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## Why Not an Indian Senator?

SUGGESTING that Social Credit Premier Bennett ask Liberal Prime Minister St. Laurent to put an Indian in the Senate, native CCF member Frank Calder has drafted a neat triangular figure in political geometry.

While there are possibly too many angles to allow a solution, Mr. Calder's theorem contains some fair reasoning. Even if we admit that the upper chamber of Parliament has ceased to take a vital part in Canadian affairs, the prospect of one of the country's original race sitting there is nevertheless an appealing one.

The place of Indians in Canadian history accounts for some of its most important chapters. Their population is still a large and, be it noted, a peaceful one. As Mr. Calder accurately observed:

"Governments approach the Doukhobors with recommendations and solutions to their problems and the Doukhobors remain silent. In our case, we approach governments with recommendations and solutions to our own problems and the governments remain silent."

The white man owes much to the Indian. In B.C. he uses his totem pole as a symbol of the province and his art as an inducement to visitors. To give a representative of his race a seat in the Senate would be to offer our symbol of respect and friendship in return.

## 'Nobly Proportioned'

The smoothest diplomat in the current world will not be found at the headquarters of the United Nations, or even in the East Block at Ottawa. All our international statesmen are amateurs beside Mr. Peter Dorsey, a chair manufacturer of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Dorsey tells the press that man can still be comfortably seated in chairs eighteen inches wide, the same kind of chairs that he built half a century ago. But, says Mr. Dorsey, "within the past ten years it has been necessary to go to 20-inch chairs for occasions attended largely by women."

And how does Mr. Dorsey explain this expanding measurement? His reply is, we submit, the final masterpiece of diplomacy. "Women," he says, "are just more nobly proportioned these days."

Something evidently has gone wrong with our modern systems of diet and exercise, though Mr. Dorsey being a diplomat is too polite to say so. "Nobly proportioned"—what professional diplomat would ever have thought of that noble phrase?—Victoria Daily Times.

## Scripture Passage for Today

"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."  
—James 2:8.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

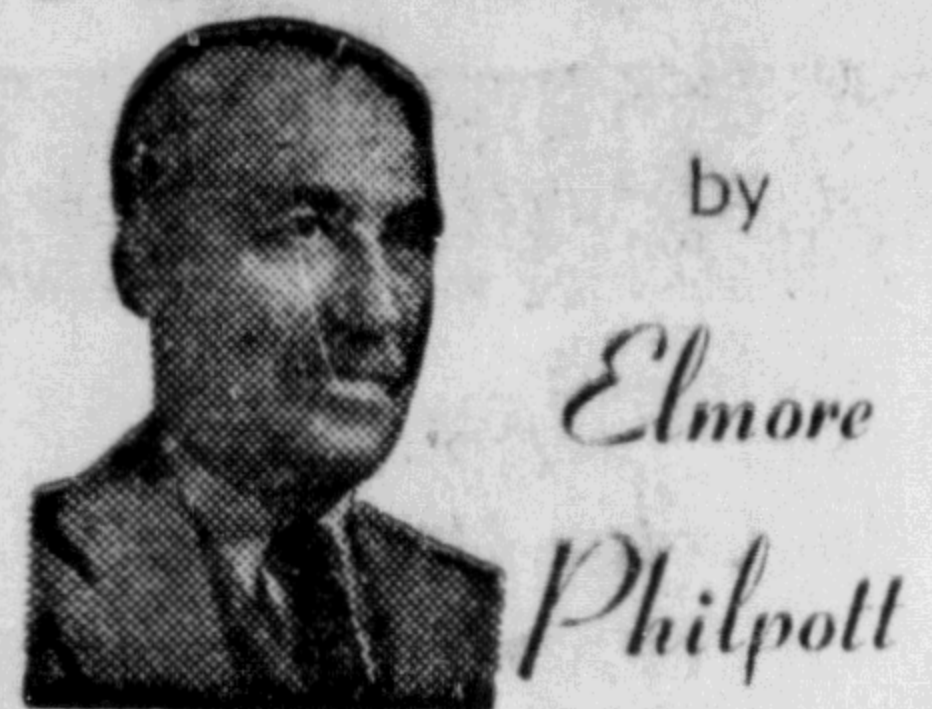
A veteran press gallery correspondent met one of the rising younger members of the cabinet at a cocktail party recently and conversation turned upon the position in which the August election had left the government.

The correspondent suggested that it was as advantageous as it was unique. He argued that no previous government in Canadian political history had emerged from a general election so unhampered by campaign commitments. The government was under obligation to redeem no Utopian, Santa Claus or regional pledges because it had made none. It could concentrate on sound administration, without any necessity for opening up any new and experimental avenues of legislation.

The cabinet minister agreed that the position of the government probably was unique. But he questioned strongly its advantage. His view was that it would be fatal for the ministry to rest upon its legislative oars simply because it had committed itself to no specific program of progress in the election campaign. The fact that the government had complete freedom from any specific commitments simply meant, in his view, that it had unrestricted freedom for progressive legislation in any field or direction in which it considered the pathway of progress to lie.

There's a quite strong school of thought on Parliament Hill which believes that there's nothing which the nation needs quite so basically at the present time as a holiday from further legislation. Its adherents argue that policies of recent years—including family allowances and universal old age pensions—have represented both radical and costly changes to which the economy of the country should become thoroughly conditioned before being subjected to further legislative innovations.

## As I See It



### Catholic Jubilee

AS AN MP, I was invited to the double jubilee celebration at the Catholic cathedral in Vancouver.

Waiting for the service to begin I suddenly thought that never before in my entire 57 years, had I been in a Catholic church, for a real service. I had been in every known variety of Protestant church, had heard thousands of Protestant sermons—some as fine, perhaps as have ever been preached.

I had been in Jewish synagogues, Mohammedan mosques, Sikh and Hindu temples. I had stood in the portal of the temple of the Sun, with the Sphinx looking down unblinkingly; and stood before the statues of the Buddha, gazing through me out in timeless certainty.

In Nazareth, and on the shores of Galilee, and in Jerusalem itself I had stood where Jesus Christ Himself had walked and talked with men. But never before had I ever been inside a Canadian Catholic church, except to weddings and one funeral.

THE FUNERAL took place at about the same time as Vancouver's Catholic cathedral was built. It was for Father Hinchey, my first Catholic friend.

Back in February 1901 our house, as usual, was full of noisy youngsters, for our family numbered more nearly like a tribe. Somebody thought it would be a wonderful idea if mother made lemon pie. My big sister Ruth and I rushed to the store for the lemons.

An enormous sled passed us. It had inviting sleigh bells. Laughing youngsters were perched on the load of telephone poles it carried. My sister climbed aboard the sleigh, but I slipped, my leg went under the runner and was badly crushed.

They rushed me to the nearest hospital, which happened to be St. Joseph's, a Catholic institution. There the doctors operated on the leg, and I lay for months in a semi-private ward, where mostly we had lots of fun. The others used to tease me about being a Protestant, and—ungodly little brat that I was—I would retaliate with all sorts of insults about the Catholics. These, when re-told to my mother on her afternoon visits, were a source of deep humiliation to her, for mother knew very well I had never picked up those ideas inside our house.

The Mother Superior of the hospital did not seem to like me. But she did not seem to like anybody, for that matter, and the whole hospital staff stood or rather jumped in mortal terror of her gaunt frame, and angry face.

But the two sweet nuns on our ward were like angels straight from heaven. And there was Father Hinchey.

FATHER HINCHEY was a shortish, roly poly Santa Claus type, very red of face and full of fun and laughter. He seemed to me to get real joy out of my militant Protestantism. I think I proved his theory that youngsters get strong ideas when quite young. On Palm Sunday he pinned a green cross on my nightshirt but roared with laughter when I said "But you can't make me green inside, Father."

The one serious thing I remember him saying, even when they thought I was dying was: "Elmore, when you grow up and study history you will find that, while the Catholics did some bad things, the Protestants did some bad things too."

My mother took me to his funeral, not so long after that. And I always figure, if there are sections in heaven as there are religious divisions on earth that my first Catholic friend will stretch his hand of blessing across the fence again.



THIS IS AN ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the new Canadian joint staff building to be erected in Washington. The building is to house components of the Navy, Army and Air Force, defence research board and the defence production department stationed in Washington. Cost is estimated unofficially at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 for completion in 1955.

## Common Surnames in Minority In Canada's 22nd Parliament

By JOHN E. BIRD  
OTTAWA.—The most common surnames of English- and French-speaking Canadians are not well-represented in Canada's 22nd Parliament, which meets Nov. 12 for its first session.

A survey of the 265 members of the new House shows that there are few Smiths, Jones and Browns or Gaultiers, Tremblays, Morins and Roys. There are three colors—Blue, White and Green. And there's a Wood, a Stick, a Winch and a Nickle; a Small, a Low, a Goode, an Abbott and a Knight.

The membership includes only one Smith, one Jones and two Browns. They are J. E. Smith, Liberal, York North; Owen L. Jones, CCF, Okanagan Boundary; Donald F. Brown, Liberal, Essex West, and James E. Brown, Liberal, Brantford.

The members with colors for surnames are Donald Blue, Liberal, Bruce; Howard Green, Progressive Conservative, Vancouver Quadra, and George S. White, Progressive Conservative, Hastings-Frontenac; Harry O. White, Progressive Conservative, Middlesex East, and Arthur White, Liberal, Waterloo South.

The nine members whose names fall into a pattern are R. J. Wood, Liberal, Selkirk; L. T. Stick, Liberal, Trinity-Conception; Harold Winch, CCF, Vancouver East; Carl O. Nickle, Progressive Conservative, Calgary South; R. H. Small, Progressive Conservative, Toronto Danforth; Social Credit leader Solon Low; Tom Goode, Liberal, Burnaby-Richmond; Finance Minister Abbott and R. R. Knight, CCF, Saskatoon.

There are 15 members who have namesakes in the house. They include Trade and Commerce Minister Howe and Marvin Howe, Progressive Conservative, Wellington-Huron; and Hon. G. G. Power, Liberal, Quebec South, and James A. Power, Liberal, St. John's West.

The surnames of the House membership start with every letter in the alphabet except four. They are I, O, U, and X. Members whose names start with the letter M form the largest group.

There are 33, and 13 are Macs or Mcs. There are 31 whose names start with B, followed by 26 with C, 24 with H, and 17 with G.

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RUTH WATTS

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## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

That great silence everywhere is the children being glad they're back in school.

Adlai Stevenson, who was Democratic candidate for president, has returned from a world tour. Commenting on his travels, Mr. Stevenson is said to have recently remarked: "The principal trouble with the world seems to be that everybody wants to eat every day." And, we'd like to add, particularly those on a diet.

President Eisenhower says the death of civilization could come as a direct consequence of a Soviet bomb attack on the United States, without warning. That's what he is reported to have told a public meeting last Tuesday. However, a second assault might be considered advisable.

A North Vancouver resident recently found it essential to scare a cougar away from his home neighborhood. A bear and two cubs, sighted in the same region, conveniently disappeared. In other words, for hunting, visit the suburbs of Vancouver, and inspect Kitimat for the development of major industries.

The value of air bases in Spain is, of course, incalculable to the United States, remarks an American exchange. Behind the rampart of the Pyrenees, Spain could be a virtual island of impenetrability so far as assault by ground troops is concerned.

The new conferences of President Eisenhower, or the lack of them, are causing misgivings among leading members of the

American press. At the end of his term of office, the president announced that he would meet the newsmen once. So far he has held only two press conferences, less than two a year. Reporters have been so rank him with ex-President Hoover, who during his first held 23 conferences and final year only 12. In 1945 President Roosevelt held conferences and President Truman 324.

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