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The Late Mr. McLure

All our citizens will mourn the death of Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, former member of Parliament for Queens, whose name was a household word throughout this Province and whose long career in public life, and in the fur industry, brought him into personal contact with so many of our people.

As a representative of our interests at Ottawa, we have had few able, more industrious or more conscientious spokesmen since Confederation. His popularity with all classes was indicated by his frequent victories at the polls, even during Liberal landslide which left him carrying his party colours alone.

Mr. McLure believed in keeping close to the grass-roots of his constituency. He was unfailing in his courtesy and diligent in responding to appeals for information or assistance in connection with his parliamentary duties, devoting a great deal of his time freely to work of this kind.

As an expert in the fur industry Mr. McLure enjoyed international prestige. He travelled widely in this connection in earlier years, when the fox industry was at its peak, and was regarded as a leading authority on the subject in Parliament as well as among those associated with him in the industry.

Over and above his activities in business and public life, Mr. McLure was appreciated for his warm human qualities. It was his motto in public, as in private affairs, "If you can't say anything good about a person, don't say anything bad."

To his widow and daughter The Guardian joins in extending sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Immortal Crusoe

Goatskin-clad Robinson Crusoe, a world hero long before Davy Crockett ever saw a coonskin, is soon to have a statue erected in his honor in Hull, England's third largest port.

Most authorities grant that Selkirk's adventures fed Daniel Defoe the main plot for his classic. Two islands, however, still maintain that there is the Crusoe island. This confusion derives from the mobility of Defoe's mind.

Domestication of musk ox for farm use is being tested near Huntington Center, Vermont. Three calves, two females and a bull, were brought down from Canada's Northwest Territories.

Scientists now concur in the popular belief that rain is to be expected when the moon is surrounded by a halo. But they deny that the moon in any way causes rain.

ed, which gave Crusoe the advantage of equipment and tools.

A hot-tempered Scot, Selkirk ran away from home to join the English buccanniers. When 32, he shipped on the "Cinque Ports". Quarrelling with the captain, he asked to be put ashore. The captain gladly set him down at Mas a Tierra with a box of clothing, a gun, powder and bullets, a little tobacco, a hatchet, a Bible, knife, and keel.

Hull, in raising a statue to Crusoe, honors Selkirk and Defoe, but mostly the fictional character who, conquered prolonged adversity, Crusoe thus joins such other greats as Peter Pan, whose statue graces London's Kensington Gardens; Hans Brinker in Spaarndam, Holland; Puck, at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.; Hiawatha and Minnehaha, in Minneapolis; Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn in Hannibal, Mo.; and Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid who keeps a faithful eye on Copenhagen's harbor.

Extraordinary

A Republican Administration with a Democratic Congress—or the other way round—is no novelty in United States political affairs. Indeed, in an "off" year it is so common that it can be regarded as the norm.

The "Congressional Quarterly", a sort of semi-official organ of Congress, made all this quite clear in a recent issue. It says that in no less than thirty instances, the Democrats have saved administration-sponsored legislation from being scrapped by the Republicans.

Since the Democrats are in control of both houses, the President must find their co-operation very pleasant and valuable indeed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another Canadian contribution to the Colombo Plan: 6,000 high class eggs to be used for breeding purposes in Pakis an.

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A Fine Young Fellow

Alberta's Voting System

In the 1952 Alberta provincial elections 30 ballot counters spent 36 hours counting the Edmonton vote.

Introduced by a United Farmers' administration, proportional representation has been used for Edmonton and Calgary since the 1926 provincial election.

Alberta is the only province in Canada now using such a combination of voting systems, contrasted to the simple ballot system used in other provinces and in federal elections.

British Columbia is also back on the simple ballot, after using the alternative vote in the 1952 and 1953 provincial elections.

Advocates of proportional representation feel that any substantial minority should have a voice in government. They say that under the simple ballot system if the vote is fairly even it is possible for a party to capture nearly all the seats with only a slim majority of the total votes.

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The Poet's Corner

COLD SCHOLARSHIP
Bald heads, forgetful of their sins, Old, learned, respectable bald heads Edit and annotate the lines That young men, tossing on their beds Rhymed out in love's despair To flatter beauty's ignorant ear.

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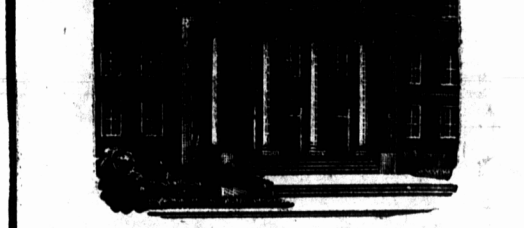
NOTES BY THE WAY

We were writing just the other day about the way in which cities get littered up during the Summer and also how the country-side is defiled by junk thrown from passing cars. We now read that the situation is under control in Massachusetts where the state police impose a fine of \$100 on persons throwing stuff from an auto.

Not long ago homes were erected at from \$1,200 to a couple of rooms. Today when a couple of acres on a modest \$12,000 five room bungalow, the price per room is \$2,400. Short cuts to lower costs would be welcomed, but there is another factor that means a great deal.

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