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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."
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"Bare Knuckles"

An old parliamentary tradition is that a new member should be seen and not heard, or, if heard, he must be careful to say nothing out of the way or in the slightest degree offensive to the ruling party. Another tradition equally well rooted, is that the new member must be treated gently—as long, of course, as he keeps a watch on his tongue.

It seems, however, that both traditions have been hit hard in the present session of the Canadian Parliament. Speaking alternately in English and French, Mr. J. C. Van Horne, Progressive-Conservative from New Brunswick, is said to have used "bare knuckles" on the Government in his first parliamentary speech, and the Liberals, throwing off all restraint, are said to have responded with "noisy interruptions". Perhaps it is just as well that the break has come; and it is fitting that it should have been brought about by a man from the Maritimes, an area which probably has done more than any other to make Confederation work, without sharing equally with other areas in its benefits.

There has never been any good reason why a newcomer to Parliament should be regarded as a "know-nothing"; this more or less general assumption probably is responsible for a good deal of the lassitude that characterizes the average parliamentary session; for, when a man is forced by convention to be silent—or, at least, insipid in what he has to say—at the beginning of his parliamentary career, small wonder that he finds it easy to slip into slovenly habits later on. In any event, a member is perhaps never more capable of making a useful contribution to a parliamentary debate than on the day he stood up for the first time, unspoiled by flattery and not yet disillusioned by the course of events.

Nor was there ever any good reason for preferred treatment of the newcomer by his seasoned colleagues. He, as they are, is supposed to be ready for the rough and tumble of debate, else he would not have offered himself for election in the first place; at least, that is a reasonable assumption. Mr. Van Horne has shown that at least one freshman can take good care of himself and sees no reason why he should be over-humble in the presence of his peers. Perhaps others of his class, emboldened by his example, will come to the fore whenever they feel they have something worthwhile to contribute to the discussion of the country's business. This, of course, is not the same thing at all as talking a lot without saying anything—another hindrance to parliamentary usefulness.

The Teacher Problem

We regret that in publishing a recent report from the Provincial Home and School Association executive, an important word was omitted from the statement that "in rural districts on the Island it was common practice for school boards to look for the cheapest teacher available—and consequently the poorest qualified." This should have read "in some rural districts", etc. Objection was promptly taken by a New Glasgow correspondent to the statement as published, and we have been informed by the Association that no criticism was intended with regard to the fine school conditions prevailing there, nor indeed to several other districts which pride themselves upon their teaching standards.

The Home and School executive is representative of both rural and urban communities, and the purpose of the statement in question was to call attention to a condition which is becoming all too common. It is feared that a sufficiently high value is not being placed on education generally, and that the status of teach-

ers, in living, working conditions and adequate salaries, is suffering as a consequence. Otherwise the teacher shortage problem would not be so acute. According to the report of the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending March, 1954, 105 permit teachers were employed, representing an increase of 20 over the preceding year. The number of teachers holding a first class license showed an increase of 5, while there were 4 fewer teachers in the third class.

As noted previously in these columns, the problem of qualified teacher supply is by no means confined to this Province, and everywhere the authorities are looking with concern to the future. Elementary school enrollment in Canada is expected to increase more than 15 per cent in the next five years; high school enrollment 60 per cent. The extent of the current national teacher shortage is unknown, but three years ago it was estimated at nearly 7,000. And there are approximately 10,000 teachers whose training is below minimum standards.

Provinces and municipalities are striving desperately to cope with this situation, but it is getting quite beyond their financial means. Perhaps more can be done with greater support from the rural communities; but no real solution can be achieved without Ottawa's participation. The Dominion Government could enter this field without fear of criticism and without infringement on Provincial rights. Eventually it will be forced to do so; but in the meantime the smaller Provinces such as Prince Edward Island are suffering acutely, and the education of a whole generation of students is in jeopardy from the delay.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The influence of Christianity in India is, apparently, much stronger than the relatively small number of its adherents would indicate. At any rate, a Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Jerome D'Souza, is a member of India's delegation to the United Nations.

Striking evidence of the unusual weather conditions was given in the pictures in yesterday's issue, showing late-planted turnips being harvested in good condition and tractors employed in finishing a plowing job which was begun in mid-November, but had to be discontinued owing to a sudden snowstorm.

Sir Seymour Hicks, the retiring Lord Mayor of London, England, after visiting Canada recently, said that Canada places too much emphasis on young immigrants. And here is his reason for this criticism:—"The kind of know-how that gives pre-eminence to the specialized products of an old and highly industrialized country like Great Britain is deposited not in the youth but in the 'old hands', the men who are passing on the priceless fruits of a lifetime's experience to young hands just beginning to acquire the master touch."

Something new—and probably a deterrent to delinquency—is being tried in the police court at Grand Rapids, Mich. Two youths who damaged the property of an aged woman have been put on 6 months trial, during which time they must keep the woman's walk free of snow, care for her lawn, and, when asked, help her in general maintenance. If their work is not done to the woman's satisfaction, the boys will be given prison sentences. No consideration will be given to the payment of a fine, for that would be "buying the right to be delinquent," in the view of the magistrate.

Well and favourably known in this Province is Mr. Frank R. Sayer, veteran public relations representative for the Atlantic Region, C.N.R., whose retirement after long and meritorious service is announced in today's issue. An ideal official, courteous and obliging at all times, and with a wide knowledge gained by study and experience, Mr. Sayer gave prestige to his position and was popular with all classes, particularly with newspaper men with whom he was in constant touch. Mr. Sayer's range of interests covers history, poetry, philosophy and archaeology. We trust that he will have many years of intellectual adventure before him in these congenial realms.

NEWS ITEM - SCHOOL CLASSES VISIT CONFEDERATION CHAMBER



To See Some History, Not To Make It

OTTAWA REPORT

Old And New Faces

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The reopening of Parliament has brought activity, interest, many old friends and some new faces to Parliament Hill. Senators and M.P.s alike always welcome heartily both political ally and political foe when they reassemble here, for personal friendships cross party lines.

Among the handshakes and the jostle of Opening Day and the first working day, I noticed many political stars right back there in the limelight.

Paul Martin was receiving much praise to his face and even more out of his hearing, for his triumph at the United Nations. "Will he succeed Dag Hammarskjöld as secretary-general of the United Nations next year?" wondered Guelph's Henry Hosking, one of his many great admirers.

Henry bases this on his discovery, during his recent European tour, that the name of Martin is as high over there. This suggestion, new to me, makes sense. And it carries weight, for Henry, who thinks before he speaks, and is not prone to wild statements dropped lightly.

Port Arthur's distinguished Trader Howe smiled as he chatted with Muriel Hosking. He looks today as fit and young as I remember him looking seven years ago, holidaying in carefree mood in the Bahamas.

Vancouver's Jack Macdonald, smiling at the ever-open door of his office beside the cafeteria, was more than somewhat upset by a new Liberal record. For the first time in the history of federal and provincial politics in British Columbia, there had been no Liberal candidate in an election; that was the by-election in Vancouver Centre, won by the Social Crediters.

POWER AND THE GLORY
Quebec City's Chubby Power no longer sat in his accustomed seat

Surprising Result

(Montreal Gazette)

The United States, one might imagine, would be "the land of the ulcer". Those high-pressured and high-pressure executives answering into telephones in their 30th-storey offices, might be supposed to lead the world in the ulcer parade. Yet it is not so. The United Nations World Health Organization has drawn up the comparative ulcer figures. They reveal that the United States comes a poor fifth on the list of nations, as far as ulcers are concerned.

Who comes first? It is Japan. England comes second, despite the long weekend and time off for tea. And there is a greater surprise. The lowest nation, when it comes to sporting ulcers, is France. Any one who has observed French politics and politics are typical of any nation must have concluded that in that "shirley" ulcers would be "de rigueur". But ulcers, it seems, are few and far between.

But there is one fact that is, perhaps, no surprise. Third on the list comes Scotland—and land of the haggis.

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of honour, immediately to the right of the Speaker of the House of Commons. Old time Liberalism's leading defender has folded his tent and moved away - to the Senate. But the name of that redoubtable ex-Cabinet Minister remains in the Commons, represented by his son Frank.

Oshawa's Mike Starr was worried by the hardship to families and to business by the post-Christmas shortage of spending money in his riding, now beginning to feel the pinch of the prolonged General Motors strike.

Vancouver's Harold Winch, firebrand of the C.C.F., was missed. He is in hospital with a broken leg. Put his party will be silent in the Commons; for there, ready, willing and as sincere and able as ever, is Winnipeg's Stanley Knowles, who will approve every subject with an open mouth.

Vancouver Island's General George Peakes, the outstanding military expert of the Conservative Party - perhaps even of Parliament - seemed happy that the new Army chief, General Graham, is now advocating what George himself has so long urged: that the army force intended for the defence of Canada should be fully airborne.

CANADIAN BUTTERFINGERS
That doughy little fighter from Quebec City, Wilfrid Dufresne, was in there early, tossing at Trade Minister Howe and Agriculture Minister Gardiner, a particularly hot potato in the form of our subsidized butter sales to Communist countries.

John Diefenbaker was modestly shrugging off his forensic triumph before the Supreme Court in the Cathro murder case, when he won a thrilling decision establishing a new precedent in Canadian criminal law. As a result of this Diefenbaker-made law, the condemned man will have a new trial in Vancouver, commencing on 23rd of this month. His brilliant defending counsel will be - John Diefenbaker. Vancouver will have an opportunity of watching Canada's outstanding bar star in full shine.

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The Poet's Corner

THE COW I USED TO CHASE
That pasture should have kept a cow contented. She hadn't a shred of excuse for breaking out. And yet the fence she leaped or circumvented. Was no more barrier than a small girl's shout.

She had deep clover, daisies in their season, Asters, and vetch, blue cornflowers in the sun. Shade of a maple, and nowhere any reason. For fancying some field was a greener one.

I could faithfully pump the water for her trough. And feed her dandelions, and stroke her flanks. But turn back toward the barn and my cow was off. Gone free—and this was all I got for thanks:

I learned to patch barbed wire with wearisome labors. And she made me acquainted with everyone of the neighbors.

—Betty Bridgman in the Christian Science Monitor.

FIRE LEVELS HOME
CORNER BROOK, Nfld. (CP)—A five-room bungalow and its contents were destroyed by fire in the west end of the city Wednesday. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Abe Norman were absent at the time.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sudesen, M.D.

WHY YOUR BABY CRIES
Don't worry about your wailing infant. He won't cry forever; it only seems like forever.

Although most all newborn babies cry more than you think is necessary, they generally will quiet down and become happier by the age of six to ten weeks. A very young baby must cry. Nature gave him the power to wail for several reasons.

First of all, he must expand his lungs during the first few days of life. Then, too, crying is the baby's only means of communicating with you.

Of course he'll cry when he's hungry. Since he becomes hungry at irregular intervals, you shouldn't maintain a rigid feeding schedule. Regulation of a schedule on a four-hour basis usually isn't advisable until he's from six to ten weeks old.

Even if you feed a crying infant every ten minutes, he still wouldn't stop whimpering. If he's not hungry or wet, his cries probably mean "Mother, I want to be held and loved and assured that you want me."

Along about the age of six or ten weeks, a baby's overall schedule is better regulated. He is able to see and hear with a little understanding. He follows your movements with his eyes. He turns his head at a nearby noise. He becomes more interested in his surroundings. Because there are things to keep him interested, he's happier and loses much of his desire for crying.

About this time I think you'll be a bit happier. Both you and the old man will get a night's sleep without being awakened by the howling of your know who. And those loud shrieks won't summon you quite so often from your daytime chores.

So, new mothers, don't despair. Things won't always be so hectic. QUESTION AND ANSWER

D. J. C.: What is osteoporosis and how can it be treated?
Answer: Osteoporosis is the loss of vital minerals, particularly calcium, in bones.

It may occur with old age, with disuse of a limb, and in women passing through the menopause.

Usually, the giving of a combination of male and female hormones along with an adequate diet and calcium and phosphorus preparations will correct this disease.

The Age Old Story

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

MELBOURNE, Australia (Reuters)—Vandals Monday night set loose a live eight-foot rock python and slashed a six-foot zoaena lizard to death in an orgy of destruction at Melbourne's Museum and Art Gallery. A skeleton of Carbine, one of Australia's greatest race horses, was among the specimens destroyed.

London Free Press: Lucky the girl who calls her regular beau by his right name when she returns from vacation. —London Free Press.

A successful man is one who can earn more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who catches such a man. —Brandon Sun.

"Some Canadians complacently look at our mounting highway accident statistics and say, 'Oh, it's those fast smart-alec tourists that cause the trouble.' They do not look into the figures far enough. American drivers are better and safer than Canadian. Proportionately there are more traffic accidents in Canada than in the U.S.—30 per cent more." —Peterborough Examiner.

By the time Mr. Gaiskell gets his first opportunity to become prime minister, in 1959 or 1960, Britain is likely to be a country in which about one-third of all families will own their own motor car, more than half will own their own television set, considerably more than half will have a stake in industrial pensions schemes, and a greater proportion of the people than ever before will be decently and modernly housed. What Britain will be like when Mr. Gaiskell reaches retirement age, in the late 1970s, defies imagination. —London Economist.

It is an encouraging sign of the times that women are taking an increasingly active part in politics at all levels. With the appearance of Mrs. Florence Inman of Prince Edward Island in the Senate the other day, that chamber now has six women members. And in the Commons, the honor of moving the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne went this year to Mrs. Ann Shipley, Liberal member for Temiskaming. The more able and energetic Canadian women who can be attracted to public life on whatever level—each is important—the better it will be for democracy in this country. —Ottawa Citizen.

Although it might appear that Canadian banks are not taking seriously the recent moves of the Bank of Canada in raising its interest rate, actually that is not the case. The chartered banks are keeping a wary eye on the consumer credit barges and are ready to act with decision and dispatch when the bulges get too large. —Galt Reporter.

A country like Canada cannot remain prosperous indefinitely if its agriculture does not prosper. It is basically an international problem, involving the distribution of surplus which in the main are not really surpluses at all—for all this production of food and fiber is needed somewhere. If the nations come perceptibly closer to a solution in 1956, the year will indeed be a memorable one. —Ottawa Citizen.

One doubts the quality of European's fond trust in freedom when the hats the Prime Minister's wife chooses to wear are attacked, as they have been recently in the press of London. The freedom of the "fashion experts" to say what they please for publication about the individual's head gear, certainly has been demonstrated, but the freedom of the individual to wear the hats she pleases, seems to be questioned. What character of freedom is that? —Sydney Post Record.

Psychologists in Scotland and meat breeders in Denmark have been making experiments that will infuriate animal lovers but do seem to prove something or other about people. The Scots have taught chickens to smoke and Danes are getting hogs mildly drunk. Both hens and porkers seem to like it. The chickens are inhaling cigarettes in cancer research and the hogs guzzling a fermental mash of sugar beets and grain, to grow chappier pork. Their acceptance of such bad habits casts considerable doubt on the old saying that a natural instinct saves a dumb creature from making the mistakes of intelligent but imaginative and wayward humans. —Chicago Daily News.

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