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## ACROSS CANADA

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

By H. F. PULLEN

When I was in Ottawa recently one of Canada's elder statesmen dropped into my room rather late in the evening for a chat. I had retired and was just getting into bed when he arrived so we sat and smoked and talked for an hour. I told him all the interesting things about Prince Rupert and we gradually drifted away on to many subjects, including affairs political.

He expressed the opinion that when the Pattullo government decided to appeal to the country, it would be returned again by a good majority. He also thought that one of the causes for the triumph of Liberalism was the lack of any real opposition.

This talk led up to discussion of the failure of the Conservatives, as a party, to make any progress. It was decided that it was mainly due to lack of real leadership and to dissensions in the party. On one hand there was a young group of progressive Conservatives who recognized the prevailing trends and were anxious not only to fall in line with them but to initiate new progressive policies which would be a real factor in leading the people out of the present political morass. With a magnetic leader there was today a great opportunity for success.

Unfortunately, these young men were hamstrung by their associates, the older standpat Conservatives who held the money bags and refused to sanction any policies which might tend to weaken their financial power. The result was such a cleavage that, if it continued, the party was bound to die.

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## Whifflets

From The Waterfront

Halibut Fleet To Start Leaving Next Sunday—Regulations Announced—Reduction Plants Are Closed.

Official notification was received this morning by James Boyd, supervisor of fisheries, from headquarters of the International Fisheries Commission in Seattle to permit fishing of halibut on April 1. Regulations, similar to those of last year, will limit clearances to one area on any one trip. Possession of halibut under five pounds in weight will be prohibited. The first group of local halibut boats—with names starting M to R—will leave next Sunday. The fleet is divided into four alphabetical groups, the second group leaving three days after the first, the third four days after that and the fourth another three days later.

Port Edward and Tucks Inlet reduction plants, following the closing down of herring fishing in this area, have discontinued operations until the supply of halibut and salmon offal becomes available in the spring. M. H. McLean, manager of the Port Edward plant, and Thomas Anderson, manager of Tucks Inlet, sailed on the Catala this afternoon for Vancouver. Mr. Garrioch, foreman of Port Edward, and Mrs. Gerrioch and D. W. Souter, accountant, and Mrs. Souter also sailed this afternoon for Vancouver.

Union steamer Catala, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, returned to port at 8:45 this morning from Stewart and other northern points and sailed at 1:30 this afternoon for Vancouver and waypoints.

## Short Shrift For Lead Swingers

ATHENS, March 25—Instances of self-inflicted wounds among Italian soldiers in Albania have become so frequent that orders have been issued that those guilty shall be shot at once.

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a natural death. Both of us deplored such a condition of affairs because Conservatism had a useful place in the country. It might do the nation great service.

Later I met the present House Leader of the party and found him a very pleasing personality but, in debate with the Minister of Defence, Col. Ralston, that following afternoon in the House of Commons, he proved himself but a child against a master of diplomacy who figuratively twisted him around his finger and tied him in knots. Colonel Ralston showed up the futility of petty criticism of a political nature when the country was in danger and showed that what was needed was action.

The minister invited constructive criticism, encouraged his questions and thanked them for helpful suggestions and all with such suave good temper and pleasant smiles that the critics were disarmed.

In a democracy such as ours diplomacy is a fine art and must be practised by any party leader expecting to remain in power. The men also must be honest for the white light of publicity shines on all their acts. The public admires courage but refuses to condone duplicity, especially in its leaders.

Oratory has little place, evidently, in the House of Commons. Remember the failure of our own orator, J. C. Brady, the silencing of G. G. McGeer and farther back still the total eclipse of that wonderful young orator, Billy McInnis of Nanaimo. Set against these we find the success of our own member, Olof Hensen, who quietly drops into the office of each minister in turn, talks over the problems, argues and persuades and eventually brings home the bacon.

What the government of the day wants is facts, not fireworks. What the House of Commons wants is quiet reasoning rather than oratory. What the country needs is action rather than criticism inspired by personal ambition. There must be a desire to serve the nation rather than party or self-interest.

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## Canada At War 25 Years Ago

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