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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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The Women's Institutes

Wednesday and Thursday of this week will see assembled in Prince of Wales College auditorium what may fittingly be called the Women's Parliament of the Province—namely the Women's Institutes—in their thirty-first annual convention. Special speakers will be Mrs. Cameron Dow, president of the F.W.I.C. of Port Daniel, Quebec, Miss Elizabeth MacMillan, dean of home economics at Acadia University, and Miss Frances MacKay, superintendent of the Manitoba Women's Institutes. There will, of course, be the usual presidential and committee reports and open discussion periods, the topics chosen for discussion being the very important ones of agriculture, home economics, social welfare and citizenship.

Islanders returning to this Province after an absence of twenty or thirty years invariably comment on the changes for the better which they note in rural areas. These improvements are due in no small part to the untiring efforts of the Women's Institutes. A branch of their organization in any community is a sure sign of progress and development. Moreover, since the war they have been most active in Red Cross and other activities in aid of our service forces.

A cordial welcome from our citizens awaits the delegates to this week's convention in Charlottetown. May their stay prove both pleasant and profitable.

Too Much For Patterson

Analyzing the Liberal defeat in Saskatchewan, most newspapers received to date are of opinion that it was due chiefly to the increasing popular hostility to the King Government. Provincial issues apparently played little or no part in the campaign. The CCF candidates went after bigger game. In singling out the King Ministry for attack instead of the Patterson Government, they showed that they knew their stuff and understood exactly where to hit.

It was generally agreed that the only alternative to a Liberal government in Saskatchewan was one directed by the CCF, the Progressive Conservatives not having even organized as a provincial party till a few weeks before the issue of the writs for this election. The Liberals, even five years ago, were in a minority of 40,000 with respect to the popular vote, and a CCF triumph in the present circumstances seemed pretty certain.

Mr. Patterson may console himself with the reflection that his government's defeat does not necessarily imply any electoral repudiation of its policies or condemnation of its record, but mainly the antagonism of the western voter to Canada's partisan wartime administration headed by Prime Minister King at Ottawa. As the Sydney Post-Record aptly says, that administration's record has, for the time being at least, made the Liberal tag a heavy load for any provincial government to carry.

It certainly is proving no rabbit's paw.

How Bureaucracy Is Created

Under the above heading a striking article by a British member of Parliament, Mr. Thomas Levy, appears in The Law Journal, (London) and is reprinted in the current issue of The Farthingly Law Journal, Toronto. The reason for its republication is obvious, as the danger to which attention is directed is at least as grave at Ottawa as it is at Westminster. The writer's argument is, in brief, that while legislation by regulation and order in council is unavoidable in wartime, there is no reason to tolerate the widespread abuse of the system.

Mr. Levy complains that in Great Britain since the outbreak of war over 6,000 regulations and orders have been made. Had he been writing of Canada he could have said that since Prime Minister Mackenzie King was returned to office in 1935 the number of laws and regulations enacted by order-in-council has long since passed the 20,000 mark. He could have added that this was the same Mr. King who, back in 1920, had declared that it was "beneath the dignity of Parliament—indeed, it is bringing Parliament into contempt—to ask us to enact as law a code of regulations that we have not even passed."

The question, Mr. Levy argues, is not a political one. It should be treated as a matter of high national concern, involving the liberties for which we are now fighting, and the sovereign authority of the electors and of the House of Commons to which they delegate that authority. The writer is concerned, "as we all should be," he says, "with the almost placid acquiescence" of parliamentarians themselves to the ever-growing appetite of government departments for power without direct and defined responsibility, and with the "steady surreptitious pilfering of national liberty under the guise of imperative necessity." Power without responsibility, Mr. Levy insists, is always an evil thing. He quotes a distinguished legal authority, the late Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice, to this effect: "Many assurances have been given from time to time, that this system, especially as worked in wartime, will be drastically revised after the war." says the writer. "It must be borne in mind that it is not merely a wartime expedient, but a peace-time procedure enormously developed for wartime purposes, and that it has already acquired a measure of permanence in our legislative practice with which it will not be easy to deal. We know, too, from experience that bureaucracy dies hard; it holds on firmly to what it has won. The more we see easier going now about it, the

the harder will be the going later when—and if—we really start to control it."

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Snow fences have become essential equipment for the maintenance of rural highways during the winter months. These are expensive and not always satisfactory. Wisconsin began to experiment with living fences of living trees and found the results were a great improvement over the snow fences. The living snow fences along main highways have attracted the attention not only of road engineers, but of agriculturists and those who seek to beautify the countryside.

About five years ago it used to cost the tax payers of Minnesota \$180,000 a year to erect snow fences along 11,000 miles of state highways. The expenditure was felt to be too heavy and a more effective form of snow control was searched for. The idea of planting trees at the side of highways and the saving thus effected on 6,000 miles of highways was approximately \$700,000 during the five years, as compared with the cost of purchasing and maintaining flat snow fences. The landscape has been enhanced and the farmers who gave the land have enjoyed a greater depth of snow on their soil, and the highways have been safer. In Pennsylvania, for example, white birches at curves have lessened the hazards during the night time and are part of the program followed to eliminate the wooden snow fences.

Highway engineers favour the trees because they are more efficient in controlling the drift of snow. They provide protection and a source of food for bird life. They act as a windbreak, thereby reducing evaporation on open planted fields, and make for larger yields of farm produce. Wind erosion is checked and most of the valuable humus in the top soil is conserved. The first step is to win the approval of the farmers and convince them that fences of living trees are in their interests. There should then be no difficulty in getting them to contribute the strips of land required for the project.

There is a difference of opinion as to what species of trees are best for this purpose, but authorities generally agree that wherever native stock can be used, it should be planted. Such trees are usually hardier and do better in an environment suited to them. Trees of symmetrical growth, with a compact crown and low branching habits are the ideal, provided the local soil and climatic conditions are suitable. The most suitable for snow control are said to include most of the pines, spruces, firs and cedars. In some localities good results have been obtained by alternately planting Lombardy poplars and Norway spruces. It is recommended that prevailing winter winds and the angle of snow drift be studied before plantings are made, also that trees be placed at a sufficient distance from the highways to allow for their future widening, if traffic demands it. The movement is one that is worthy of being adopted in all regions where wooden fences are now relied upon.

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Grade II-1. Evelyn MacKinnon.
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