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THAT OLD SENATE

It is to be supposed that when the general election comes on we shall hear something about Senate reform or Senate abolition. We have been hearing about it as long as most of us remember, but so far nothing definite has been done although some promises have been made.

During the life of the last Conservative government many Senators died and their places were all filled with Conservatives. Since then vacancies have been filled by Liberals but the Conservative balance of power has not yet been overcome and the second chamber is still Conservative. The result has been that the present government has not been in a position to make any reforms. Possibly even when the Senate becomes Liberal it may hold out against being abolished or much changed.

Most of the important reforms are brought about during national crises. The probability is that the same will happen in regard to the Senate. Some day there will be a battle royal between the two houses and the people of the country will be sufficiently aroused to rise and sweep the derelict old chamber off the map.

Weather does not affect a strong man. It's great to be bigger than the elements.

GETTING PUBLICITY

Prince Rupert is getting a great deal of good publicity from the Peace River outlet. Even Eastern journals are looking seriously upon the claims of this port to be the main grain shipping port for the great Peace country. Never before have we received such as this, part of which has come from the activity shown here in keeping the Prince Rupert case before the people of the country, part from the influence of the Power Corporation and mostly from the justice of our cause. The railways and statesmen now admit that the natural route for the grain is down the Skeena valley.

SEEK HELP FOR WIDOWS

Canadian Legion Pressing for Consideration of Cases of Widows Who Married War Veterans After Disability or Injury to Men

OTTAWA, March 11:—One of the classes of war sufferers for whom the greatest concern is likely to be shown during the parliamentary discussions of the problems of war veterans and their dependents is that of widows who married after their husbands had returned from overseas, which resulted in death.

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League has placed before parliament on five previous occasions proposals for the relief of these widows, but on one occasion only, in 1928, has any legislation been passed providing relief for this class. For the sixth

time, therefore, the Legion is this session putting forward, in its legislative programme to come before parliament, requests for legislation which, if granted, would correct obvious injustices caused by the present provisions for widows' pensions. In this part of its programme, the Legion is being strongly supported by the National Council of Women of Canada, which has also had experiences in connection with the application of the barrier clauses of this section of the Pensions Act.

The Legion, too, is looking for governmental support, for in his address to the Canadian Legion convention at Regina last November, Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, speaking for the government, gave the Legion strong encouragement in its efforts on behalf of this class of widows, and expressed sympathy with their cause.

The Pension Act provides that no pension shall be paid to the widow of a member of the Canadian forces unless she was married to

him before the appearance of the injury or disease which resulted in his death, unless (a) the injury in respect of which he was pensioned or entitled to pension would not shorten his expectancy of life, or (b) unless he was not chronically ill of a pensionable disease and not in receipt of pension therefor.

In their experience in handling pension claims of widows, the Legion adjustment officers have found these provisions useless in solving the problems of a deserving class of widows. There are some pitiful cases on record of widows who have been refused pension because of the interpretation placed upon the expressions "expectancy of life" and "chronically ill." At the time these clauses were framed in 1928, to meet objections from the Senate as to the proposed form of the amendment to the Pension Act, they seemed to be satisfactory, but in their operation they have worked a severe hardship on widows, with children, who married after their husbands returned from overseas, and some before they returned, nursed and cared for their husbands through years of indifferent health and sickness, but who, on the death of the husband found themselves debarred from pension, even though death may have been due to a war disability which was only detected long after the marriage.

Substitute Clause

In its legislative program, the Legion has made definite provision for this class of deserving and needy widows. The clauses which the Legion asks to have placed in the Pension Act in place of those quoted above are as follows:

"No pension shall be paid to the widow of a member of the forces unless she was married to him before the appearance of the injury or disease which resulted in his death.

"(A) Unless she was married to him before the date of the coming into force of this act, or

"(B) Unless when marriage is contracted after the coming into force of this act, he, a member of the forces, is able to obtain from the commission a certificate to the effect that he has a reasonable expectation of life."

These amendments, Legion officials believe, would remove all doubt as to the interpretation of the act, and would solve all the serious problem cases created by the legislation which has been in force up till the present time. It takes care of those who have married war veterans without knowledge of disability that might result in death, or who, knowing of the disability, having nursed and cared for a disabled veteran during his last years of suffering. They also lay down a future policy that where the commission, at the time of marriage, is able to give the veteran a certificate that he has a reasonable expectancy of life, his widow shall be pensionable, but where the man's condition is such that he has not a reasonable expectancy of life, that certificate would be refused, and the man and his wife would be married in the full knowledge that, in the event of his death, there would be no pension for the widow.

Whatever the fate of these amendments in the discussion of the parliamentary committee of veterans' problems, the Legion experts who have studied the situation declare that they are sound, workable, and reasonable, and that they are needed to provide for the widows who have found themselves left destitute by the application of the present legislation.

C.N.R. TRAINS

From East—Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 3.30 p.m.
From East—Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11.30.

The Letter Box

WELCOME CRITICISM

Editor, Daily News:—Perusing your columns most diligently failing to observe neither the humor nor the tragedy of their contents, it seems there is one thing missing necessary to make it a great newspaper.

It is equally so of newspapers as of forms of government, the best is that which suits the character of the people. Were one to suggest that the people of Prince Rupert were lacking in imagination, it would not be fair to the people to attribute it to the lack of press-room effluvia, nor would it be fair to the paper to blame it for the total absence of any local originality of idea, say rather it is the smugness of self-satisfaction.

You have no Prince Rupert critics therefore you are blind to your appearance, you have no unique institution, therefore you have no fame. You have no color, no intellectual diversions, therefore you are unattractive. Be it sufficient to suggest that a city cannot prosper on fish alone.

J. ALLISON.

RADIO BROADCAST

Editor, Daily News:—A few months ago, when the report of the Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting in Canada under the Chairmanship of Sir John Aird was made public, it seemed to meet with unanimous approval. Everyone looked forward with joyful anticipation to the early carrying out of the recommendations of that Commission, and to Canada being equipped with the most modern transmitting stations owned and controlled by a public company established by the Dominion in co-operation with the provinces.

This scheme provided for sufficient support from the public funds to ensure a Canadian broadcasting service which would hold the interest of Canadian listeners in competition with the best stations of the United States, and would guarantee that we should not be compelled to depend for our radio entertainment and education upon private interests or be subjected to foreign propaganda.

Gradually, however, an insidious opposition to public ownership has been developing and certain interests, eager to control Canadian broadcasting for their own gain, are conducting such a campaign to hold and extend their ownership of Canadian broadcasting stations, that it has become necessary to mobilize public opinion to support the recommendations of the Aird Commission before Parliament.

It therefore behooves every citizen that there is danger of having our radio programs limited to material furnished rather than with a view to private profit than with the desire to entertain and educate the public.

If certain grasping private interests should secure control of our broadcasting system they would certainly take the line of least resistance in satisfying their capacity, and the arrangements for Canadian programs would be made with or through the ironclad radio broadcasting trust of the United States. This would mean that the whole Canadian radio situation would fall under foreign control and be dominated by foreign propaganda.

In order to preserve and promote the rights and interests of Canadian broadcast listeners, an organization known as the "Canadian Broadcast Listeners' League" has been formed to collect data and marshal arguments for presentation to the Parliamentary Committee at Ottawa when it comes to deal with the Aird report.

We therefore ask every person, who objects to having Canada's radio programs limited to those framed chiefly on the basis of private gain, to write immediately to the undersigned setting forth views and suggestions which will be helpful in securing public ownership and control of Canadian radio broadcasting; and we undertake that when your representatives in Parliament shall meet in Committee to consider the report of the Aird Commission, these views and suggestions will be duly presented as part of the case for "the People."

Canadian Broadcast Listeners' League,
O. E. CULBERT, Secretary,
Canadian National Bank Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Attractive scene from winter playground in the Muskoka Lakes district in Ontario where many Canadians now go to avail themselves of excellent opportunities for outdoor winter sports. Toboggan slide is seen at right.

Canadian Legion Billiard Winner

Scored 1178 to 1124 Victory Over Elks As Result of Playing of Outstanding Games

Two outstanding games in the Billiard League fixture from last Thursday night between the Canadian Legion and Elks were played last night, giving the Legion an aggregate victory of 1178 to 1124. The results of the two games were as follows:

gion), 224; A. A. Eason (Elks), 250. M. E. Young, 208; W. E. Williscroft, 250.

Two outstanding games—A. Murray vs. W. J. Nelson and M. E. Young vs. James Andrews—remain to be played in the fixture from last Tuesday night between the Canadian Legion and Grotto.

The second half standing to date is as follows:

	G.	Ttl.	Av.
Elks	12	13955	1163
Canadian Legion	11	12571	1143
Grotto	11	12094	1100

We all know what Parliament is, and we are all ashamed of it.—R. L. Stevenson.

Progressive merchants advertise.

WHIST

March 13—Elevator vs. Canada Legion; I.O.O.F. vs. Grotto; St. Andrews vs. Leif Erikson; Drydock vs. Moose; Six Musketeers vs. St. Cove.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Senior—	W.	L.
Elks	3	1
Players' Club	1	2
Three Two	1	2
Intermediate—		
Big Four	5	1
High School	3	2
C. N. R.	0	5
Ladies—		
Maple Leafs	4	0
Tollers	0	4

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WHAT your dollar is worth depends on you. Today, a dollar will buy a full one hundred cents' worth of merchandise or service.

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Read advertisements daily to enable your dollar to do its full duty.



Long abandoned Muskoka Lakes district clearings serve a new purpose and are given over to the spirit of winter