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B. C. Elections

British Columbia electors go to the polls today to select their Nineteenth Legislature. In all but four of the forty-eight constituencies they will have a choice of from three to seven candidates, all bearing different labels.

In the confusion of parties lies Premier Pattullo's expectation of achieving success, there being no question but that a coalition of Opposition forces would sweep him out of office.

Premier Pattullo's appeal hinges on a demand for more liberal treatment from Ottawa; a demand he expects to have supported by the findings of the Royal Commission for the Provinces.

Another factor in his campaign is the assistance he is now receiving from the King Government in the ways of special grants at the expense of the taxpayers of Canada.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald O. M.

Reproduced on this page from the Hamilton Spectator is an exceptionally fine editorial on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, O.M. In addition to being a literary gem, it carries, for the most part, the hall-mark of informed analytical criticism.

The Educational Process

One thing that the graduating students of our college and university will have firmly fixed in their minds, let us hope, is that their education, in the real sense, is only beginning.

Another thought for our students to carry with them into the vacation period is that while education is the safeguard of democracy, the means of acquiring it can never be a plebiscite of the taught.

The New British Premier

Unlike his half-brother, the late Sir Austen Chamberlain, the new British Premier was not brought up with the idea of pursuing a political career, but as a business man.

experience qualified him exceptionally well for the Chancellorship of the Exchequer, which he held for the past five years.

Though his political career did not begin until he was forty-seven Neville Chamberlain had a splendid foundation for the work he was to do. He was the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the city his father, Joseph Chamberlain, had rebuilt.

A few weeks ago he presented his sixth and last Budget to the nation. It was in 1932 that he was appointed Chancellor. He took that responsible office, says the Montreal Star, under circumstances unparalleled in English history.

It is generally conceded that Premier Chamberlain enters No. 10 Downing Street well equipped for the exacting task which Mr. Baldwin has resigned after such splendid service.

Editorial Notes

"The Leafy month of June."

Charles Lever died this date, 1872.

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin's retirement coincided with the most critical situation the Empire has faced since 1917.

Our Colleges and Universities are now on vacation, but that does not signify the teachers and professors are idle—or some students either.

This is from the Montreal Gazette: "When a 74-year-old Prince Edward Island countrywoman visited Charlottetown for the first time in her life, all she could say was 'wonderful!' By that token, if the old lady were to see Toronto she would be rendered speechless."

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin in one of his final acts as head of the Government announced in the House of Commons a boost in pay for its members, decided by the Cabinet.

"British tradition has ever been that religion counted little beside ability to distinguish between Right and Wrong, determination to take the Right, and courage to hold to it in the face, if need be, of self-annihilation" writes Ashley W. Cooper.

The view of Mr. Ernest G. Draper, Assistant Commercial Secretary of the United States, in Washington despatches, that a reciprocal trade agreement between United States and Great Britain might involve changes in the agreements between the United Kingdom and various Dominions, has already been given much consideration in Canadian Government circles.

The privilege of a chicken to delay to the last minute its decision as to whether it will cross a road ahead of an automobile is considerably abridged in the States of New York by a bill amending the vehicle and traffic law which Governor Herbert H. Lehman has just signed.

Asking members of Social Credit groups throughout Alberta if they "wish Aberhart to resign as Premier," a three-point questionnaire, designed to obtain the attitude of Alberta Social Credit League members on various matters, is being circulated by the league, according to W. N. Chant, former Minister of Agriculture.

1. Do you wish Aberhart to resign as Premier?
2. Are you in favor of your M.L.A. supporting the present Government?
3. What action do you want taken in connection with debt settlement: (a) To reduce principal 50 per cent.; (b) as under the Federal Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act; (c) to adjust each individual case on its merits.

Notes By The Way

In this country we have had no need to resort to the appointment of dictators or the introduction of what the Premier calls "radical theories" in derogation of popular liberty.

In the guise of an old-fashioned Tory squire, Mr. Baldwin has actually presided over a Conservative government which would have shocked even Disraeli's "Tory democrats" or its revolutionaries.

The consumer, a utility executive points out, will determine how far a strike shall go and how much money shall be taken by the Government in taxes.

It is as hard for a nation to be truly isolated in the world today as it is for a man to be a hermit at Forty-second and Broadway.

Burma's new status is illustrated by announcements by the governor, Sir Archibald Cochrane, to the first joint session of the House of the Burma Legislature.

It is believed that stuttering begins (1) under conditions of physical weakness or illness; (2) at a time of sudden or intensive emotional experience, usually of a type producing fear, anger, or anxiety; (3) in a situation in which a child imitates another stutterer.

A forester, Baker by name, in the Imperial Forestry Service in Kenya, conceived the plan of encouraging the protecting and the planting of trees by the natives.

Rarely has Britain's essential democracy—some what overlaid by the Coronation's monarchical pageantry—been better illustrated than in the life of Philip Snowden, the Yorkshire weaver's son who became Chancellor of the Exchequer and Viscount of Ickburgh.

The Spanish civil war which has fallen in so many respects to justify present familiar predictions about the revolutionary effect of new mechanical equipment and air attack upon the conduct of war, has now provided, rather startlingly, an instance of a warship being sunk by air bombing.

Already Mr. Roosevelt has driven a wedge deep into the heart of his party. In the solid group of Democratic Senators who have pledged unrelenting opposition to his attack on the judiciary lies the nucleus of a new political alignment.

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That Body of Deeds

By James W. Bonin, M.D.
CURING THE CHILD WHO STUTTERS

"The other day I stood for five or ten minutes outside the door listening to David as he played in a sandbox. He made roars and tunneys and pushed wooden blocks, representing automobiles and trains, up and down in and out, expressing his thoughts aloud without the least difficulty in speech.

I believe this single paragraph from "The Child Who Stutters," written by Dr. Frederick W. Brown in Hygeia magazine tells the whole story as to the cause of stuttering.

As long as the child was thinking only of his play, nothing else on his mind, he spoke clearly, distinctly, without the slightest trace of stuttering; this shows that there was nothing wrong with his tongue, his lips, his vocal cords or other parts that help to form words.

In his own home, with those whom he loves and is loved by, and whom he knows well and knows him well, there is no trace of stuttering.

It would appear that the worthy organization which attracted considerable attention by the planting of the Coronation oaks from the royal park at Windsor had its origin in equatorial East Africa.

Men Of The Trees

It is difficult to say where sincerity ends and sincerity begins. Ramsay MacDonald's dogged evangelism was bound to assert itself, and his political career became a great and noble crusade.

But something else was developing within MacDonald during those struggling years. He was always an autocrat; he ruled his political headquarters as the feudal lord might rule a household.

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A Lost Old Man

(Hamilton Spectator)
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who is to retire from public life at the end of this week, has stayed too long upon the stage. It is profoundly significant that no newspaper of importance in England has published one word in praise of Mr. MacDonald's services to his country.

Curiously, Lawrence Binyon's lines to the fallen come to mind:
Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn.

Ramsay MacDonald faces the condemnation of the years, and what a condemnation it is! His last recorded public suggestion was that the international sugar convention should be utilized in order to stage a bigger and better peace conference.

In fact, of recent years, Mr. MacDonald has suffered from a malady which might well be described as diabetes of the brain.

This is no carping political criticism. There have been few tragedies in English public life more complete than that of Ramsay MacDonald, and the ingredients of that tragedy are to be found, not in the inner councils of the British Conservative party, but in the drawing rooms of the great London houses where he was, for a brief time, a sort of social lion; not in any group of men and women, but deep within his own complex personality.

Years ago a poor boy wondered about the moors above Lossiemouth, which overlook the Moray Firth. He was burning, one believes, with a certain indignation—an indignation which had its roots in an overwhelming ambition.

He leaves the glitter forever. Perhaps he will go back to Lossiemouth, at the entrance to the Moray Firth, whence he started out on his long journey.

It is not so long ago he cried: "A Not so long ago he cried: 'A Lossiemouth lad was I born. But there is little of the Lossiemouth lad left. Instead there is a faltering, tired old man, on whom the mannerisms of the upper classes sit with ease, and whose pleasant Scotch voice has mellowed and matured, and lost its rough edges in the chancelleries of Europe."

Will Prosperity Last

(Financial Post)
"How long will this prosperity last?" is a question agitating many minds. In each country, the local economist finds an answer that is influenced by domestic conditions.

The ruling classes knew that a great new force was unleashed upon the country. They knew that it had to be controlled and they knew that the way of control did not lie in any such blatant exhibitions of authority as that proposed by Campbell Bannerman when he threatened to march the Coldstream Guards into the House of Commons if a Labour government were ever elected.

Cigars came MacDonald's way, offered by dual hands; cigars, invitations, a slow opening up to him of that pleasant way of life, among these charming people, which he had coveted so long. He became intellectually in tune with the nobility. It was an inevitable development. And as his social contacts broadened and his stilled ambitions were fulfilled, the old Spartan determination to build a better world wavered and was lost.

The Poet's Corner

THERE ARE STILL WATERS

The years slide by like waters over stone, Hurrying... Their careless, shifting touch Is cold upon the heart, upon the bone Benumbed until it does not matter much. Nothing remains but the monotony Of flowing time—a mocking permanence, This shadowy stream that harrides memory, The weary, gallant body's last defense.

But suddenly within a hidden cove Encompassed from the tide by living green, There are still waters where the planets move.

Reflections of a universe unseen: Encircling heavens that will never die, Swinging their silver ladders from the sky. —Florence Ripley Mastin.

great man, for he had found his niche. He was one of the last of the great Whigs. He could dispense justice and humanity with a slight flourish and a wealth of good advice, offered in that attractive burring voice of his. He and Cecil Briand, Bruening, Stresemann moved Europe toward peace. He was a magnificent foreign minister, and on this count alone he must be numbered among Britain's great.

But the sands were running out. Cigars, invitations, a certain polite homage—these things were not given to those who were socially out-cast without a price being demanded.

Political inconsistency is one thing; congenial weakness another. He had not the strength to remain a Labourite; he had not the strength to remain even a Liberal; and at the end, when he had become a die-hard Tory, he had not the strength to admit that he was no longer a Labourite.

Perhaps it would be better for his happiness if he avoided that place of later memory, and spend his declining years in the pleasant land of his choice.

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Town Talk! Flash MILD FINE CUT CIGARETTE 10 TOBACCO Also in Lock-top Tins

he urges that Britain should defend all possible public spending, outside of re-armament, so that there will be a reserve of work to do when all the guns and airplanes and battleships have been built. Other British commentators also stress the need of restoring world trade. If by the time the re-armament boom is over, world trade carriers have been hewed down and freer intercourse between the nations has been restored, then a major slump can be avoided, it is argued.

In the United States, there are several schools of thought. One school is very much worried about the "boom" and wants to control it. The "boom" lies in the inflationary rise of prices due not only to European rearmament but to the unbalancing of budgets in the United States and elsewhere, which is constantly increasing the quantity of currency and making it available and in use. The problem is primarily one of using the instruments of control that are available. A Harvard writer puts it the way: "It is one thing to have the tools and another to be able to use them," which echoes what a high monetary expert in Washington said to the Financial Post recently: "We have gotten what we wanted—managed money—and now we wonder how to manage it."

General Dawes throws in his idea that their prosperity will march about unhampered except by a minor correction in a couple of years unless either world war or unbridled inflation intervenes. Col. Ayer decries current efforts to talk down the boom, averring that Washington is trying to lock the stable door before the country has got a horse.

In nearly every country human frailty and political exigencies combine to make boom control a demonstration of economic ineptitude. In the world at large, things have been moving forward. Such progress as prevails stands upon props of varying degrees of strength: first, armaments; second, inflation; third, the upward bound of raw material prices from their exaggerated lows. But in place of these temporary scaffolds, there must be built more enduring foundations in the solid concrete and masonry of peace and trade. The United States, through Mr. Hull is offering a statesmanlike effort to the world although there is no assurance that Congress and the American people are ready to follow through with Mr. Hull's programme even if other nations back it up. The countries of the Empire have an opportunity at London to lead the world toward more progressive and liberal trading policies.

If the present efforts to put the nations on a peace basis in economic and financial policies will then nationalisms will be further intensified. Then as the exchange observes, speculation as to how long this prosperity will last will be quite futile, for war will most certainly come as hungry peoples revolt and discontented nations seek to attain by force what they have not been able to get either by peaceful negotiations or by sabre-rattling. It is a race between economic disarmament and chaos.

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