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The chief topic of conversation on the streets this morning was "Snow in April."

## ADVERTISING BY RADIO

It is suggested that it would be a wonderful advertisement for Canada if the federal government would install half a dozen powerful radio broadcasting stations at various centres in Canada which would send out all-Canadian programs and would not only supply the people of the country with the news of the day, but would also let the people of the United States know that we are here and tell them occasionally something about what we have here. It would cost a good deal of money, but it would be little compared with what we spend on a good many luxuries.

The spread of radio over the country has made it so that practically everybody in the country hears the broadcasts occasionally and many thousands regularly. Within the next few years the number of fans will be doubled and then doubled again and redoubled once more. Practically everyone will own a receiving set. So it will be in the United States. If the state fails to take over the broadcasting, it will have to insist that anyone using the air shall do so in such a manner as to give the best possible service to the listeners.

In the United States there are a number of big firms doing business from ocean to ocean and from Canada to Mexico. They can afford to put money into the big stations which we in Canada hear. The objection to them is that the entertainments are accompanied by advertising that sometimes proves objectionable. At any rate, it is not Canadian. If Canada led the way by installing a few large powerful stations, equal or superior to anything on the other side, it is possible that the American people, seeing the advantage of eliminating advertising from the air, would follow Canada's example and instal state-owned stations on the other side to replace those which now obtrude their advertisements on all and sundry.

"Merry Christmas" was the popular greeting on the street this morning as citizens plowed their way through four inches of "the beautiful."

## THE PREMIER'S HEALTH

Everyone will regret that Premier Tolmie is in such poor health that it has been found necessary for him to go away for a quiet holiday where no cares of state will worry him. He was absent from the legislature during a good deal of the session and many of his supporters have been worrying about him a great deal.

Prince Rupert people will all wish to hear of an improvement in his health and to see his genial face once more when he finds time to visit this city. We hope to hear that he is back at his post before long, but we also suggest it is better to have a prolonged rest now than to find it necessary later to drop out and hand his work over to another.

If the Silver Cup operations are successful every child in Hazelton should be born with a silver spoon in its mouth.

## IMPROVEMENT IN BRITAIN

The many people in Canada from Great Britain will be glad to know that there is a decided improvement in conditions in that country. The unemployment situation is much less acute, especially in the shipbuilding centres. This applies particularly to England and Scotland. On previous occasions we have heard of some improvement in the coal fields. So close are becoming the relationships between different parts of the British Empire that if one is affected, it affects the whole. The aim should be to keep every part in a healthy condition and a little co-operation will sometimes attain that end.

A mine is something on which to bet. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose, but the chances are in your favor if you are careful.

The birds that came north expecting spring weather here have had to be returned on account of being rather out of date. It's a wise bird that knows when to fly north.

PATTULLO IS  
EULOGIZED BY  
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Norman Senior Says He Dominated the Whole House and Was an Outstanding Personality

Norman C. Senior, a newspaperman of experience, who has for many years reported the proceedings of the legislature and who during the past session has had every chance to note the work going on at Victoria, writes to his paper, the Vancouver Sun, in regard to the work of T. D. Pattullo, member for Prince Rupert and leader of the opposition. He says:

One man comes out of the 1929 session of the B. C. legislature with an enhanced reputation. That is Thomas Dufferin Pattullo.

It comes as a shock to realize that he is only the acting and interim leader of the Liberal party. He carried himself with the authority of one thoroughly entrenched in his position.

Some day, perhaps soon, there will have to be a convention to name the permanent leader. It is inconceivable after the manner in which Mr. Pattullo carried out his duties in the recent session that anybody else will be considered.

He dominated the whole house. He was the one outstanding personality of the assembly. When he rose to speak there was universal attention and the trenchant criticism which he levelled at the government made many a cabinet minister quail.

## Friction Absent

He spoke as one having authority and he led his little band, dubbed early in the session the 12 apostles, without a symptom of friction. He had no rivals among the sitting members for the leadership. To a man they welcomed his confident, clever, aggressive leadership with enthusiasm.

His tactics were politically sound and he proved himself a true leader of Liberalism in the best sense of the word. He was master of the situation at all times and he did not wait to find openings for attack. He made them.

From the third day of the session, when he exposed the government's secret contract with a fiscal agency to hand over the bond sales of the province to one group at a one per cent commission, he rose steadily in the esteem of the members and the public.

## Always Attacked

One of the keys to the success of his strategy was that he employed none. It had been customary for party leaders to have their lieutenants feel out the enemy and make openings through which the leader should eventually storm the breach.

Duff Pattullo adopted no such cautious tactics. In all the big issues of the session, he led off with a direct front-attack that shattered the government's ranks and then left it to his supporters to complete the rout.

He was forceful, tranchant and scathing in his criticisms, but he made no enemies. He was never personal and, if the going became thick, it was usually Duff Pattullo who, with a twinkle in his eye, headed off the possibility of a personal clash.

The circumstance that caused his friends and opponents alike to marvel was that he showed a keen sense of humor. His fighting ability nobody had ever doubted, but only his intimates were aware of this other quality. It proved invaluable.

## Valuable Wit

A witty retort is one of the most effective weapons in the locker of a parliamentarian. The most crushing logic is often destroyed by a three-word witticism.

And how he did revel in it. He had never sat in the legislature for one day in his life as an oppositionist until this session, but he acted as if he had been born for that particular task. Nobody enjoyed the session more than he did.

Premier Tolmie said the opposition had all the fun, but the government had its responsibilities to think of.

"Why don't you resign and



## TO BUILD THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Rev. R. P. Bowles, D.D., Chancellor of Victoria University, Toronto (left), and Principal Gandier (right), who announce the opening of a campaign among United Church ministers for the first \$100,000 of a fund to build Emmanuel College, Toronto.

come over here to enjoy the fun," retorted Mr. Pattullo. "We are ready to assume the responsibility."

He refused to be diverted from an argument by interruption.

## Drew Many Laughs

"My friends would like to draw a red herring across the trail," he would sometimes say. "But I disposed of that question the other day to my own complete satisfaction."

A laugh would follow and he would resume his speech.

## He was ably supported, too.

The main brunt of the opposition work fell on the three ex-cabinet ministers, T. D. Pattullo, A. M. Manson and Capt. Ian Mackenzie.

Dr. W. H. Sutherland sat between the leader and Capt. Mackenzie. Although himself not a fluent debater, he had a

fund of experience and wisdom and it was at the disposal of his colleagues all the time to good effect.

He loaded many a gun that was fired by one of the three musketeers.

## Kergin Helpful

Bert Kergin of Atlin, whose talents were somewhat submerged as a private member of the government side, proved an able aid on many occasions, while behind these front benches Dr. H. C. Wrinch, G. S. Pearson and L. A. Hanna, the first on agricultural and social welfare matters, the second on finance and the third on labor questions, gave evidence of developing into prominent figures in the public life of the province.

It was Mr. Pattullo's boast that the Liberals never had a caucus. The team play and understanding among his group was so instinctive and

cordial that none was needed.

So effective was their work that the disparity in numbers between the 12 and the 35 was only in evidence when the government cracked its party whip and counted noses on division.

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