as a whole have been passed by Conservative governments. It may be true that many of these reforms were in the first place advocated by the Liberal Party and were subjected to searching criticism try and were subjected to searching criticism from the Conservatives. But that is the chief purpose of the Conservative Party — to conserve all that is best and modify extreme or serve all that is best and modify extreme or hasty measures of reform that might upset the economic balance of the nation and thus injure the very people they were intended to help. Such was the effect of certain measures in the Lloyd George budget of 1910, which brought about a slump in property values and put a lot of people out of business and thousands out of work. The same thing is happening in Britain today as a result of the rush into nationalization.

So far as the nationalization of the coal are any. mines and the railroads is concerned, there had Thomas Richard Henry points out mines and the railroads is concerned, there had been a growing feeling among Conservatives as well as Liberals that these two highly-developed industries must eventually come under government-ownership. They did not regard this as a step toward Socialism, any more than a Conservative government of Ontario intended the Hydro Electric System as a move in that direction. As Clement Davies says: "The test of nationalizing an industry must be, will it be more or less efficient than under private entermore or less efficient to the darmost things. It wasn't so long ago he was promoting the idea that airplanes fly backwards. At any rate its good to know he is down to earth on this project. more or less efficient than under private entermore or less efficient than under private enter-prise?" And he adds: "So far, the socialists have worked on that principle; but one day they saucers is that Orsen Well's name saucers is that Orsen Well's name

will find themselves forced into nationalizing things for doctrine sake; and that's when freedom will go."

The Labor Government saw the danger signal when it halted at the point of nationalizing the steel and textile industries. They industries were involved in magazine points out in pictures some realized that those industries were involved in far-reaching ramifications of international trade and commerce which called for free and alert private enterprise at home and abroad.

Asked where British Liberals stand in the contraction of the province o

Asked where British Liberals stand in the controversy about Russia, Mr. Davies replied:
"Where can we stand? You may not like Russian Communism or American capitalism. But in America there is spiritual freedom, tree speech and a free press. Given that, everything else will come. Without it, nothing else can come." There can be no doubt as to which the British people would choose if the straight question were put to them. question were put to them. V V V V

STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES-

THIS IS TOURIST TIME. Indications during opening days of the holiday season were that the flow of visitors to Canada this year may break all records.

That's a tip to the wise to make an extra

That's a tip to the wise to make an extra ing and smoking might better be left to make these guests welcome and espective to the male species. fally to give them any information they ask concerning travel routes and accommodation.

Women have been given such unusual intelligence it is difficult to Many of them are on their first visit to Canada.

If they like the treatment they receive, they'll

As mothers, homemakers, cooks, and need companions they are levely and recommendations.

you know the name of the first settler, the na- SCHEME ture of the first industry and the reason it was established? Of course, you know the populaestablished? Of course, you know the popula-tion off-hand.

If the visitor is interested in seeing places of historic interest within a few miles, can you of historic interest within a few miles, can you

with whom he had an Mr. Davies as saying:
The regally radicals:

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The property of historic interest within how to reach them and why they are interesting?

To be prepared for this one may and today we report the decision of the property regally radicals:

The regally radicals the town hall or public library. Some enterthe town hall or public library. Some enter-prising communities hand visitors booklets with this information.

Small matters? Yes, but important. Accurate, intelligent answers to tourists' questions may help influence a party to spend a day or a week in your town instead of driving through to the next one.

After all, tourists are on a holiday and they After all, tourists are on a holiday and they pick pleasant, friendly spots to stop. And courtesy and consideration will help bring them figure is claimed, but if it is right back next year. VVVV

QUOTE FROM YESTERDAY-

WHERE MEN of judgment creep and feel their way. The positive pronounce with we just wonder if this is the demo--Cowper cratic way, if the idea is not being railroaded down the throats of a lo

Winston Churchill declared that if he had to choose between living under Fascism or Communism — which he hoped he never would have

will be called to power by the electorate for no other tical faction, aside from these, can hope to form a fine case lests between the Liberals and Progression

Many may consider that arr. Ang has been caricalured a complacent, ageing attitude, contemplating the leisure in afforded for writing his memoirs when he retires, which a has said many times, will take place before another general tion. On the other hand the sketch of Mr. Bracken is his

LIBERAL SKETCH

The sketch as presented is in fact a conception developed to reviewing the opinions of the five Liberal ex-Ministers quote Article 4 of this series, all of whom were critical of Mr. By directly or by implication, in allowing the party to fall into the imism, defeatism and despair, with an office-holding maniar. The wines are the controlled to the contr imism, defeatism and despair, with an office-holding manithe sketch of Mr. King emanates from these ranking Libe is thus not necessarily the conception of this paper. The above referred to is imitted from this article.

COMMON GROUND

These two leaders have much in common in their rise to pro-inence in the political life of this country. Mr. King was a linence in the political life of this country. Mr. King was a linent student in college days and holds more earned degree the liant student in college days and holds more earned degree the line and the life of He has led his party brilliantly, and although defeated at times, his total tenure as Prime Minister, over 19 years, is a

Holding generally aloof from the rank and file of Canaim Mr. King has held their allegiance in remarkable degree, but him he acknowledges his failing powers, which all regret, and the for which has been made plain by the statements of his five he ing ex-Ministers. Even the Toronto Star, his staunchest printing ex-Ministers. Even the Toronto Star, his staunchest printing press, stated February 26: "Bracken is a leader of high type; he is an affinity between Liberals and CCF, none between Bracken s an affinity between Liberals and CCF, none between and that party." We come to bury Caesa
STUDENT BRACKEN

Mr. Bracken was a brilliant student in college days a great at the O.A.C., a great athlete as trim today as a Farm born, he is a farmer still, works with his hands has a led with Canadians from coast to coast, will likely become first farmer Prime Minister in Canadian history. He is an

Married, he raised four sons while boosting farm products in Western Canada as Professor of Field Husbandry of the University of Saskatchewan. Three sons served overseas, one in production in World War 2. Chosen Premier of Manitoba in the has never been defeated, was Premier 21 years, the only Empleader who survived the depression, and that government combues, following Mr. Bracken's elevation to leadership of the hygressive-Conservative party.

KEEPS WORD

The parallel between the two, leaders in respect of early exaction authorship and political leadership ceases in one notal particular. When Mr. Bracken makes a statement it is well at particular. When Mr. Bracken makes a statement it is w sidered and he unfailingly keeps his word. What he says part of Canada he repeats in another. He is a team-worker first thought and every action is simply this: "Is it fair?" sketch will be carried further in later articles.

Many of them are on their first visit to Canada. If they like the treatment they receive, they'll probably be back next year.

Tourist camps and information centres do their best to please the visitors. It's good business as well as good manners for the rest of us to do so, too, because tourist dollars bring widespread benefits.

It's easy enough to direct an inquiring visit or to the business section, the post office or a trailer camp. But if someone asks you how the town got its name, can you tell him? Do you know the name of the first settler, the name of the first settler, the name of the first settler. The manufacture in they are lovely and companions they are lovely a

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Euchre with Mrs. Wilfred Evans and Mrs. Eliste Vickerman winning the more or less a common practice, but we believe the first egg-in-one was scored on the Russel course recently. The laddes husbands and families were invited. Guests were present little off the straight and narrow and plunked into a duck's nest breaking one egg.

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recreation at 9.00 P.M. The August meeting may be in the form of a dance. Plans are being tiscussed. Watch for particulars

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