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John Buchan Buys a Book

After all, why should there be news in the Ottawa story that, during a shopping tour, the Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir, bought a book? Except it be written in the question: Why should a man who has written so many books set out to buy one? Of course, the "catch" is that the clerk did not, at first, know his customer. But his surprise was that he had waited on the Governor-General; not that John Buchan had purchased a book. What book? The clerk didn't even think of revealing that; and it would have been news. The world likes to know what authors themselves buy for their reading.

No doubt, like most men, the Governor-General leaves this general Christmas shopping business to the women folk; but, being a master literary himself, he selects his own books. Many an admirer of John Buchan will envy that clerk. He would like to observe a great maker of books examine, with a view to purchase, a volume turned out by another writer. Only real book-lovers know how to handle a book, anyway; they realize the work—the enjoyment, or perhaps the hours of anguish—devoted to its production. Consequently, when the present Governor-General of Canada goes shopping in a bookstore, the clerk who waits on him has a rare opportunity to give the world a bit of interesting news—first of all, the title of the volume selected, and any opinion passed on it by the distinguished purchaser.

Of course, this might be used for advertising purposes; but wouldn't it be effective advertising?

Democracy's Hour

In its scramble to take "sides" over the dramatic renunciation of the Hoare-Laval peace plan in the House of Commons, the English press has apparently overlooked the most significant fact to emerge from the crisis. Regardless of the view one may take of the Government's action, the ultimate outcome marks Democracy's greatest triumph in modern times.

The remarkable recovery of the Baldwin Government with the loss of only one Cabinet Minister gave added proof of the admirable and unduplicated flexibility of the British system. By admitting the "error" with absolute candor Premier Baldwin salvaged the leadership. To have lost it would have meant complete chaos and brought irreparable damage to the cause public opinion was sponsoring.

At the same time Europe must credit this public opinion with salvaging at least the name of the League of Nations. While its future is obscured by its own uncertainty, it owes what prestige it can still retain to that simple action. That Premier Pierre Laval may yet lose his head is of less importance in any measurement of the question. It is safe to say that not one of the dictatorships or pseudo-democracies that inhabit Europe could have retreated before and still survived any such clamor.

The 18th Parliament

Whatever international portents exist at the present, there is one event scheduled for early in 1936 which we believe is anticipated with high hopes. On Thursday, February 6, the 18th Parliament of Canada will open.

During and immediately after the election campaign it was compared hundreds of times with the 17th Parliament under the direction of Mr. Bennett's Government. So it is perhaps of greater value, now, to compare it with the 16th Parliament when Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King was Prime Minister the last time.

There is substantially a new Cabinet, although Mr. King still heads the Liberal Government and Mr. Dunning is once again Minister of Finance. The Left Wing element, which before 1930 was composed of United Farmers, Labour and Progressive members, is much the same as it was during the 16th Parliament, although the wholly new and unfriended Alberta-Saskatchewan Social Credit group adds interest, without political significance, to the Left. The C.C.F. movement, which back in 1932 and 1933 looked like sweeping forward on a tide of popular discontent, arose and almost spent itself during Mr. Bennett's tenure of power.

Contrary to the expectation of many prophets, and contrary to the trend of political events in other countries, the two main opposing forces are Liberal and Conservative—rather the Conservative and Socialist. But it is not to be deduced, therefore, that the forthcoming parliamentary battles will be meaningless.

Undoubtedly we have a revived, energetic Party in control now, determined to fight for and achieve reforms of wide and deep influence. The action it has already taken commented upon already in these columns suggests that the Government intends to perform as well as to promise, and such a determination holds the seeds of conflict.

What position Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, as leader of the Opposition, will take is difficult to predict, in view of the vague and sometimes incomprehensible shifts of policy in which his Government indulged during the latter period of its power. Our guess is that, now that the need for adopting expedients has gone and now that a possible five-year stretch lies between us and another election, he will revert to the orthodox Toryism which dominated the party policies prior to 1930.

Prays for Editors

Portland Oregonian: There has been remarkably discovered in this city a minister of the Gospel who assures his clerical brethren that he sometimes prays for newspaper editors. The case, in so far as he ever has known, is without precedent. But all is explained when it is told that the parson alluded to was once an editor himself. He worked on the Chicago Tribune, and there he observed newspaper people, from copy boys to editors, and came to realize their needs. His was an exceptional advantage, and in view of this his prayers for editors must not be regarded as somewhat eccentric.

The foregoing is written, so we hope, without levity. In point of fact it is more touching than otherwise, and perhaps a little comforting, to be advised that one of the cloth finds tolerance and sympathy for newspaper editors in his heart, and petitions the Throne to take especial thought of their multiple problems. Truth to tell, the usual attitude of the ministry, collective and individual, is that editors are a scampish lot and miscast in their profession. You never knew a minister—now have you?—who was not serene in his conviction that he could run a newspaper to better purpose than the editor. All ministers—begging your pardon, parson, for you but constitute the necessary exception—believe they should and could and would have been great editors. Let us be charitable. Perhaps they are right about it. But nothing is more certain than that there would be astonishments and tribulations in store for them. Verily.

But true it is, and there's no gainsaying this, that journalism needs the prayers of the clergy—the prayers and what might be equally to the point, the unprejudiced and broad co-operation not of dogma, nor doctrine, nor of pre-conceived and possibly prejudiced opinion, but of human charity and understanding. For to the press, not less than to the churches, the present and future of the republic are entrusted. Newspapers are seldom known to utter criticisms of the pulpit. They, too, the more conscientious of them—and these comprise the majority—are busied in the vineyard, as you might say. And their editors sometimes wonder, as a minister may, what good will come of it all. But you have to get out the paper.

SNAPSHOTS

One bright boy in one of the city schools told the teacher the other day that his mother's radio was "macaroni" and that she keeps it on the kitchen shelf.

In the French Parliament the clock was stopped at 11.59 on New Year's Eve so that the Budget might be adopted before the old year passed out. But with no regard for mechanical timepieces the old year vanished and the new one began business as usual. However, the incident shows again the queer things men do to fool themselves.

One example of this is our daylight saving time when men fool themselves by putting the clock ahead instead of deciding to go to work an hour earlier and knock off an hour earlier each day.

It develops that, "once upon a time," a man refused appointment to the Canadian Senate; but of course that was years and years ago. Further evidence that it is a changing world.

A course in preparation for office-holding is to be offered at Harvard. It is assumed it will teach the "How's the old complaint?" opener, when an unidentified constituent calls.

Anthony Eden, new British Foreign Secretary, may not be a skater, but he appears to know his way about the tangled land pathways of troubled old Europe.

Premier Aberhart of Alberta says he would like to travel about Ontario and "spread the gospel of Social Credit." But the impression is that Mr. Aberhart has plenty to do in placating the public at home, where his precious gospel has been well spread.

Those who recall the Duke of Devonshire while at Rideau Hall will enjoy Lord Tweedsmuir's story about him. As told by one Governor-General on another it is good. His Lordship of Devonshire had a horror of speech-making, and related to a friend that he had an awful nightmare. "I dreamt," he said, "that I was making a speech in the House of Lords, and I awoke and found I was."

One Company Should Have Bus Franchise

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today that both Capital Transit, Ltd. and Highway Transport, Ltd. were backed by two rival and well known oil companies.

Recently the town councils of Devon and Marysville granted an exclusive franchise to the Highway Transport, Ltd., for a ten-year period, and the company agreed to pay each town the sum of \$2,500. It is understood that legislation will have to be sought by both towns before they can be bound to the agreement. In the meantime it is hoped to have a conference between the city, and Devon and Marysville in order to straighten the matter out, and if possible, to reach an amicable settlement whereby one company will have complete running rights.

The date on which such a conference will be held has not yet been settled upon, Mayor Clark said today.

B. N. A. Act and Rulings To Be Brought Up

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imitation of hours of work act, the Day of Rest Act, the Dominion Trade and Industry Commission Act, the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act and certain sections of the Criminal Code based on recommendations of the Masg. Buying Commission.

All of the statutes except the Farmers' Creditors and Marketing Acts were enacted at the 1935 session, following announcement of the economic reform program of ex-Prime Minister Bennett. These two were enacted in 1934 and amended in 1935.

NECKLACES SOLD

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Two necklaces, once valued at \$2,000,000 have been sold from the Edith Rockefeller McCormick estate for \$600,000. Probate Court records have revealed.

Identity of the purchaser, reported to live in the vicinity of New York, was not revealed, nor was the broker who received a commission of \$78,500.

DIED

O'DONNELL.—At South Devon, N. B., January 5th, 1936. Mrs. Eliza J. O'Donnell.

The funeral will take place from the home of her son, William O'Donnell in South Devon, on Wednesday morning at 8.45 o'clock, proceeding to St. Anthony's Church where High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Father Donahoe. Interment will be made in the Hermitage in Fredericton.

LOCAL YOUTH REPORTS BOYS' PARLIAMENT

Lawrence Hall and Geo. Little of This City Represented York-Sunbury Constituency—Sessions Were Very Interesting.

George Little of St. Paul's United Church, and Lawrence Hall of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, who represented the constituency of York-Sunbury in the thirteenth Maritime Tuxis and Older Boys' Parliament at Wolfville, N.S., returned to the city over the weekend.

Mr. Hall makes the following report of the Boys' Parliament sessions:

"During the past week boys from all over the Maritimes met at Wolfville, with Henry D. Hicks of Bridgetown as speaker; Victor Moriarty of New Glasgow as premier; Robert Harvey of Halifax, as leader of the opposition, and Rev. J. H. MacDonald, D.D., C.B.E. (former pastor of Brunswick street church) as Lieutenant Governor.

On Tuesday evening at 7.30 all members gathered in the main building of Acadia. J. Lloyd Jess clerk of the parliament gave a welcome address; Waldo C. Machum on behalf of the Maritime Boys' Work Board and National Boys' Work Board wished the parliament success. Mr. Kinley of Acadia welcomed the parliament to Acadia for the first time.

Boys' parliament was first held in Saint John in 1919. The second parliament was held in 1924 at Sackville, and has annually been held there until this year. Quebec is the only province in Canada in which a parliament is not held.

Wednesday, Jan. 1st, the premier was elected, all members were sworn in and the speech from the throne was delivered by Col. the Rev. J. H. MacDonald, D.D., C.B.E. Arthur Cooley of Saint John and John Young of Dartmouth, replied to the speech from the throne. In the evening the parliament resolved to make a definite drive to expand the Tuxis program of the Maritime provinces. The next bill introduced was "Christian Socialism." It was revised several times and finally passed by the House.

J. Judson Levy, former Boys' Work Secretary, attended the Wednesday evening session and addressed the members of parliament in the following morning. All members gave Mr. Levy, commonly known by the boys as "Jude," a hearty welcome. Mr. Levy is taking further study in the university in U.S.A.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, parliament opened at 2.30. In this session a bill was introduced stating "that we go on record as opposed definitely to all military aggression." Ralph Young moved an amendment, seconded by Dalton Rideout, which stated as follows: "In the opinion of the House we should not take up arms under any circumstance." This was keenly debated and was passed by the house with a majority of one. In the evening session at 7.30 a bill was introduced which provided for the making "The Upward Trail," the Tuxis magazine, a success during the coming year, this was passed. George Little of Fredericton was appointed to represent the constituency of York-Sunbury in supporting the magazine. The next bill introduced in the house was: "Resolved that we go on record as condemning slot machines, lotteries, and other gambling devices and that the section of the criminal code which approves or lotteries conducted by church and charitable institutions should be repealed." It was keenly debated by Jack Godden, Stuart MacLeod, Jack MacLeod, Arthur Covey, Lawrence Hall, Robert Harvey, Gerald Wood and Kenneth Harris, the bill finally was passed. It was also passed that we continue to break down interdenominational barriers. At the end of the session Prof. R. F. Steeves showed the members of the parliament a moving picture of the Acadia campus.

On Friday morning the election for candidates for premier for the coming session was held and Fred Blizard of Saint John and Stuart MacLeod are the two contestants. In the afternoon the Finance Bill was introduced and it was decided that \$1500 will be raised for the M.R.E.C. during the coming year. A keen debate was carried on between Lawrence Hall of this Government and Robert Harvey of the Opposition on the ways and means of raising the \$1500.

The final bill was held in the evening when a bill was brought in recommending the use of hobbies among the Tuxis and Trail Rangers groups and a bill reading the revitalization of the Tuxis program was also passed. The final resolution brought forth was "a recommendation for a complete study of the Life of Jesus among the Tuxis and Trail Rangers." Then votes of thanks were extended to Rev. J. H. MacDonald, D.D., Lieutenant Governor; Waldo C. Machum, parliament director; J.

The Children's Contest

DO YOU KNOW FREDERICTON?

Answers Continued

Fauman Settlement was situated at the present extreme end of St. John Street beyond Charlotte Street.

The building that was formerly used as a military morgue (before 1867) has been remodeled into a house and is located on Union street between St. John and Church streets.

Marvin Hart had a store on York street which he called the "Beehive." He had a sign in the shape of a beehive over the door. This sign was later used over a store in Regent street.

The several brick houses on King and Queen streets between Westmorland and St. John streets were built after the big fire of 1850. Loans were given by the city to the builders.

The old Central Bank was at first on the corner of St. John and King streets where the Lieutenant-Governor's office now stands. Later it was situated on Queen street above St. John street.

The first Roman Catholic Cathedral in New Brunswick was where the present St. Dunstan's church now is.

Ontario Domination Is Feared

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ister of Marine, too, who is from Ontario. He has already killed local Harbor Boards.

"I am not accusing any one of anything, but it is up to us to see that, with the change in the Liberal lineup at Ottawa, and the much larger place Ontario plays now in the Government of the country, there is no move toward neglecting Montreal or other parts of Quebec—no move to belittle this port and undertake the St. Lawrence waterway, for instance, which would put Toronto into first place on the Eastern waterboard."

The terminal plan here was halted several years ago after a huge hole was dug for foundations between Dorchester and Lagache streets and certain preliminary work done on approaches. It was planned to move from the old Bonaventure Station to the new structure, which would be connected with Victoria Bridge, leading to the United States, and to other outlets.

Six Year Old Girl Hobo Ends Trip

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car, this time, was his only means of bringing his little daughter to the home of his parents in Edmonton.

From Toronto to North Bay the couple hitch-hiked. Near Capreol, which Dorothy said was notorious for its "hard-boiled road bulls" (she went on to say that road bulls were railway police), the pair had to walk thirty miles to catch a freight train.

Once in Manitoba, they got off in the wrong direction and had to hike twenty-eight miles through the wintry countryside from Rivers to Brandon. After that it was plain sailing. Some of the "shacks" even let them stay in the heated caboose. "That was pretty nice," said Dorothy. "A shack, you know, is a brakeman."

Electors Quebec Contest Election Political Leaders

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be entered in the Joliette superior court Tuesday.

Contestation proceedings against a member-elect must be taken within 30 days following proclamation of his election in the Quebec Official Gazette. A member-elect may take his seat in the Legislature even though proceedings to have him unseated are launched. He remains a member unless the superior court voids his election.

Taken under Section 370 of the Quebec Election Act, the actions demanded not only the voiding of the election of the members involved but also their disqualifications as candidates for six years.

Action to unseat Premier Taschereau was taken on behalf of Joseph Come Ricard, merchant of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. It is the first time in the 35 years Mr. Taschereau has represented Montmorency such action has been taken against him.

It is the first time also Mr. Duplessis has faced similar action. In the provincial election of 1931 he won the seat with a majority of only 40 votes and no challenge came to his election at that time.

Lloyd Jess, clerk; Lloyd Gibson and Lloyd Keating, pages. A vote of thanks was also extended to Acadia University. The Lieutenant Governor then entered the house and formally prorogued the parliament.

Dr. Warren, former pastor of Brunswick street church, followed the parliament very closely. J. Lloyd Jess three devotional addresses "Awakening to God," "Availability of God" and "Saviorhood of God." Friday evening at 11.30 parliament was closed by prayers and hymns."

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NEWS AND COMEDY

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"THE MURDER MAN"

Most Intensive Italian Warfare

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as "utterly deliberate" and "an awful sight." The other wounded Swede was Dr. Eric Smith.

In the northern sector south of Makale, a communique announced yesterday. 3,000 Italian bombs killed 10 Ethiopians and wounded 15.

Concerning the Daggah Bur bombardment, today's announcement stated:

"The whole town, also the Egyptian Red Cross was destroyed. The number of victims is unknown."

It continued: "Oltre Italian planes bombed the Korem region on the south front at 3 p.m., on Saturday. There were no victims."

The communique described two northern raids as follows: "On Jan. 2, three planes dropped many bombs on Denbat and Debra Tabor. There were no victims. On Dec. 26, the region of Amba Aiaji was bombed. Four were killed and many wounded."

A second communique asserted: "Yesterday six planes bombed the small town of Amba Bincouta in Wal-kait province. The damage was slight and there were no victims."

Investigation Hospital Cases

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Duncans had removed into York County eight months ago. Major Scott states that under the Poor Act York County would not be responsible until the family had lived in the county for one year, and recently this has been amended to read three years' residence.

Mr. Rowan says that he was not sympathetic in the case, nor was he brusque over the telephone when asked if Sunbury county would bear the expenses. Since he was no longer a Councillor he could not take action in the matter anyway.

[Coun. Wood's Opinion

Councillor Randolph Wood of Nasonworth sheds a brand new light on the matter. According to his view the Duncans were quite able to pay at least some of the expenses of their daughter's operation. Nor are they in destitute circumstances he declares.

"Since June I have paid David Duncan somewhere about \$200 for cutting wood," said Councillor Wood. Mr. Duncan had approached him and asked that the county assume responsibility for the operation. Councillor Wood had offered him \$35, which was money that the former owed to Duncan for wood cutting. Duncan had answered that "he didn't need it."

Two years ago, said Councillor Wood, David Duncan, Jr., had been operated upon at the hospital and the county of Sunbury had assumed the expenses, under almost identical conditions. Today David Junior, who is 18 years of age, is working in the woods with his father.

Continuing his claim that the Dun-

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"SHE COULDN'T TAKE IT"

can family might pay this most recent expense Councillor Wood made the statement yesterday that recently the older Duncan had sold a pig for \$14. Also he had purchased a \$35 bicycle, and last year he owned an automobile. Councillor Wood himself conveyed twelve barrels of potatoes to the Duncan home since the snow came, and "they are well supplied with meat". The statement that the children had been "without clothes to their backs", was a ridiculous one, said Councillor Wood. He understands that life insurance is carried by Mr. Duncan. At the present time Councillor Wood owes Duncan something like \$50 for woodcutting on the former's own statement.

At any rate he will not be able to take any action in the matter until the new council assemblies on Tuesday, Coun. Wood told The Daily Mail.

Minister's Statement

In conversation with The Daily Mail this morning, one of the leading and most reliable clergymen in the city of Fredericton bears out all the statements made in the Daily Mail on Thursday last in so far as the circumstances of the Duncan family is concerned. He said that ever since coming to this country they have had a hard show and have been unfortunate financially and that so far as Mr. Duncan having money that he was obliged to go to jail because he couldn't pay his taxes. As far as the responsibility of Councillor Rowan and Councillor Wood, he said that is merely a matter between individuals and the public is not particularly interested whether the councillor who should look after the affairs, goes by the name of Wood or Rowan. It is the county of Sunbury's liability in the matter that the public is interested in. The main thing is that the public is interested in, is that when a man or woman requires an emergency operation and this fact is endorsed by a doctor, those who are suffering should be able to get in to the hospital and have the operation without any fooling about it. If this cannot be done the public should withdraw their support from the hospital or take some other means of settling the situation which has long been a disgrace to the community.

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