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Let's Get Outside—

WITH FRESH heat in the air, right now is a good time to go outdoors without bothering to read this any further. You would be much better off out of doors. Any time is good for going there but this moment is the only time you can do it, sandwiching the doing between regrets for not getting out more in the past and determination to make more of a point of it in the future.

Most of people like it better inside although few will admit this. Surely, however, it is so for, as humans gain some control over their environment and develop civilization, they tend to move indoors where they can sit around and talk about not getting out enough.

The trouble about outdoors is that it is too much of a strain. Indoors is easier on the body and makes less of a challenge to character. When you are outside there is the vast sky to see, or the trees, or the ocean or the mountains. All these challenge the ego.

Indoors is the place for the poor in spirit. There they can dwell upon their little pictures, their little possessions, their little troubles, shutting away the far sweep of the universe.

But here we are indoors writing this. We must really get out more ourselves.

Individual Responsibility

PEOPLE EAGER to dump responsibility for their lives in somebody else's lap today justify their cowardice or indolence to themselves by declaring democracy a fraud. The result has been regression toward a "morally illiterate culture of unhappy and un-tragic pleasure seekers. . . ." Increasingly complex machine techniques call for leaders with specialized skill rather than general education.

One thing is sure. Having caught a vision of greater abundance, especially during World War II, when the alliance of science and nature brought about an incredible increase of production, the less prosperous two-thirds of mankind are not voluntarily going to relinquish that vision.

Either it will be partly realized, or it will have to be beaten out of people's minds by superior power or by adverse fortune. Whoever promises its fulfillment is the people's friend. Whoever opposes or denies it is their enemy.

Throughout the world, people who believe in freedom, tolerance, and self-government, who understand that the real enemy is mass man and the reign of total power for power's sake, find themselves burdened with a common task. To survive, they must offer to all men the promise of becoming individuals, bourgeois in the highest sense, beings who enjoy not only greater abundance but responsible participation in a more meaningful life.

Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHITE, M.P.

Interesting Statistics— Committee Studying Immigration— Prince Rupert Man's Brother Heard

The figures released from time to time by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics may not be very much read by the general public but they do contain some statements of real interest. For instance, figures just out for November show that the total labor income reached an all-time monthly peak that month

at \$733,000,000, rising 1.4 percent over the previous high in October and 10.9 percent over November 1949. Time lost in labor disputes rose in January to 16,800 man-working days from 8,400 in December but fell below last year's January total of 39,500 days. Canadians spent \$861,000,000 in retail stores in December, the highest monthly total on record. Wholesale sales in December were 5 percent above a year earlier.

A very good Senate Committee has got down to work, it is the Committee on Immigration and Labor and is investigating the operation and administration of the Immigration Act—a very live issue. Senator Cairine Wilson is the chairman. Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and C. E. S. Smith, Director of Immigration, have both appeared before the Committee as witnesses. Senators

Tom Reid and J. G. Turgeon of British Columbia, are both members. The terms of reference give this committee authority to consider such matters as the desirability of admitting immigrants, the type of immigrant which should be preferred, Canada's facilities and capacity to absorb immigrants, the availability of preferred-type immigrants, etc. At the opening of their first session Mr. Harris made a prepared statement. He stated that the Department had largely been guided by the report of an earlier similar committee. Since World War II immigration has been actively encouraged with a view to fostering the growth of the population of Canada through the careful selection and permanent settlement of such numbers of immigrants. (Continued on page 5)

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

Government Assailed From All Sides— Looks Like Crisis Ahead

VICTORIA—One wonders how long a government can stand up to such a barrage of criticism as is now being leveled against the Coalition.

The criticism is being hurled at the government in savage onslaughts from all sides—the press, the public, from its own supporters in the House, let alone the CCF Opposition. It's the fiercest concentrated attack any government has had to wrestle with in many years.

Two of the Okanagan Valley members, M. P. Finnelly, Liberal-Coalition, Similkameen, and W. A. C. Bennett, Conservative-Coalition, South Okanagan, are in open revolt about increases in hospital insurance premiums and actually went so far as to vote against the Government on the floor of the House. Mr. Finnelly, too, gave an indication that all is not happy between Liberals and Conservatives in the Coalition caucus. He said that hospital deficits can't be made up from consolidated revenue "because of the political viewpoint" of the Minister of Finance. Mr. Finnelly seemed to say that Mr. Anscomb is more interested in development of the resources of the province than he is in the needs of the people.

Jay Gould, Liberal-Coalition from Vancouver-Burrard, accused the government of political expediency in not raising the sales tax exemption on restaurant meals to \$1. He said the government won't face up to its responsibility where liquor is concerned. Strong words these, from a government supporter.

Even mild-mannered, Coalitionist Batt MacIntyre of Mackenzie riding hammered the government and insisted it hadn't lived up to its election promises. He said the government had promised amendments to the Labor Act—and nothing has been done. Just another political dodge, Mr. MacIntyre seemed to indicate.

Practically every daily paper on the lower mainland and in Victoria is now bitterly critical of many government policies, particularly liquor and hospital insurance. The Victoria Colonist is pounding the government in a series of front-page editorials, so tough cabinet ministers are enraged. One editorial said, in part: "The British Columbia Coalition Government is much addicted to self-praise. The public is told over and over again that this is the fairest and most courteous government the province has ever had. Is it? A government which, once in office, refuses to pay any further attention to requests from responsible organizations can scarcely support that claim."

The Victoria Times which, until a few months ago slavishly supported the Coalition, now under new editor Bruce Hutchinson, is roasting the government on a number of matters although it is remaining loyal on hospital insurance increases. Its lead editorial the other day dealt with liquor and said: "In many hotels, cabarets and other resorts, liquor is being drunk publicly in open defiance of the law. The bottle on the table, or under the table, is becoming a monument to lawlessness which the police are unable or unwilling to suppress. The whole beer business is parceled out among the companies forming the monopoly, with no pretense of competition."

"The beer parlor license is a privileged franchise to be traded, usually with political influence, from one monopolist to another. Wines, like those from California, which might compete with local products are not sold by the government, lest they disturb powerful interests. A few men with sufficient influence in the right place, have been given so-called 'club' licenses in Vancouver which are, in fact, merely an exclusive right to sell liquor of all sorts to anybody who can pay the price. Finally, and perhaps most disturbing of all, two directors of the brewing business sit as Conservative ministers within the cabinet."

Messrs. Johnson and Anscomb have extremely difficult days ahead. They will need all their political strength and wisdom, boldness and vision, to swing the tide that now seems to be almost engulfing their government. At the same time Opposition Leader Harold Winch has a tremendous opportunity and a tremendous responsibility.

British Columbia seems to be at some critical turning point! One clamor against costs, and Mr. Claxton gives grave warning that, if there's going to be war, fresh expenses will not be devoted to what is unnecessary.

Harry Armstrong, who wrote the music for "Sweet Adeline," is dead in New York, aged 72 years. The lyrics were written by Richard Gerard, who passed away in '48. "Sweet Adeline" has something but it is essential to get in the mood first.

Never before in Canada's history, has the roll been called in her commercial fisheries. But it will be this year. Of course, the fishermen have always been included as individuals. This time the main purpose is to have data on economic and social circumstances. There's lots to be learned.

WHERE TO BEGIN
It's the frills, says Tilly Rolston, and the place to start is Victoria. This stout-hearted lady asserts there would be nothing wrong with cutting the legislature in half and stopping needless outlays. There are, says Tilly, frills to the tune of millions. Why allow it, when every-

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

FOOD—PEACE KEY NEW DELHI, India.

The general idea behind this series of articles on India is to spend a couple of weeks here at the capital, then to visit key spots in this vast sub-continent, then to return to Delhi before starting home, via Israel and Europe.

But one does not need to spend months, weeks or even days here to find out what is India's number one problem. It is how something over 320 million people can get enough food to stay alive.

The question literally hits you in the eye when you see the really poor people in a big city. It hits you in the eye when you pick up any newspaper, and see that controversy over food shortages is a main feature. It hits you in both ears when you set foot inside parliament. For each day this parliament allows what must surely be the most generous period for questions in any chamber in the world—one full hour. And on every day, many of the questions centre around India's central problem: How do we eat?

BEFORE I LEFT CANADA, I carefully worked out the agricultural statistics: How many cultivated acres there were per person in Canada and India. After looking over the farming methods here, and seeing the mighty pressure of population, I realize that those statistics don't mean so much.

India has about three times the population of the United States in about one-third the area. Those figures are not precise, but they give the rough idea. But, as a high U.S. agricultural body has just pointed out, India's agricultural methods are primitive and even crude as compared with

those in many other countries. Hence, even such a simple thing as substituting the most simple type of steel blade plow would greatly increase production. (This has been actually demonstrated to peasants at government-sponsored centres, such as that at Bawana, which I recently visited.)

BUT THE FOOD SHORTAGE question is interlinked with that of land ownership reform. Although the fact is not realized in the West, it is also, above all, inextricably interlinked with the questions of war and peace.

The Congress Party leaders are well aware that the cry, "the land for the peasants," is potentially the mightiest and most elemental pent-up force in all this part of the world. It is trying by legal and constitutional means to transfer land ownership from the zamindars, or rich landlords, to the actual cultivators of the soil. But at the moment its proposed reforms are snarled up in the courts, over the question of constitutional legality.

Will India get time to work out land reform by the democratic process and, if so, is such process competent to sweep away the vested interests of age-old growth? One would have to be bold to answer that one; and I lack sufficient information even to try.

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FLAKY COFFEE CAKES

● Scald 2½ c. cream, 2 tbs. granulated sugar, 1 tsp. salt and ¼ c. shortening; cool to lukewarm. Meanwhile, measure into a large bowl ½ c. lukewarm water, 1 tsp. granulated sugar; stir until sugar is dissolved. Sprinkle with 1 envelope Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast. Let stand 10 mins. THEN stir well.

Add cooled cream mixture and stir in 3 well-beaten eggs. Stir in 2 c. once-sifted bread flour; beat until smooth. Work in 2½ c. (about) once-sifted bread flour. Knead on lightly floured board until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl and grease top of dough. Cover and set in a warm place, free from draught. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Mix ¾ c. granulated sugar and 2 tps. ground cinnamon; sprinkle half of this mixture on baking board. Divide dough into 2 equal portions and turn out one portion onto prepared board. Roll out into a 12" square; fold from back to front and from one side to the other. Repeat rolling and folding 3 more times, flouring board lightly if it becomes sticky. Seal edges of folded dough and place in a greased 8" square cake pan and pat out to fit the pan; butter top lightly and press walnut halves well into the dough. Sprinkle remaining sugar and cinnamon mixture on board and treat second portion of dough same as first portion. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in a moderate oven, 350°, 15 mins., while preparing the following syrup; simmer together for 5 mins., 1 c. granulated sugar, 1½ tps. grated orange rind, ¼ c. butter or margarine and ¼ c. orange juice. Quickly pour hot syrup over the 2 partially-baked cakes and bake cakes about 15 mins. longer. Stand baked cakes, on cake coolers for 20 minutes, then loosen edges and gently shake from pans.

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sub-continent into two nations worked havoc with the economy of India. Even this year's drastic shortage of food in India could be partly (some say one-third) wiped out if there were absolutely free trade in the whole area, as there was before partition.

Responsible Indian leaders ask: "If the partition of one sub-continent worked such havoc, what would be the effect, even on India, of the partition of the whole world, as a result of a third world war?" India eats, right now, on a "ship to mouth" basis.

HENCE, INDIA'S INTEREST IN preserving even the present precarious state of world peace is based on more than the Gandhi non-violence idea (real and strong as this is in India). It is also based on the most solid and immediate self-interest for India. For in such a war, even if India were not a combatant, many millions of Indians would be doomed to starve as, in fact, millions starved in 1945.

MR. NEHRU'S SHARP REBUKE, to 43 Indian MP's who signed the appeal to the U.S. Congress to pass the gift of two million tons of wheat was, incidentally, supported by the Indian government. India can get. But my guess is that it means automatic admission to fight on any bloc in any "war."

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