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Senate Liven's Up

THERE has long been an inclination on the part of many people to regard the House of Commons as the sole activating factor behind the government of Canada and the Senate as no more than an amiable meeting place of elderly men. However, of late there seems to have been developing in the august upper chamber a new spirit of more active life. This is an encouraging sign but it is long overdue.

British Columbia's Financial and Industrial Times points out that the Senate is under no compulsion to do anything beyond receiving and approving the legislation that comes to it from the lower house. It has the security of a place in the constitution and legal authorities have come to the conclusion it can never be extinguished by a hostile government appointing a majority of new senators who would be prepared to vote the Senate out of existence. It could be eliminated from the scene only by a long-drawn-out uprising of public sentiment against it and far-reaching, and slow-coming, changes in the conception of government in Canada.

The Red Chamber is not even under the pressure of a formidable opposition within its own walls. Only a corporal's guard of Progressive Conservative senators remains; Liberal government have been in power since 1935, and for years before 1930, and the men they appointed to the upper house were Liberal stalwarts.

The Senate, predominantly Liberal, now assumes a non-partisan air with Senator John T. Haig, Opposition leader, finding friends among the Liberals for some of his criticisms. Redoubtable personalities like Senator Tom Reid of British Columbia and Senator Tom Crerar of Manitoba scan the estimates and express their opinions with a fire that must make the government wince.

The Senate, however, has come to concern itself with much more than protection of the public purse. Its increased interest in foreign affairs has resulted in able discussions of matters now before the United Nations, helped by the knowledge of members like Senator Gray Turgeon of British Columbia who has been a Canadian representative on UN groups.

In the Senate is the wisdom of many men with long experience in the business of government. Canada will benefit from their energy and their industry and be pleasantly reminded that the last word is not necessarily spoken when the Commonsers have had their say.

Scripture Passage for Today

"But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. 15:57.

Russia on Black List

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada has not shipped anything of "strategic importance" to Russia or her satellites for a "long time," Trade Minister C. D. Howe said at the week-end.

Canadian government, he said, has for some time exercised strict control against shipments of es-

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sential materials to countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Metals now designated as essential and under export control include steel, copper, zinc, lead, nickel, aluminum, tungsten, cobalt and antimony.



"If you're waiting for sis, take my advice—let's play Chess!"

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

400 MILLION— MINUS 1

NEW DELHI, India.—As in Pakistan, so in India they are taking a census of the population.

But I want to warn you right now, you will have to deduct one visiting Canuck if you want to get the proper total. A grave-faced young civil servant visited me in my hotel room. He was from the census bureau. I was to answer certain questions.

I told him I had just arrived from Canada and that I would be here less than two months. But I might as well have addressed a stone wall.

He took my name, my father's name, my birthplace, age, religion, nationality and other particulars, such as number of children. Only after he had finished his job would he break down and relax a bit. But he saw a whole raft of Pakistan publicity material on my desk, including a cleverly-written booklet on the Kashmir question.

It turned out he was from Kashmir, and when I saw how interested he was in the booklet I gave it to him. However, he would not express any opinion on Kashmiri matters, gravely informing me he was forbidden to do so.

I WAS SURPRISED to learn that census-taking is an extra and unpaid job for civil workers, who do their regular work in daytime and their census-taking in off-hours.

But a rather cynical European explained this policy as follows: "They could not pay these people so much a name, as we do in western countries in a census. If they did, the census-takers would pad the rolls with all sorts of phony names."

HOW THEY CAN come within millions of the correct figure I just don't know.

How are you going to get a precise enumeration, for instance, of people who literally have no fixed address, who actually do sleep on the sidewalks or in any other nook or corner they can get?

However, the 1951 census should be just as accurate as the ones taken in 1941, 1931 and so on back.

People who were here 10 years ago tell me that they have a pretty practical method of enumerating what we could call the floating population. In the densely-congested areas of the big cities, where people come and go and sleep where they can, squads of census-takers move in at a sort of "zero hour." That makes it more unlikely that the same drifters will be listed more than once.

UP IN PAKISTAN I unwittingly overheard an amusing little conversation about the census. A public information officer was instructing a staff photographer about the pictures to be taken for publicity purposes.

Would the order be first the Governor-General, then Miss Jinnah, and then the Prime Minister? Or should the Prime Minister come ahead of Miss Jinnah?

The public information officer was naturally insisting on priority for the Prime Minister. But he was having a bit of difficulty convincing the staff photographer.

In the minds and hearts of the common people of Pakistan, Miss Jinnah really is the "mother of her country."

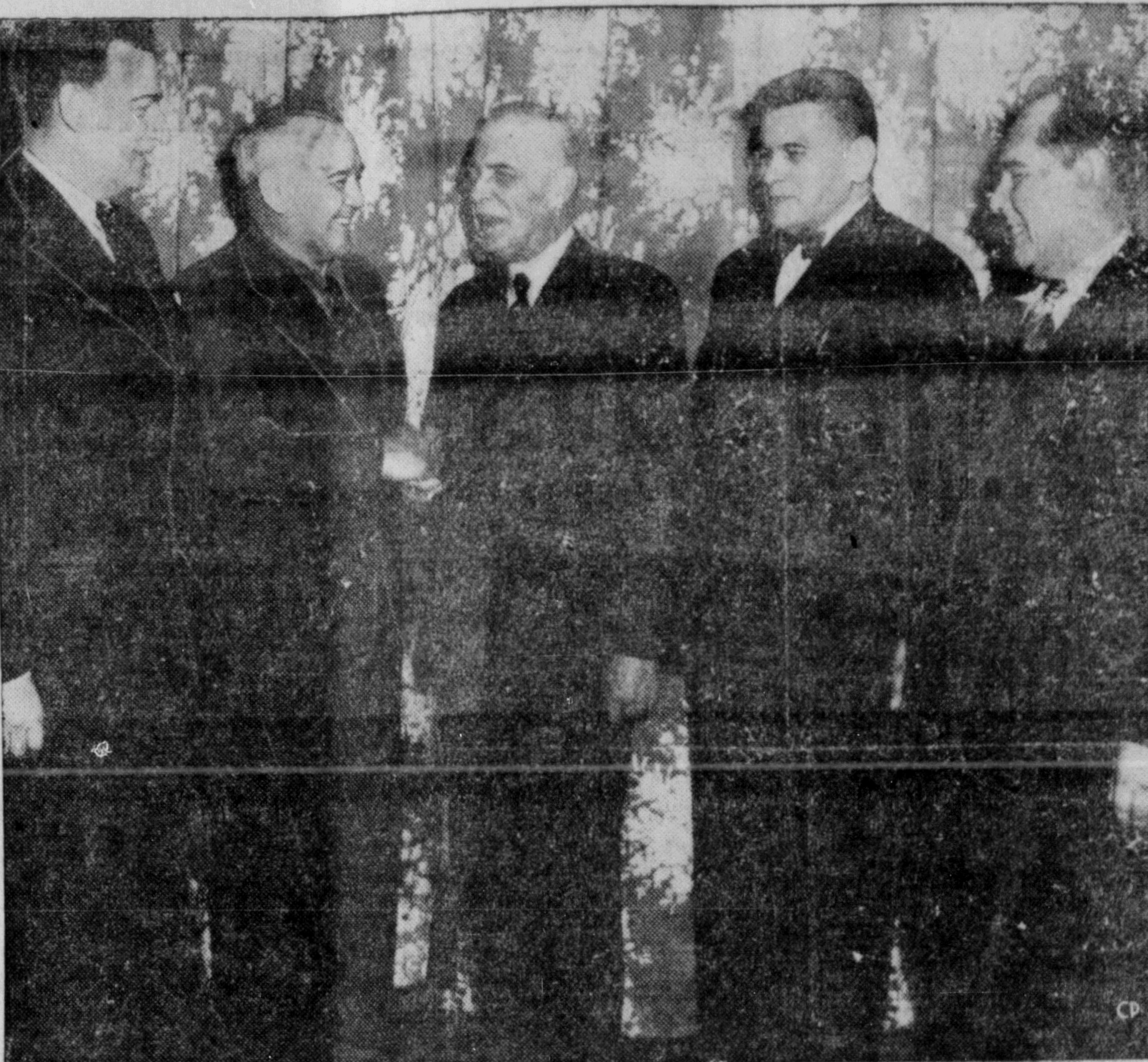
WHEN YOU CONSIDER that India's population is somewhere between 350 and 400 millions, and that no less than 180 million humans are eligible to vote in the soon-coming first general election, you begin to grasp the immensity of the experiment that India is making.

In the West our democracy came down to us by slow stages, "from precedent to precedent." The franchise was gradually broadened from class to class.

Here, where the vast majority of the eligible voters can neither read nor write, the job of registering the vote is going to be nothing less than titanic.

To hear some of the foreigners here, you would think that the Indians would never swing it. Incidentally, I have heard none of the Canadians here say this. My own bet is that India will come through with a relative efficiency which will surprise the rest of the world.

H. D. Reid, identified with the logging operations of Columbia Cellulose in the Skeena River valley, arrived in the city on the Canosun yesterday afternoon from Vancouver.



HISTORIC POW-WOW—Immigration Minister Harris, in an historical pow-wow, called a number of Indian tribal chiefs to Ottawa to hear their views on legislation affecting Canada's Indians. Here, left to right, are: Mr. Harris; A. C. Moses, Ohsweken, Ont., secretary of the Six Nations Band Council; Prime Minister St. Laurent; Andrew Paul, North Vancouver, B.C., president of the North American Indian Brotherhood; and William Scow, Alert Bay, president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia. (CP PHOTO)

ray .. Reflects and Reminisces

GUESTS DOWN EAST

Members of Parliament, including E. T. Applewhite of Skeena, have been making a goodwill visit to St. John, N.B., guests of Daniel Riley, who sits for St. John-Albert. They were entertained by the province, the city and Board of Trade, and saw the old port at one of the busiest times of the year. Incidentally, the press noted the member for Skeena and a colleague, R. E. Anderson of Simcoe, Ont., enjoying lobster—one of the choicest products of the Maritimes.

FAVORITE SONS

And this reminds one of a newspaper story—as well as of more lobsters. One day a yarn came in from the village of Bayfield at Cape Tormentine. Youngsters were missing. It was lobster season at the Cape. We put up at the Seaside Hotel which was well named. Lobsters, fresh from the depths and red as Tommy Atkins, formed part of the fare twice daily off and on for weeks. Life has not been quite so bright since.

DOWN ON THE FARM!

John Creamer and his wife ran a plain little farm along the coast road from Bayfield. There were children—small son and daughter. The home looked out across the Straits of Northumberland, source of one of the most delectable of seafoods. Anytime weather was clear enough, Prince Edward Island was visible. While it could not be called lonely, the general neighborhood was thinly settled.

MISSING!

As tea hour approached that spring evening Mrs. Creamer called the youngsters from where she had last noticed them playing. They were not to be seen. She could not find them. Her husband couldn't. Neighbors as-

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sisted. The search continued throughout the night. All the following day, the best efforts seemed less than useless. Not the slightest sign. Not a vague hint. No little foot prints. No stray bit of garment.

A WHOLE REGIMENT

No strangers had been noticed! Usually, they are looked at more than once. In a country district anyone unknown is as a rule an object of some speculation. There is curiosity, as to identity. Days followed days. Members of a Sackville regiment, in plain clothes, spent a solid Sunday seeking in every likely or unlikely place. Ponds, brooks, wells were examined. Parents throughout

the Maritimes were becoming nervous. From as far away as Ontario came a bid to aid.

ANY LATER TALE?

No unfamiliar craft had been sighted, spending time and fuel along the quiet shores. Never had there been any occurrences, suggesting kidnapping.

Brother and sister had vanished. All else was mystery. It made a great newspaper story. We quit down east, a few months after the first shock and wonder, and locating out west, never learned if the tots had ever been found.

They might have been.

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This is the order Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova of Ottawa has just put in for child-war-victims in Europe, youngsters who are supported by Canadians under

Mr. and Mrs. W. arrived in the city on the Canosun yesterday afternoon from Vancouver and will be their home at the evening's train. Mr. and Mrs. Hirschmanova have been receiving special treatment in the past few weeks.

the foster-parent program of the Unitarian Service Committee.

Dr. Hirschmanova, director of the committee, has consigned the food to homes in Austria, Italy and France.

This is the first time the committee has ordered the food this year. All purchases are made from voluntary

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