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BE KIND TO YOUR M.P.——

IN PRIVATE talk recently, a man who has been 30-odd years in politics said, "I don't remember a time when Parliament stood as low in public estimation as it does now."

If he's right, it's too bad.

Parliament has plenty of weaknesses, most of them all too visible. It talks a lot, not always to the point. It does waste time. Not all its members are wise or even sensible, and the silly speeches often get the most public notice.

But we all proclaim our readiness to die for democracy—a million Canadians put that boast to the proof of combat. And Parliament, with all its faults and follies, is democracy.

Democracy is no longer just an ideal to be striven for. It's a human fact, a living thing that's been growing for 200 years. It includes ward-heeling, baby-kissing, logrolling and a vast deal of wind. It is generally inefficient and slow, and deplored by the bright, sure men who know all the answers. They find it gets in their way.

By and large, though, we like it. We prefer a loose, clumsy, inept government that lets us do as we please, to a tight, smooth, competent one that knows what is good for us. That's why we are fond of the backbencher.

He would doubtless be a better man if he pulled up his socks—as which of us would not. But in the main he is a good and useful citizen, and we like him pretty well the way he is.

As the 1947 session gets down to business, we wish him well. May he strike the best bargain he can between his conscience and the Chief Whip. May he go on stubbornly voting against anything, however logical, that the folks back home won't stand for. So long as he is around we are unlikely to have Utopia, but we'll have a free country. —MacLeans

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THE WEATHER SHOWS YOUR AGE——

IS A MAN AS OLD as his reaction to weather?

All of us recall the days when we greeted the first snowfall with shouts of joy, and lifted glowing faces to the grey sky to watch with delight the slow settling of the great white flakes.

Here is the difference between youth and maturity: The boy thinks of the fun he is going to have; the older person, of the work it entails. The youth, who does the work too, has sleighs, skis and skates in his mind; the man of snow shovels, coal, ashes, snowed-in cars, slippery streets and increased taxes for snow clearance

As it is with snow, so it is with rain. The boy, gleefully watching the rain pelting against the window pane, thinks of joyously sloshing around in rubber boots, or hopping about in a bathing suit, or sailing boats in the gutter; the man, grimpily turning up the collar of his raincoat, broods on wet feet, flooded cellars and leaky roofs.

Unless, indeed, he is a farmer and his crops need the rain. But this, too, is an adult approach since it's usually a matter of the dollars and cents involved.

So, too, with cold. A man realizes he's getting old when a clear, blue sky on a brisk, frosty morning no longer produces a tingle in the blood, a lifting of the spirit, an added spring to the step. The elderly man, huddled in his overcoat, walks faster only beause of his anxiety to get home

It seems to add up to this: Weather, like other changing things in life, is constantly presenting a new aspect, a definite onslaught that a person must be adaptable to meet.

When we get old and rheumy and set in our ways, we resent this constant attack on our settled habits—and even more, we resent having to adapt ourselves to the change. This resentment is the inescapale sign of age. The challenge of the weather, like the other challenges of life, is met only with joy by the young in heart.

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THE HIGHER BRACKETS——

AMONG THE FEW MEN who can claim that they earn more than their bosses are Dr. W. C. Clark, deputy minister of Finance, and Dean C. J. Mackenzie, president of National Research Council. They attained this distinction when the government recently boosted their salaries to $17,500.

Clark's boss, Hon. D. C. Abbott, collects $10,000 a year as Cabinet Minister as well as a $4,000 indemnity as an M.P. and a $2,000 tax-free car allowance. Total $16,000. Reconstruction Minister Howe, Mackenzie's superior officer, draws the same pay.

Only three government-paid salaries are known to top those of Clark and Mackenzie. Prime Minister King draws $15,000 as Canada's first minister, another $4,000 as a member, and a $2,000 car allowance for a $21,000 total. Donald Gordon, Prices Board chairman, gets around $20,000 as deputy governor of the Bank of Canada; expenses only as prices czar Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, gets $30,000.

At that, the pay of members of the Canadian government suffers by comparison with their American equivalents. President Truman collects a tidy $75,000 a year. And members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives draw $15,000 as compared with the Canadian M. P.'s $6,000. —Montreal Standard.

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THE RUNG of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

—Thomas Henry Huxley

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NEW ZEALAND'S EXAMPLE OF SOCIALISM——

— By Lewis Milligan —

CANADIAN SOCIALISTS are for ever pointing to New Zealand as an example of how prosperous, contented and progressive the people of Canada would be if they would only follow the example and elect a Socialist government. But are the people of New Zealand really prosperous, contented and progressive? That island is so far away that we get very little news of what is going on over there, and what little we get through the regular services is passed over with small attention by Canadians generally.

There was a general election in New Zealand in December last, and newspapers giving accounts of the result of that contest reveal that the Labor Government was elected by an even narrower margin than it has possessed during the past eight years. The National Party (Opposition) increased its proportion of the popular votes from forty per cent in 1938 to forty-three and one-half per cent in 1943, and in this last election its proportion rose to forty-nine per cent.

The Opposition party claims that if the Government had not destroyed rural electorates by abolishing the country quota, the National Party would now be the Government. It is interesting also to note the reasons given by the National Party for the Government's return to power. These are as follows:

"Purchase of the Maori vote by lavish distribution of cash.

"Swaying of the parents' votes by the pre-election distribution of family allowances.

"Temporary purchase of the silence of militant trade unions by promise of further wage inflation.

"Totalitarian use, for year past, of the radio to inject pro-government and socialist propaganda, morning, noon and night.

"A long-term policy of encouraging young voters to imagine Labor can enable them to do less while receiving more and more, as against the National Party's outright insistence on the necessity of higher production."

It is also pointed out that Prime Minister Fraser in his final election broadcast "explicitly rejected the doctrine of ultimate socialism to which his party was committed by the 1945 Labor Conference." - Another point is that the Government, with a margin of six in the House, will have to depend upon the Maori members for a majority when the Speaker is appointed and a Minister is travelling-abroad or some Government member is absent.

So far from being happy and contented under the Socialist regime, organized labor is striking as much as ever. One big news headline runs as follows: "Wharf Deadlock Creates Crisis In N.Z. Labor Movement," and the item continues: "Last week, when the waterfront deadlock entered its sixth week, and the Federation of Labor Executive ranged itself in opposition to the militant leaders of the watersiders' Union, the Prime Minister's contribution to ending the deadlock was to threaten that the Waterfront Commission would be suspended if the workers did not resume normal work by last Saturday, January 6th."

The National Party journal, Freedom, carried a vigorous editorial in its issue of December 31, entitled, "This Waste Must Cease," in which it said: "It is time something was done to penalize labor groups which indulge in deliberate trouble making. Mere loss of wages is not a deterrent with the militants who act in an unreasonable manner. There should be a penalty imposed on every union that seeks to take the law into its own hands.....If selfishness runs to such length that trade is throttled, valuable and urgently needed cargoes are held up, industry is thrown into confusion and people are compelled to go short of supplies, the country is held up to ransom by a minority who snap their fingers at authority....." And this is the C. C.F.'s Socialist Utopia!

The following paragraph is taken from an editorial appearing in the same journal of December 23: "With taxation such a heavy drag on the country, New Zealand, like Australia, is slipping back. The secondary industries are not maintaining outputs, and in primary production also the trend is downward. Incentives to work, save, venture and develop are lacking, and in their place is a sense of frustration, a feeling that extra effort isn't worthwhile. The only direction where there is abundance, or superabundance, is in the supply of money, and that today is a great embarrassment. A Government which thought it had solved the problem of perpetual prosperity by getting control of the banking system has succeeded only in producing an endless crop of shortages; it has starved the people of necessaries under a welter of price controls, restrictions and rationing."

That, of course, is the Opposition speaking, but its criticism is obviously based upon facts. The reference to the "embarrassment" of the "superabundance of money" is deeply significant. In any case, the Socialism of New Zealand is hardly an attractive example to hold up for Canadians to follow.

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GOOD LAWS lead to the making of better ones; bad ones bring about worse. As soon as any man says of the affairs of State, "What does it matter to me?" the State may be given up for lost.

—Rousseau

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Russell Coleman of Brantford we have in our possession one of the first cover stamps issued from the Telephone City of Brantford commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Alexander Graham Bell's Discovery of the Telephone. The Telephone is accepted nowadays just like the birds and trees and other wonders of nature. But back in 1873 a Boston Newspaper warned its readers against subscribing money for the development of the telephone and said: "well informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over wires as may be done with dots and dashes and signals of the Morse Code, and that were it possible to do so, the thing would be of no practical value." Oh yes, newspapers sometimes are wrong.

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Several Canadian Daily newspapers, through a news item, stated that officials of the W.P.T.B. admitted frankly that living costs generally have increased considerably beyond costs as reflected in the index. This brought about a sharp denial from the W.P.T.B. that any such statement had ever been issued. We find, however, that it is quite impossible to find anyone who will agree that the W.P.T.B. cost of living index reflects the true situation when it comes right down to making a weekly pay envelope cover the same territory that it did say a year ago. We find that the average person is not content to continue living on bare essentials with V-J day so far, in the distance and regard, at least, some of the many other items which go to contribute toward content of living as essential in the peacetime years.

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We were gratified to get a subscription renewal from Lasmington this week. Of course, it came from a Jarvis Native but we thought he would by this time have become a Post reader and would have forgotten the Old Record which after all—well you know. So from our point of view it is good to retain the contacts with those who leave the old town to seek and find their fortune in far away places. Needless to say we never forget the boys who once knuckled down for digs in the old church shed or aspired to reach the heights of a Connacher or Shore in our undersized rink, or a Dimaggio at the Ball Park. There's something about the Home Town and we are happy when the boys keep that contact through the local paper.

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We hope spring gets here soon and Evelyn Dick can discard her Grey Squirrel. We like reading the daily papers but it is getting most monotonous looking at Evelyn day after day coming down the Court House steps in her grey squirrel coat. Another thing that interests us with respect to the Trial, which is being reported more thoroughly than any other event in Ontario at the present time, is how much money it is costing the good citizens of Hamilton—or maybe it is the County of Wentworth. We venture the opinion it will serve to unbalance a couple of budgets despite what may have been set aside for contingencies.

BIRD NOTES

No. 7

SOME OF OUR SPARROWS—

Two of our most handsome sparrows are the white-throated Sparrow and the white-crowned Sparrow. As its name indicates, the throat of the former bird is white. On its head are three white stripes separated by two black stripes. The lower white stripe, from just above the eye to the bill, blends into a bright yellow. As with most other sparrows, the white-throat has a brown back and grey breast. This bird is also known as the "Canada" bird, for its call seems to say "I-love-Canada-Canada."

The white-crowned sparrow is a little larger with the whole head and upper chest being a beautiful grey, and again, the striking black and white stripes on the crown of the head are a vivid contrast. In this species the white predominates in the head stripes, and it lacks the little yellow patch near the bill.

Both of these sparrows nest in the far north, and they are seen here only as spring and fall migrants. About the middle of April, we will suddenly find these birds in large flocks in our gardens. A favorite trick of these sparrows, is to help themselves to grass seed, which was scattered originally to help the lawn and not the birds.

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Then and Now - - -

Speaking in the Senate the other day, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne said he was born in a fortunate age, at a time when a man could by hard work and initiative make some money and accumulate it for his family and his old age, but that every door is shut against the young men and women of today.

There was a great deal more in the Senator's address that appealed to us, despite the fact that what he said will be decidedly unpopular in the growing popular leftist conception of things.

We frankly admit we sometimes have a difficult mental workout striving to approve of the plausible policies advocated by such gifted men as Mr. Coldwell, leader of the C.C.F. No one could possibly disagree with the end he sincerely believes his policies will achieve - the improvement of the lot of the majority and the end of privilege for the minority.

Yet at the same time referred to by the Ba[illegible] tyne most certainly [illegible] imbued with infinite[illegible] ent day are being [illegible] such an extent that [illegible] able that in due cou[illegible] will be sapped. At [illegible] cost be?

The same Mr. Ba[illegible] self, a leader of indu[illegible] er days. There ca[illegible] that his motives [illegible] prompted by the [illegible] idealists. Nor, in [illegible] there be any denial [illegible] se of his career be [illegible] contributed substan[illegible] terment of the [illegible] great many of his [illegible]

Is it to be acc[illegible] that such men as [illegible] to contribute to our [illegible] present age?

There may be a [illegible] will have to be in [illegible] to offset the contri[illegible] of the great men of [illegible] the same time impo[illegible] of living of the ma[illegible]

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

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Mr. Ralph Biggar is taking a six month Mechanical Course in Hamilton.

Mr. Lorne Porter, Mr. Leslie Keen made a business trip to Toronto on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballanger spent a few days with their daughters in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Porter and daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Challand at Renton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Keen visited Mr. and Mrs. George Waterhouse, near Hamilton on Saturday.

The annual Church meeting is being held Wednesday evening of this week in the Orange Hall.

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MAJORITIES RULE

Under our democratic system of government majorities rule, and no one questions their right to govern. They may question the wisdom of the proletariat, who put this power in their hands. This is only natural. When they hear the results of the poll they wonder simply gasp and say "good heavens," but they cheerfully submit.

—Pembroke (Ont.) Standard-Observer

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