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### Scholastic Mediocrity Rife

CTRONG opposition to 'progressive' methods of States, where the Galup Poll finds that 65 per cent Scotia. of American adults think discipline in the public schools of their community is not sufficiently strict. \$2.50. Only 25 per cent think it is strict enough, and only. A VIEW OF THE TOWN, by has some years earlier run off ) 2 per cent consider it too strict.

The same question was asked in Canada, where G can't give the price of this when Simon and Mary maneuver "progressive" methods have not made as much one, somebody gave it to me as against each other to stage rival headway, and where use of the strap (frowned on a present) by U.S. educators) generally continues. In this THE Alberta story may or may country, 45 per cent of adults think school discipline! is strict enough, 35 per cent that it is not strict certainly reads like one. It is is one of the finest ever writenough, and 3 per cent that it is too strict.

The demand for stricter discipline is stronger among men than among women.

Need for another kind of discipline in U.S. come along. But the boy, Calschools is seen by Professor John F. Latimer of lon, is determined to stay where George Washington University. After studying writer. 104 public school systems in 44 of that country's 48 states, Prof Latimer found that — at a time when but not ill after he has lived in a tentatively disgruntled had just wrecked EDC, and unit streight 12-months basis, the Boys' the U.S. occupies a position of global leadership - slone in a one-room cabin frame of mind when they arrive employment was snowballing on fact is that they have never aconly one out of four high school students is study- hmself alive by eating the wild ago. They had a suspicion that The Cabinet had committed the selves-expect to get in the way three out of four.

The number of American high school students bit of writing, especially where it such proved to be actually the trade figures were beginning to ized session that MP's have exstudying French has dropped from 8 per cent (in sick, lone boy almost dies. 1900) to 5 per cent today; German from 14 per cent to one per cent; Latin from 50 per cent to 7 per cent.

At least four out of five US high school stu-by remarking "I haven't heard presses them dents took mathematics in 1900. Today, fewer than you laugh so much over a book half of them do.

The percentage of students taking algebra is Jown from 56 to 20. In 1900, one student in five took physics. Today, in the Atomic Age, the figure family has enough money to en-sion during the past late Fall. This down to one in 20.

The place of these essential courses is being working. He has literally spent the problems alike were showing peared to pay no attention. taken by "group action" subjects such as "citizen- sive history of the town, called ship" and "social science," which require little men-inverness. But the book is a tal exertion on the part of students. Says Prof perpetual motion job, which Latimer: "We have gotten away from individual goes on forever. Nobody, eseffort. By permitting the high schools to become finish the book. However, his the vocational hargain basements of education, we daughter Harriet takes chunks? have insulted the student's intelligence and encouraged mediocrity by prescribing mediocre subject matter as an incentive for mediocre minds."

Lecturing in England, Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, furious father almost dies with former president of University of Chicago, des-apoplectic rage but is mollified cribes U.S. universities as "luxury hotels," where it ant-Governor's award for litis possible but unusual for young people to get an egature, education. All they learn is what their parents! want them to learn, which is "how to be successful." NEXT door to Simon lives Mary

Dr. Hutchins sees a paradoxical contrast be-who for my money, is the most f tween methods of university study in Europe and vivid character that has ever in U.S. In collectivist Europe, students are trusted yet appeared in any Canadian to read and study on their own. In individualistic literally runs everything and ev-U.S., students are collectively taught; they are not expected to develop independent habits of reading and study.

#### REFLECTS Ray and REMINISCES

fere we go the last desicated them, the Japanese have lost life and has a racy and ribald

makers' in New York was more don't think so. The Pacific is earlier years, but now devotes than just the demise of depart- just too big for that." Has there her energy to running the town ment store! It was just the end been some great change in our- and incidentally seeing that ev-

never go wholly out of merchandising -- that is, the human Communists and capitalists

hat the question of hanging the Peace of Westphalla. This en Canada had been settled once was in 1648. There had been ! nd for all. But it will neverthe- [nothing to indicate that either" 38 be further studied. The Sen-Iside could whn a complete and te-Commons committee will see predictable. Actually Westphalia o that. Incidentally, the crime settled nothing. save has not become any the as since December.

The purest fresh water that husbands broke, slats is the snow and ice of thich is highly unlikely—allow plosions in the air, is to suggest that in this direction 'on there is not the slightest TWO MYSTERIES

ttle we know. "We've lost the appeared also,

We figure it will be Easter be- Pacific sardines, "We've lost Presbyterian group. She loves spruce needle out of our house, them and the Peruvians have sense of humor. She is canlost them. Have they suffered did, even proud, about the num-The closing of John Wana- from some natural enemy? We ber of loves she has had in her

recently discovered that the THE sub plot in the story conworld is today very similar to cerns the effort of Harriet, \$1-It was thought, last summer, where Europe was at the time of mon's smart daughter, to get

> Reducing treatments for woimen heep wives bending and

be Antarette. Every year sev-! Recent events suggest that ! ral ice blocks break off. If landing or taking off are as; nyone is worrying about this... much acroplane hazards as ex-

It is commonly said that the old fashioned family doctor has? "The cruel sea is about to be disappeared. That is not surome a great resource," writes prising because the old fashleter Cohn, "I'll tell you how loned family seems to have dis-

# SHOREWORKERS

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BE THERE ITS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE Two Good Books

IT IS not often that I have the good luck to be able to tell of two really good new Canadian books. But education seems to be building up in the United here they are, one about Alberta and one about Nova

WILD WINTER by Kerry Wood vid of her legal ties of wedlock.

Jan Hilliard, published by Nel- and left her-

town. His parents are moving to TV or radio play too. the big city and want him to he is and to make his living as a !

He eventually does just that. A good many of the MP's were p fair degree of urgency. France mentary stipend was put upon a

reaches the climax where the case.

for years and years."

Scotla seaport. The main male belief of many of them that they statements that drew almost tion before mid-June. character is Simon Ward, whose should have been called into sesable him to live without really At that time foreign and domes- just no attention at all-or ap-willing to concede that a careof the massive manuscript, edits it slightly, types it out and gives i it to the local newspaper, without her father's consent. The

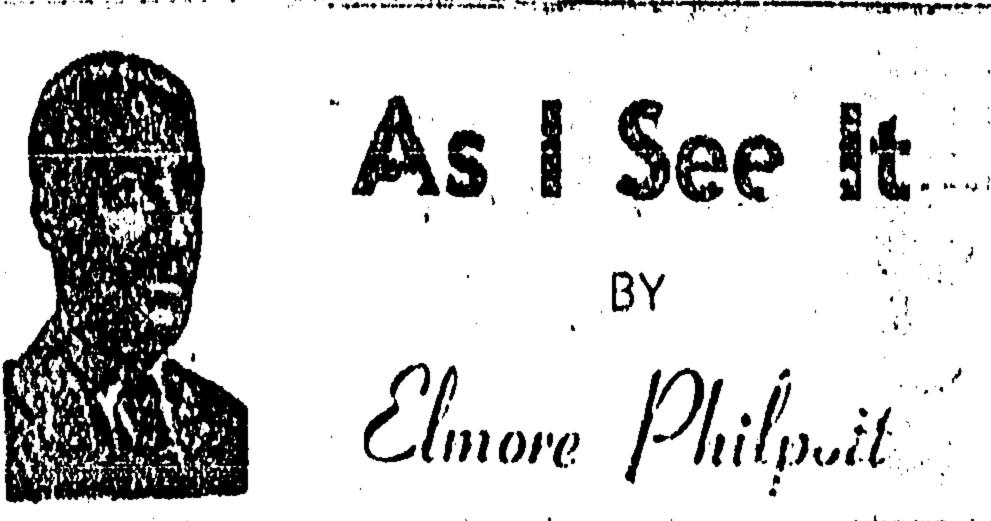
Mackay, the town matriarch-

Simon is the self-appointed ing economy and steadily imleader of the Anglican group of proving business outlook have first settlers. He does his best, led General Motors of Canada... to keep his eye on Mary, and to be undertake on extensive rethis end spends a good deal of alignment of its zone and field each day in his workshop tower, structure in both Eastern and with an eye glued to a powerful telescope,

Mary heads the dominant of an institution. The story re- jours, Possibly. We wish we erybody his town obeys Mary's presented something that will knew. tives and "regularity,"

SAWS SHARPENED Also Skates and Other

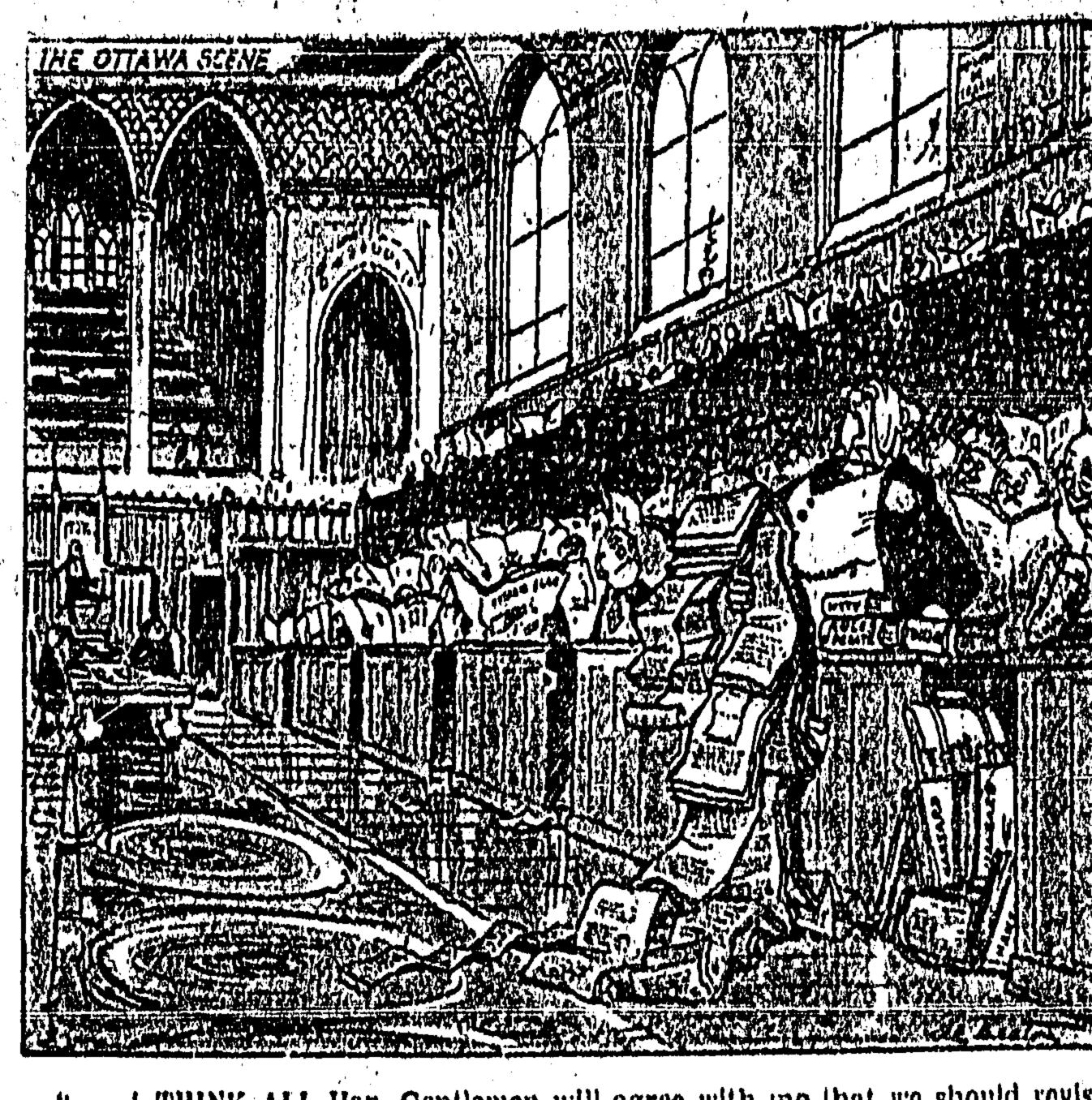
'l'ools



published by Thomas Allen at with her gentlemanly, witty but, of cod-for-nothing husband which

celebrations and try to spell each

not be an autobiography. It I THINK the Nova Scotia novel about a 16-year-old Alberta boy ten about Canadians. It would who lives in an Alberta footbill make a wonderful movie-or a



"... I THINK ALL Hen. Gentlemen will agree with me that we should revise our rules of debate in order to cut the length of our speeches and eliminate the reading of prepared speeches. With that in view, Mr. Speaker, I have joited down a few notes . . . .

Al Beaton in the Vancouver Province (CP Photo):

## OTTAWA DIARY

ich the job.

Eut since they have arrived ;-

for the season the MP's have

Iswung arounds to the govern-

ment's view of the matter. For

it is elementary that the govern-

ment cannot prepare the work of ;

the winter session properly dur-

ing the months of autumn if at

the same time it has to con-

duct a fall session of the House,

While fall sessions have become

somewhat of a Parlianient Hill!

ittish, partly as a legacy of the

war years and subsequently as a ;

device to pay the MP's an extra

Indemnity before the Parlla-1

By Norman M. MacLead

Party leaders George Drew and maximum efficiency. There is

from the war years.

through a fierce winter and kept ed for the session a fortnight many sections of the home front complished anything in themthey were ignored and they were notion to a dublous peace-maker of the winter session This is an extremely powerful ready to be really anneyed if tole in Indo-China, and export The present is the best-organskid with the autumn ther-perienced in many decades. For

Well, that feeling now has mometer. On the theory that once the government has its lex- Boys' been dissipated satisfactorily and Parliament was the body that Islation in readiness its esti-MY wife has paid a high compil-the MP's are at peace again. A pooled the governing wisdom of mates prepared, and its commitment to the Nova Scotia novel sense of grievance no longer op- the nation, the situation cer-itee work mapped out. That

The source of the Parliamen-This story concerns a Nova tarlans' dissatisfaction was the M. J. Coldwell said so in public even talk already of a proroga-



L. A. HASTINGS erybody in town-except Simon. THE CONSTANTLY expand-Western Canada, It was announced today by E. J. Umphrey, vice president and director of sales. Mr. Umphicy also armounced the appointment of L. A. Hastings as assistant director of sales for Western Canado: Mr. Hastings, who was formerly manager of GM's Montreal zone, will make his headquarters in Regina.

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