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Into Maturity

TAKING A LAWSUIT to the Privy Council is an expensive process, as many a Canadian citizen of average means has discovered. Parliament is now debating amending of the constitution, the purpose of which is to have the Supreme Court of Canada, and not the Privy Council, the final authority.

Constituting the Supreme Court of Canada as the highest judicial authority, the court of last resort in place of the Privy Council, will have the effect of reducing one of costly processes of law without in any way unbalancing the justice dispensed.

While Canadian law, with the exception of Quebec civil law, is based on British tradition, Canada nevertheless is a separate country and its occurrences and problems are becoming increasingly divergent from the course of events in Britain's tight little Isle.

Therefore, it is reasonable that a Canadian judiciary, whose roots are solidly clinched in the tradition of British justice, yet whose members are individually Canadian, should be capable of giving final rulings on things Canadian.

As one of the estates of the realm, the judiciary should now be allowed the maturity which Parliament achieved under the Statute of Westminster some 18 years ago. If Canada is to take the place in the world which events are relentlessly forcing on her, she should face the world with an internal independence as well.

However, in revising the constitution, it is patently necessary that great care should be taken that careless thinking or selfishness is now allowed to have any influence.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Yesterday, in the general drift of news, there was occasion to print the name of a Canadian dignitary, the Hon. Leslie Pearson, Minister of External Affairs. Everything about it was all right except that in composition, the letter X was left out. For once, the proof-reader was on to his job.

The C.C.F. motion to amend the old age pension act through removal of the means test, was defeated, as expected. The test has been the target for ferocious criticism ever since it was first heard of. A fellow, it seems, has to be really hard-up before being able to qualify. Some say it involves replacing a certain part of one's trousers.

Lower wages and reduced cost of living, or keep on as we are? This query was put to a worker shortly after the devaluation stories started coming in early this week, and quick as a flash he said he preferred lower wage scale. But there were plenty of others who could not share his opinion. They all seem to like the feel of a fat envelope, even if they have to let go, ere long.

Tippling is said to be discouraged when making a lengthy air journey. Naturally! There's nothing like patronizing a good strong steady plane.

The Minister of Fisheries is launching an "eat more fish" movement, for the consideration of the Canadian people. For some strange reason, the consumption of fish, from one end of Canada to the other, has always been on the small side. Who was the misguided individual that first tried to make

it appear that fish should be served only once a week?—on Friday only. There's a damp-fool notion, to begin with. Kill it, and do it now.

Until last week-end a loaf of bread in England, cost nine cents. But from now on, according to devaluation reports, it's going to be twelve. A family, say, averages three. A single loaf is precious little. A husky boy or girl can put away more bread than Dad. Three times three! A couple of dozen meals and snacks a week? Figure it out.

A lady out our way had company one afternoon last week and the smart advance lot of baking included a cake.

The cake looked so good, it merited not only an exclamation of delight, but also, an icing. Well, later on, when the guests were all chatting, sighing, smiling and exchanging news and views and all, that the hostess noticed something.

We forgot to mention she owns a comfortable-looking cat, appearing pleased with life in general, as it came stalking slowly into the room.

"I wonder what you've been up to," was the unspoken thought of the owner. She slipped into the kitchen. The cat had also admired the cake, for about three-fourths of the icing had been licked off.

SNOW COVERS STEWART PEAKS

STEWART—Fresh snow appeared on the peaks around here just to remind us that winter is just around the corner. The wood and coal merchants are busy supplying their customers with the wherewithal to keep warm this winter.

SPECIAL BURDENS

From early times, white mules were reserved for the use of honored persons.

DOMESTIC PICTURE (Continued from Page 1)

"I left London September 8 and arrived in Vancouver September 9," remarked Mrs. Black. "Weather, most of the way was fine."

After the lapse of twenty-six years, there was a great deal to see and do, and hear, in the United Kingdom. Her home city, Gainsborough, near Nottingham withstood severe attacks of the enemy during the second Great War.

Practically a complete city square was wiped out by bombing and by fire, and has not yet been rebuilt. In many other cities, including London of course, restoration has been largely advanced. Her brother, prominent business man of Nottingham, is at the head of a long-established tailoring enterprise.

Of the many cities and towns in which visits were made, could be mentioned London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Gainsborough, Nottingham, Newcastle, Whitley, Lincoln, Newark, Mansfield, Spalding, Cleaford, Skegness and Spilsby Hexham and Nr. Newcastle.

"I should say," said Mrs. Black, summing up impressions of England and Scotland, after her stay overseas since early in the summer, "that general business and industrial affairs are on the whole favorable. Everyone who wants to work can find it. It would not be at all surprising to see the return of the Labor government in the next election, whenever that may take place.

Since the devaluation of the pound sterling went into effect the attitude may have changed, however.

How about the man on the street? Do people appear to be enjoying life, with all of their problems? she was asked.

Mrs. Black laughed, "Do they? Theatres are packed. People, in a city like London, are everywhere. All appear to be busy enough, and in a good enough humor. 'Oklahoma' has been showing for almost two years steady. There is no liquor question. If anyone wishes a drink—and it seems nearly everything is on sale—he just walks in and buys. For the

entire time I was in England I never saw anyone under the influence of drink. And right here is where I'd like to speak of something that is scarce. It's soap. Yes, sir, just plain, everyday soap."

Mrs. Black has many complimentary remarks to make about the all round skill, care and attention displayed by the Trans Canada Air Lines on which she travelled both ways. Leaving Newfoundland, outward bound, there were thirty-eight passengers and there was the same number when returning. Nothing, apparently was forgotten or overlooked that could, in any

way, contribute to the general comfort and convenience of those on board. There was an hour's stay in Reykjavik, chief city of Iceland, and later, when flying over southern Greenland, the plane dropped low enough for all to clearly follow the snow fields and icy peaks of some of the more remote places. "And there is something I almost forgot to mention," concluded Mrs. Black, "tips have been abolished on transAtlantic air liners. It's about time, for the thing had become nothing more or less than a racket."

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