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THE FOURTH ESTATE

H. E. Gadsby, the well known Ottawa publicist, contributes an article to the Montreal Standard, in which he describes the annual dinner of the Press Gallery and gives some impressions of his early days as a newspaper correspondent. At the outset it might be explained that the members of the Press Gallery are once every session hosts at dinner to members of the House of Commons. Members of both parties fraternize, address one another by their Christian names, crack jokes and tell stories, discuss their respective shortcomings with great candor, but not a word of what takes place ever appears in the newspapers.

Mr. Gadsby in recalling his early days in the Press Gallery tells how the scales were removed from his eyes regarding the personal relations of public men on opposite sides of politics. He says that Sir Richard Cartwright, a doughty Liberal warrior, arose in Parliament on one occasion after the orders of the day and been called and discharged some heavy artillery. He was replied to in the same vein by Hon. Clarke Wallace, Grand Master of the Orange Order, and when the latter finished his remarks the House adjourned for luncheon. Mr. Gadsby, thrilled by the verbal encounter, hastened down to the corridor expecting to find the two statesmen settling their differences by a fistic combat, but was disappointed. Instead he saw them with mutual affection, toddling off together for dinner. Mr. Gadsby says that passion is so rare in the breasts of parliamentarians that the least display of it is seized upon for front page newspaper copy. The same may be said of the members of the New Brunswick Legislature.

Speaking of the duties performed by members of the Press Gallery, Mr. Gadsby pronounces this plain truth: "The statesmen should do more for the Press Gallery. We toot everybody's horn but our own. We build up other men's reputations, ourselves modest and shrinking violets. We get the short end of the stick. It does not look like straight shooting". Most newspapermen, particularly those who have done political reporting, will say, "Hear, Hear, to that sentiment".

In dealing with the members of the fourth estate as publicity men, Mr. Gadsby says:

"As publicity man for every government, for every department of government, for every commission, for every price spread committee — in short a publicity man, or perhaps two publicity men for every government activity the Canadian sun shines on. Governments from Federal size right down to township council cannot have too many publicity men, and it is idle to suppose that anybody but a newspaper man can fill that sort of job. Publicity is the newspaper man's job beside them college professors are the rankst amateurs. Let the college professor stick to the brain trust. Let him be the proper goose he is—the newspaper man will take care of the propaganda. In a word the newspaper man will be the ear to the ground that every statesman needs in his business. The newspaper man is the only person who can fill that position with ease, skill, promptness, and unflagging devotion to duty".

Right you are, Brother Gadsby.

GREECE'S PREDICAMENT

General Kondylis, war minister of Greece, says that now the rebellion has been crushed, the people will be given an opportunity, as soon as conditions become normal, of deciding whether they want a republic or a monarchy.

The question is not so simple as that. The people of Greece, who voted two to one for a republic in 1924, may want a monarchy in 1935, but do they want George II on the throne? They were so sick of George's father Constantine that they forced his abdi-

cation in 1922, and in December, 1923, they told George to go away, lest there be civil war. He departed for Rumania. He was asked by the cabinet to abdicate; he refused. In March, 1924, the republic was proclaimed, and in April the people ratified the decision overwhelmingly.

If, since then, Greece has been in turmoil, it "does not follow that it would not have been equally disturbed under a monarchy, and particularly under King George. The basic question is not the form of government, but poverty. In an area about the size of New York State live 6½ million people. Their chief industry is agriculture, but only one-fifth of the country is fit for cultivation. For several years, imports have been double the value of exports. The public debt, amounting to about \$100,000,000 gold, can not be served because taxes are uncollectable. And they fight over whether they want a monarchy or a republic, and may fight again over whether they want George or some other person for king!

SNAPSHOTS

Read what a Stanley resident says in this issue of The Daily Mail regarding the county jail. We have this man's name in confidence. Those whom he mentions as references are surely reliable. This is supposed to be a civilized country in the Twentieth Century.

It is not unusual for the R.C.M.P. to get his man. This is a tradition with the "Mounties." It is unusual for one Mountie to get another, although this has been known to have happened at times.

The qualifications of a trained nurse was not understood by an up-town woman patient. After the poor nurse had been on the job continuously for twenty four hours she gently hinted to her patient that a little sleep might be advisable. The patient surprisingly said: "Sleep! my Lord, I thought you nurses were trained not to sleep when you were on a case."

Marshal Foeche told the Allies some years ago that the Versailles Treaty would some day give them trouble.

Young man looking at a photo of Archbishop McGuigan and his mother published in a morning paper said: "My, I did not know that Catholic Archbishops had mothers."

When you are told "How well you look," that means your face is red.

It is safer to assume a gun is loaded even if you can see daylight through the barrel.

In paper warfare the discomforts of trench life are comparatively easy to put up with.

The upkeep of quintuplets may seem considerable now, but wait till they're fifteen and each has a favorite movie magazine.

Another good cure for insomnia is a book that is supposed to improve your mind.

To double the speed is to double the gas consumption. There are few arrests for speeding in Scotland.

The season is rapidly approaching when a blunt, honest man will not call a spade a spade, but a blankety-blanked imlement with which, on his wife's orders, he is forced to dig up the garden.

YORK COUNTY COURT TODAY

The March sitting of the York Co. court began at two o'clock this afternoon in the county court house, three cases being scheduled. In the case of Leo Reardon of McAdam, who is appealing a conviction before Magistrate Limerick under the Liquor Act, this appeal was taken under consideration by Hon. Judge Slipp this morning, prior to opening of the York County court. Harold Bailey Broad will appear on a charge of theft at the present sitting of the court, and William Langley, of this city, who was arrested on a charge of breaking into and entering and stealing from the warehouse of Kitchen Brothers, will also appear.

Virtually No Hope of Bennett Coming Back

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Two Liberals, J. F. Pouliot (Temiscouata) and Hon. W. R. Motherwell (Melville) protested against the bill. The former agricultural minister called it "a little NRA, a little Canadian pup begotten by the big American mastiff".

The bill, he said, was an admission the government was unequal to meeting present conditions and its real purpose was for publicity "to pad out the rather meagre reform manifesto".

The 15 members of the council, appointed by the government, may be selected from:

(1) Officers of the public service of Canada, not exceeding seven in number, whose administrative duties require consideration of social and economic problems;

(2) Representatives of organized bodies of a social or economic character, not exceeding five in number.

(3) Other persons having special experience or knowledge in connection with social or economic problems, not exceeding three in number. No fees or emoluments of any kind will be payable to or received by any member of the council in connection with services rendered as such member, but members will be paid actual travelling and living expenses necessarily incurred in connection with one business of the council.

The Dominion statistician (now Dr. H. Coats) will be secretary of the council, and the Governor-in-council may authorize, pursuant to the Civil Service Act, such officers and clerks as may be deemed necessary. In addition the council may employ regardless of the Civil Service Act but subject to the approval of the Governor-in-council, such temporary assistants as may be required in connection with social work or investigations.

General Duties

The general duties of the council, as laid down in the act, will be:

"(A) To study, investigate, report and advise upon questions relating to the general trend of social or economic conditions or to any social or economic problem of Canada and to authorize the investigations in that behalf as hereinafter provided;

"(B) To make recommendations to promote and co-ordinate social and economic research within Canada;

"(C) To make recommendations to co-ordinate the activities of a social character of the several departments of the government of Canada;

"(D) To make recommendations as to the organization of statistics as the basic data required for social and economic investigations;

"(E) To publish such reports and findings as may be considered to be in the public interest."

Meetings

The council will meet at least twice a year or oftener as may be decided by the chairman. The Dominion statistician shall undertake any special statistical investigations under the Statistics Act, which the council may require, and the council may set up committees including members who are not on the council but who will be considered associate members.

An annual report to the prime minister will be produced by the secretary and will be tabled in the House of Commons. Necessary funds to meet expenses arising under the act will be voted by Parliament and expended upon the discretion of the prime minister.

To Formulate Policies

Sir George moved the resolution and explained its object was to utilize better advantage, the skill, knowledge and experience of experts in the civil service and to create a body to assist in formulating government policies.

It was well known, he explained, that ministers of the Crown, and especially the prime minister, had too much detail work under the present Canadian system. Sir Robert Borden recognized this before the war and appointed a distinguished British civil service expert, Sir George Murray, to investigate and report. He had suggested a change to reduce the burdens of the ministers, but the war had caused the plan to drop out of sight.

Governments in recent years had to take more and more note of business conditions and this placed increasing burdens on the ministers. The economic council could relieve them of some of this work. Any questions whatever could be referred to the

OUR MAIL BAG

WAS IN OUR JAIL

Stanley, N. B.,
 March 18, 1935.

Editor, The Daily Mail,

Dear Sir:—

After reading that piece in the issue of your paper of March 4th I thought I would let you know, just what, The Jail, means to one who was an inmate for ten days.

For three years of the depression I did not earn enough to pay my rent. I had five of a family to keep. In that time I never asked for or received any relief. I would not like to tell you what we had for meals sometimes, but it was not much good for growing children. I am almost stone deaf and have spent a lot of money for my hearing. I could not pay my taxes, and like a lot of other people got behind a few dollars. Some men from Stanley quit last winter would not work for the wages they were getting and went on relief. They don't have to pay taxes, I worked away, helped keep them, and because I could not pay was put into that stone hell in Fredericton.

I received word from the police magistrate that he was going to collect, I told him the circumstances I was in, at that time one of my children had Diphtheria, and the doctor said he had to have his tonsils taken out, I told him I would pay as soon as I was able.

I was arrested and placed in jail with four other men in one room. I never saw anything like the flies, and you could not sleep at night for scratching. We received a piece of cheese on Saturday to do us a week it was all gone by Monday. My taxes were \$16.00 and the costs \$12.00. The magistrate is doing all right. The city pays the constable, a store keeper of Stanley came down and got me out or I would have had to have stayed in for thirty days.

Now, Mr. Editor, I do not think I should have to pay \$12.00 and suffer in jail for something I could not help. There is or was a month ago young men who owed more taxes than me and nothing done about it. The tax collector never told me anything about what he was going to do. Why should I be the goat. I think that the advice of one of the prisoners was pretty near right, when he said You're a damn fool, why didn't you steal the money, if you had been caught, you would only have been where you are now.

Mr. Editor, if that is British Justice, God help us, I understand now why there are communists.

If you will publish this letter you would greatly oblige me Mr. Harry Boulter, and Arthur Linton, principal of Stanley High School can vouch for this being the truth. I would not like everybody to see my name as a lot of my friends do not know I was in jail. Ring up Mr. Stanley Douglass. I worked and helped for him for twenty years.

Yours Truly,
 DISGUSTED.

DOG KILLS BOBCAT IN FARMER'S BARN

EMPRESS, Alberta, March 19—A barking dog spoiled Farmer Milton Leach's sleep the other night. Leach's dog barked soon after he retired and Leach, investigating, could find no prowler.

In his barn the next morning the farmer found a Canadian lynx or bobcat, badly chewed and quite dead. It appeared to have been in poor fighting condition as the bob cat is usually a formidable fighter.

The bobcat had apparently had an encounter with a porcupine for several quills were sticking from its snout and parts of its body. One foot appeared useless and had been injured in a trap.

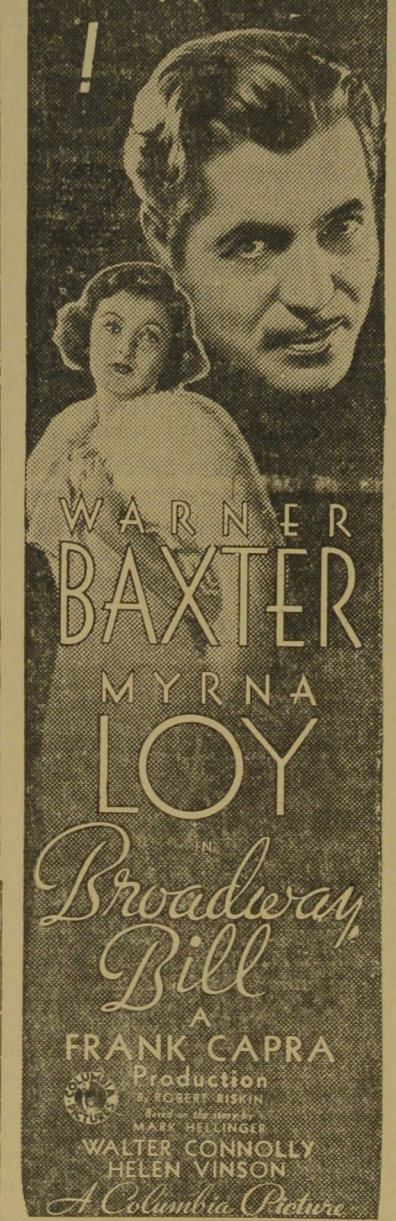
OTTAWA, March 19—Acting Premier Sir George Perley today launched in the House to Commons a bill to establish a National Economic Council.

council, said Sir George. As an example of a suitable question he mentioned the growth of the cities and the declining farm population. This problem could be studied with a view to evolving a plan to make more people self-supporting on the land.

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