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Clipping the Lords

THERE WILL BE approval in many quarters in Britain of the proposal of the government in the Speech from the Throne to restrict the powers of the House of Lords—something which the Lords will have to approve themselves before it can become law.

The British system of government has long been the shining example to the world, in the development of democracy and democratic methods. If it has any weakness, the clinging to the Lords, reflecting the British love for tradition, has been one. In Canada, the Senate, entirely appointive with no hereditary aspect, has been somewhat of a counterpart.

Rare, however, has it been in modern history for either Lords in Britain or Senate in Canada to flout the expressed will of the people through interfering with legislation from the elective section of Parliament. That is why both have lasted so long as a tempering influence.

It is doubtful, it would appear at this distance, if Lords would, when it came down to cases, interfere even with legislation for steel nationalization which, it is said, the Labor government fears. But in any case, the government desires to take no chances.

ADAMS GOES NORTH

AT THE AGE of seventy-three, the able and respected Most Reverend Walter Robert Adams,

Anglican Archbishop of Kootenay and Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of British Columbia, relinquishes the comparative ease of his seat at Vernon in peaceful and sunny Okanagan to go north to the frontier town of Dawson and assume the rigors of rugged Yukon. In the way of ministerial progress, it would seem the Archbishop has chosen to move in reverse direction. In fact, it may be considered a unique move.

Yukon diocese, of course, is not so rigorous as it was in the days of Stringer and to lesser degree in the time of Sovereign and Geddes. The airplane and the wireless in latter years have removed many problems and much discomfort from ecclesiastical ministrations and administration but still the north is considered usually as a young man's country.

Bishop Adams displays the courage and the initiative of youth in, at his advanced age, choosing to go north. He will, doubtless, give to Yukon the ability, dignity and spiritual leadership for which he has been distinguished in the progressive charges which have led to the highest office in the gift of his church in British Columbia—the archbishopship and metropolitanship which he, of course, retains.

BILL BAKER ON KISSING

ALEX HUNTER, editor of the Prince Rupert Daily News, warned his readers in a brief but pointed editorial the other night that kissing should be done with care because colds are going around and kissing "is definitely one perfect way of picking up germs."

We are happy to know that the state of politics, employment, city finances, shipping, labor relations, pulp mills and fish catches is so perfect in Rupert that the Daily News editor can settle down and devote his attention to such problems as kissing. Perhaps this column would get into less trouble if it followed the same formula, and perhaps it would enjoy life just as much.

Alex, however, overlooks some of the finer points of the art of osculation. He implies that it is okay to go dating with one who has a cold, but safer not to kiss. If the date is in a closed theatre, we think there is probably as much danger of catching the cold as if the osculation were engaged in. If the principals, however, were walking in the open air, especially during a Skeena River downpour, probably the germs would be dissipated in the night air and then the kiss, if it occurred, would have to assume all the blame.

Alex started out to warn against spreading cold germs but he did Canadian womanhood a great wrong by saying that germs simply cling to a caress. He did not say that simply cold germs thus cling, as he certainly might have for the sake of civic reputation, etc. He closes by advising to "play coy and be careful." This is hardly in line with the warnings of many watchful mothers that kissing, cold or no cold, is dangerous.

This brings us to the old story of the girl who told her sweetheart that "honestly, in all my life, I've only been kissed by two parties." To which he replied—"Yes, I know: democrats and republicans."

So we think Editor Alex had better climb down off the fence and tell us avid readers which side he is on, democrat or republican, and whether he is carrying on a subversive crusade against all kissing, or is merely giving free advertising to the medical profession, which seems not to realize that editors can't live on love alone, germ-free though it be.

—Bill Baker in Ketchikan Chronicle.

WILL BE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Consensus Favors This as Title for Philip Mountbatten

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM

LONDON (AP)—The consensus among well-posted persons close to the Royal household is that the King will confer upon his future son-in-law, Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, the title of Duke of Edinburgh and possibly create for him a British principedom, as Queen Victoria did for her consort, Albert.

Although the King may choose from among at least five titles, it is generally thought Edinburgh would be the most acceptable. No small consideration is that Queen Elizabeth, belonging to a distinguished Scottish line, would be honored in the choice. Certainly the Scots themselves would take special pride in the designation of Princess Elizabeth's husband-to-be as officially one of them.

The title, vacated in 1900 by the death of Prince Alfred, son of Queen Victoria, is one of the foremost in the kingdom.

Among the other eligibles, the dukedom of Sussex has placed high in the speculation. This title was last held by the sixth son of George III, who died in 1843. Shortly after announcement of the royal engagement it was given top preference by most competent sources.

Mentioned frequently, too, is the Duke of Clarence. The last Duke of Clarence died in his youth, affianced to Princess Mary, who subsequently married his younger brother, destined to become George V.

Considerations of sentiment and delicacy perhaps also would eliminate the dukedom of Connaught. The last who bore that title died during the war.

Although the King could grant Philip a brand new title, informed opinion largely agrees that he prefers to revive one previously held in the Royal Family.

By letters patent Victoria in 1840 gave Albert precedence next to herself but it was not until 17 years later that she granted him status of prince consort. In each case the honors were entirely personal and were not intended to apply to husbands of future queens.

Special artists, commissioned by the King's officers-at-arms are working on a new coat of arms for Princess Elizabeth and one for Mountbatten. No details have been disclosed, but it is likely that the princess' arms will be quartered with those of the Mountbatten family.

Philip's coat of arms may incorporate devices of the Mountbattens and of Greece and Denmark, of which countries he was a prince before he assumed British citizenship last spring. It might even embrace the royal arms of England, because of his impending marriage to the heir-presumptive to the throne.

Loved German POW Blames Her Parents.

HORSHAM, Sussex, Eng. (AP)—A 15-year-old girl who told a juvenile court she tried to run away with a German prisoner-of-war and later attempted suicide because her parents failed to show affection for her was placed on probation. The magistrate told her he was not blaming the German, who "tried to make you happy." A letter from the girl to her parents, read in court, said: "You think because he is German he is not human, but I love him even if I am only 15. If dad and you had shown me affection I might not have gone with him, but I wanted to feel somebody thought something of me and really loved me."

NOW CHINA "MED"
VANCOUVER (AP)—Bruce Smith, University of British Columbia graduate, solved the problem of entering medical school, despite the fact that numerous colleges to which he applied were overcrowded. He made a 10,000-mile journey to Peiping, China, where he was accepted as a student in the Union Medical School.

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(October 22, 1912)

Rev. Canon J. H. Keene of Metlakatla, who was visiting in the south, returned on the Prince Rupert and crossed the harbor to return to Metlakatla.

With a badly crushed leg resulting from a construction train passing over him, Frank McGovern, an employee of the Bates and Rogers Construction Co. at Mile 108 was brought into the city on a special emergency train.

Capt. Norman Broadhurst reported seeking three pelicans near the mouth of the Skeena River.

Charles M. Wilson of Massett returned on the Prince George from a trip to the south.

A large mastodon tusk was discovered at Kitsumkallum by a man digging in his field.

(October 22, 1922)

Civic finance committee, on recommendation of the city solicitor, refused to pay bills for repairs to Booth Memorial High School, the bills having exceeded appropriations. City Council and the school board planned to confer on the matter. K. Jeffers of Edmonton, an engineer hired to examine the building, said that there was a number of places where water leaked in.

In spite of unusually inclement weather, a special musical concert given by Count Scheda and artists was a pronounced success. A large audience attended, and the artists were very indulgent, giving many encores.

NO CHAPERONE FOR ELIZABETH

Like Independent Queen Victoria Has Own Idea of Right and Wrong

By NORMAN CRIBBENS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON—Like her great-great-grandmother, Victoria—who long before the days of the suffragettes showed that a woman has a mind of her own—Princess Elizabeth has already influenced the ways of British society.

For one thing, she has killed the chaperone of pre-war days stone dead.

Nowadays guests go to dances patronized by the young princess with no more ceremony than the village girl goes to a local "hop"—without footmen or dowagers in tow.

Young society women arrive at the front entrance clutching their long skirts to keep them out of the dust. Young guards and naval officers whiz around in battered sports cars and sometimes battered motorcycles.

Sometimes parties of laughing girls arrive sitting on each other's knees in old family cars. Many have rushed home from jobs in offices, schools, stores and hospitals and hurried into their glad rags.

CERTAIN FORMALITY

The princess herself still keeps up a certain formality and invariably goes to dances in her own chauffeur-driven car. Since her engagement she has not been escorted to a dance by anyone but her fiancé, Lieut. Philip Mountbatten.

But right up to the time her engagement was announced she

was still to be seen at West End dances and parties partnered by some handsome young officer of the Guards.

In pre-war times it would have been customary for a third party, usually an elder person, to accompany her. But Elizabeth didn't dance in those days and since then she has summarily dispensed with chaperones.

"She has her own idea of right and wrong," a friend said, "and while she has never done anything flagrantly unconventional I certainly would not call her conventional."

FOR POSTERITY

REGINA (AP)—Encased in the cornerstone of the Canadian Legion Memorial Hall when it was laid recently was a copper box containing a list of provincial, civic and legion officials, coins, a legion membership button and a short history of the Regina branch.

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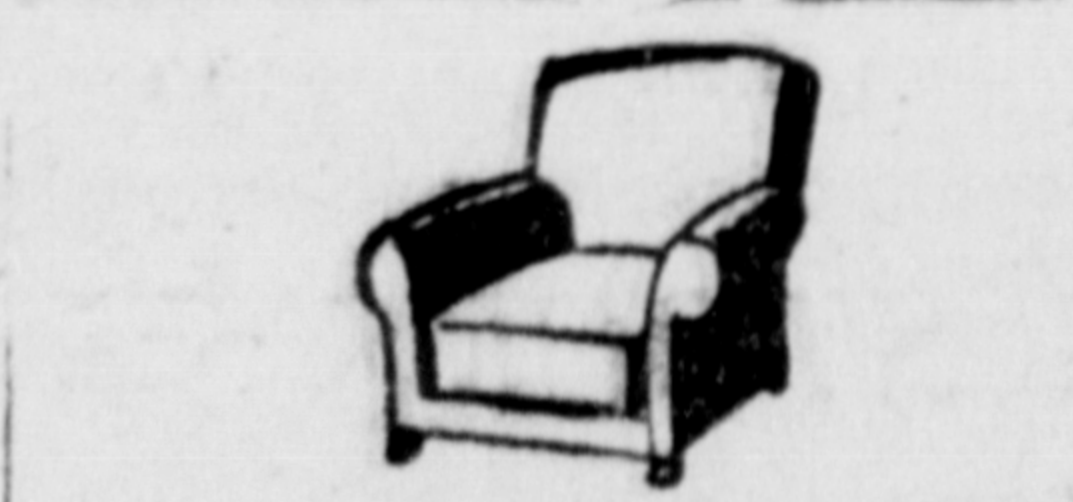
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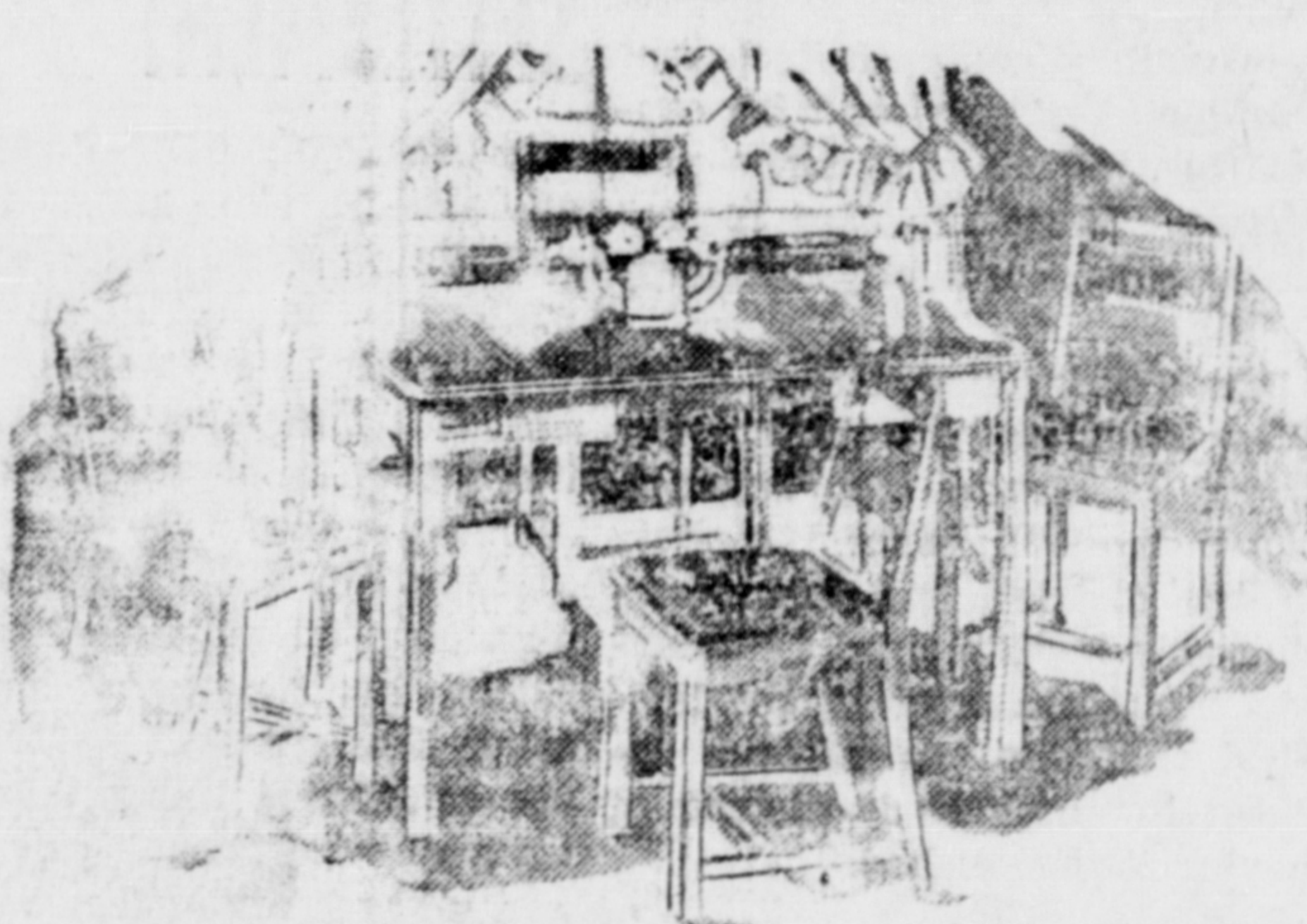
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