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#### THE MATTER OF DEMOCRACY

The Canadian Unionist, organ of the All Canadian Congress of Labor, has a way of stating the opinion of labor in a very different way from some of the more radical journals that seem at times to be almost anti-British. Here is the view on the position of the Canadian government in relation to the war:

"According to the Prime Minister, the government is no less concerned than any group or party in the community to ensure that, during the present war, democracy should not be jeopardized, and he pointed out that Canada's stand in regard to political broadcasts was in contrast to that in Great Britain, where they have been prohibited.

"Canadians generally will commend the attitude of the Prime Minister in this matter. The question of freedom of speech in war-time is exceptionally difficult, since obviously any deliberate attempt to prevent the full mobilization of the national resources, in men and material, for the task of carrying on the war to a successful conclusion, is treasonable in character. At the same time, the utmost care must be taken to prevent the abuse of the government's admitted right to censor all expression of opinion which would be harmful to the public interest. In fighting for democracy, there must be as little interference as possible with democratic principles, and not only legislation but the application of it should not be imbued with the 'totalitarian' idea. It is gratifying to note that this is the viewpoint of the Prime Minister and the government."

#### LACK OF CO-OPERATION

The Unionist goes on to discuss one of the causes of failure:

"It is scarcely conceivable that truly democratic nations could be induced to resort to war for the settlement of disputes which might arise between them; it has been said on many occasions that the people of Germany do not EXAMINATION for Clerks anwant war, in spite of the fact that German aggression is the immediate cause of it. If the will of the people were properly represented, there is little probability that they would follow a fanatical war-monger, or that he and his associates would be able to inflame their minds by lies and propaganda to a state where they would deliberately provoke a war.

"But no nation is wholly democratic; the masses have actually very little to do with the determination of national policies, and it is because the governments have been responsive to powerful interests in each nation, rather than to the popular will, that attempts to obtain interna- FOR SALE-English pram, phone a city of the dead. Total darkness tional co-operation have so far resulted in failure. Only self-governing nations can unite successfully for the solution of their common problems; only free nations can agree to accept whatever restrictions upon their sovereignty are demanded by the necessity of working together. The League of nations, from which so much had been hop- FOR SALE-5 room house, good The buildings seem deserted, ed ,failed primarily because the nations themselves had not learned how to maintain harmony and peace within their own borders; they did not have representative government at home, and they therefore could not apply a similar principle on a larger scale."

#### Talk Of West Indies Heard

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THREARY

Mr. Proverbs of Canadian Scottish Sharp Letdown From Bright Lights Speaks To Anglican Young

The weekly meeting of St. Andrew's Anglican Young People's Association was held in the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday night In the absence of the president Kay Robertson, Alf Rivett took the chair. After a short business meet-

ing, Mr. Proverbs of the 16th Canadian Scottish gave a talk of the West Indies. Mr. Proverbs cam from Barbadoes. After the talrefreshments were served.



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# DARKNESS

Impression of Canadian Correspondent In Wartime

By GLADYS M. ARNOLD

Canadian Press Sorrespondent SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 15: (CP) -It's night. From Vancouver to Montreal the cities are lakes of twinkling electric stars. New York -which I left only a week ago-was a symphony of flashing color and moving lights.

Southampton is in pitch dark-

What war means-what light means-what darkness does to you -these cannot be realized until you creep out into the Atlantic and every turn of the propellor carries you farther away from light-bathed North America into the darkness which enshrouds Europe.

Three hundred of us bounced around in that huge transAtlantic liner Washington for a week. She was built for 1.110 passengers and a lot of cargo. She carried a sprinkling of French, English and Canadians, a girl's Scottish pine band, a couple of dozen Irish relatives of New York policemen and a few mail bags. That's why we bounced. But the ship was a fountain of light.

The small "stars and stripes" at the masthead fluttered in a spotlight. Decks, cabins, lounges and portholes blazed with light. Huge flags painted the full length of the vessel's sides were ringed with

But there was something ter rible in the thought that out there a little beyond the line of vision in the blackness, other ships-our own ships, Canadian, British, Australian, French - were creeping along, feeling their way in the darkness with portholes closed. ed. What must they have felt to about it. the Washington steaming by in an aura of electricity? That God's greatest gift to man is-

Firm But Dark

At last-the port of Southampder one's feet aga'n, to see busy autumn. Little by little the corner shadows eat into the streets, however. The sun sinks, the twilight pulled down. falls-and no lights come on. Now the whole citty is swallowed in

Double-decked trams crawl alon: packed with human beings. Almos complete blackout now A dimmed red globe illuminates before and hohind and another is found in the centre of the unner deck roof Others, have all windows neinted dark blue. It takes courage to force one's way in the gloom.

The motorman illuminates your face with his flashlight. Inside you sufforate among strange odors and the touch of strange cloth or hand. In time your nose takes on new intelligence. Among the clammy odors it picks out th acrid sheep's smell of Harris tweed and the horsev odors of a soldiere uniform. A sudden breath tells you your neighbor to the left has been eating fish; beer, tobacco, ew leather and menthol wafts back and forth until you are glad to stumble out into the night

Now a dim red glow is to be seen near the ground along the streets at intervals. Black shades cut out but a sliver of color. Some of these indicate rarked cars, but most of them mark the entrances or show the signs which read "Air Free Raid Shelter-270 neonle." The M. C. C. doors are protected by small fort-

One by one the doors close. The in dimly glowing metallic paint indicates a restaurant. An hour later it seems as thouggh one had stepped out into Black 232 or call 741 5th Ave. and silence. But quickly eyes and (267) ears become accostomed to the FOR SALE-1938 Ford Coupe, 5600 gloom. After colliding with several blacker spots you realize these frosters, excellent condition. Box are other people and slowly you (269) begin to detect their approaching

location, price \$850, terms ar- lifeless. One might be back in the (269) ancient city of Pompeii. But soon imperceptible hairlines of light indicate doors and windows. Soon Keep up to date. Adventise regu- one sees outside doors left slightly ajar so that the inner doors with



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ay be seen. Pushing through hese and then through the folds of thick curtains one comes upon an ordinary bar, or drugstore cinema, restaurant or tobacco saco. windows blinded, doors tight and But the whole has a mysterious. instinctively (surely) voices lower- almost fantastic, night club air

Soon one can detect voices behind these black windows and doors; a strain of music, the crackle of a radio and slowly the whole pulsing life of the city begins to murmur around you like ton. It's good to feel the earth un- the life in a forest at night. Southampton is still there-alive-carstreets and smell the breath of rying on- "business as usual" living and laughing and eating and sleening-but with the blinds

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