

The Day Of The Amateur Politician Is No More

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator C. G. (Chubby) Power, Canada's air minister from 1940 to 1944, says Parliament has never recovered fully from prestige loss during the Second World War.

However, he states this is one of a number of developments on the Canadian political scene since the start of the century which should cause no alarm or despair. Senator Power, who terms himself a working politician of ancient vintage, also says the day of the amateur politician has gone. The job of being a member of Parliament had ceased to be an honorary one and now belonged to a full-time professional politician.

WRITES LONG ARTICLE

The 69-year-old senator, who represented Quebec South in the Commons for 38 years, makes the statements in a 13-page article in the current issue of the Queen's Quarterly, published at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. He was dean of the Commons when appointed to the Senate in July, 1955. Senator Power's remarks on the loss of prestige suffered by Parliament during the war are backed by his personal experience as a member of the cabinet of the late Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. He was named minister of pensions and housing in King's cabinet in 1935 and became defence minister in 1940. He resigned in 1944 after opposing conscription for overseas service.

Senator Power says Canada's role in the war was directed by a war committee of the cabinet. Private members of Parliament were rarely consulted.

He described this wartime policy as a "far cry" from Mr. King's stand in the pre-war days when he was leader of the opposition. At that time Mr. King "had strenuously upheld the doctrine that the cabinet was only a committee of the House of Commons and could have no power without the prior decision of the members of that house."

CABINET DECISIONS
During the war "members learned of decisions from their seats in the House, in many instances long after action had been taken. If they objected, they were told that there was a war on. Even their well-meant advocacy of war measures or decisions was discouraged by the ministers concerned who, right or wrong, felt competent to handle their own business in the House and were anxious to get through with it in order to deal with pressing problems in the department."

"Even the most able and most eager MP was bound to feel a sense of his own impotence. Departmental officers, even of the most junior order, sensed this and the prestige of Parliament decreased accordingly."

"The public began to look to the prime minister (Mr. King) and the members of the cabinet;

they—and they alone—came to be regarded as responsible for everything concerned with the war. This increased the prestige of the cabinet and government enormously, and correspondingly, decreased that of Parliament."

"The truth of the matter is Parliament has not yet recovered its position."

MUST REASSESS VALUES
However, Senator Power says "no one of these developments should occasion any alarm or despair for the survival of democratic government in Canada."

"All that is required is a reassessment of values by all the parties concerned, namely, the public, the ministers and members of Parliament."

Senator Power says the public must abandon the practice of selecting its common representatives on the basis of antiquated

standards inherited from the Victorian era. The electorate should no longer send representatives to Parliament because they wished to confer an honor or a distinction on a prominent citizen.

"In an age of greater candor—I almost said of less hypocrisy—it must be recognized that politics is the science of government, and its practical application to our national problems requires fully trained practitioners, even though they may be called politicians."

"The M.P. now has eight months work instead of three. He is adequately compensated; why not require of him a full time return?" "The member must—and will in a discriminating public demands it—realize he must be prepared to work harder at his job, study more, prepare himself better, be less inclined to accept party slogans or leaders' opinions."

Bedeque Rinks Holds Ice Sports

Bedeque Rink School Sports were held Feb. 22nd. Central Bedeque School won the Bedeque Rink Trophy with a total of 71 points. Middleton was a close second with 68 points, Bedeque came third with 14 points, Upper Freetown 12 pts. South Freetown Spits, North Bedeque 3 pts., and Kinkora 3 pts. The Judges were Wilbert Drummond, Lewis McKenna, and Hyonben Gardiner. Official Scorers were Elaine Wright, Myrna Green and Phyllis Britten; Robert Reid acted as Master of Ceremonies. Harold Drummond was announcer and starter, and T. J. Inman presented the Trophy.

The following were the winners: Boys 7 years and under Jimmie Bagnall, Holdsworth Reeves. Girls 8 years, Dianne Rayner, Dianne Poirier, Joan Murray. Boys 8 yrs. Leonard MacCardie.

Girls 9 yrs. Audrey Hammell, Marion Mulligan, Ellen MacIsaac. Boys 9 yrs. John Bowness, Earl Smith, Ian Drummond.

Girls 10 years, Patsy Noonan, Mary Norma Craig, Velda Arsenault.

Boys 10 years, Earl Smith, Reggie Mulligan, Fred Roberts. Girls 11 yrs., Elizabeth Reeves, Marion Stavert, Helen McCauley.

Boys 11 yrs., Leo Smith, Eddie Rayner, Arnold Reeves. Girls 12 yrs., Eva Perry, Ella Hammill, Patricia McCauley.

Boys 12 yrs., Blair Drummond, Kenneth Webster, Robert Mulligan. Girls 13 yrs., Charlene Wright, Jeannie Bagnall, Marion Robinson.

Boys 13 yrs., Maurice Perry, Maurice Wright, Cedric Richards. Girls 14 yrs., Catherine McKen-

na, Claudia Drummond, Elaine Green.

Boys 14 yrs., James MacFarlane, Donald Burns, Ronnie Roberts.

Girls 15 yrs and over, Waive Reeves, Elaine Wright. Boys 15 yrs and over, Robert Arsenault, Gerald Green.

Relay for girls any age, Middleton, Central Bedeque. Relay for Boys any age, Middleton, Central Bedeque, Kinkora.

1/4 mile race for girls, Charlene Wright, Waive Reeves, Eva Perry.

1/4 mile race for boys, Gerald Green, Robt. Arsenault, Ronnie Roberts.

1/2 mile race for boys, any age, Robt. Arsenault, Donald Burns. 1 mile race for boys, any age, Robert Arsenault, Ronnie Roberts, Gerald Green.

Handsleigh race for girl and boy 9 yrs. and under, Central Bedeque, Bedeque.

Handsleigh race for girl and boy 10 to 14 yrs., C. Bedeque, C. Bedeque, Middleton.

Handsleigh race for girl and boy 15 yrs and over, Middleton, C. Bedeque, C. Bedeque.

Potato race, girls 9 yrs. and under, Diane Poirier, Diane Rayner, Mary MacIsaac.

Potato race, boys 9 yrs and under, Earle Smith, John Bowness, Barry Green.

Potato race, girls 10 to 14 yrs, Eva Perry, Jeanie Bagnall. Potato race boys 10 to 14 yrs, Arthur Murphy, Joop Plomp. Points for best stunt on ice Middleton 6, Central Bedeque 3. Points for most scholars on skates, Middleton 6, C. Bedeque 3, Bedeque 1.

CANADIAN PAINTER

Henry Ritter, Montreal-born artist who died in 1853, was noted for his sea paintings.

Lab Concentrates On Insect Problems Facing The Farmer

CHATHAM, Ont. (CP)—How about applying insecticide to a plant while it is still a seed?

Department of agriculture workers at the Dominion Entomological Laboratory here hope this idea is as good as it sounds.

Researcher Lloyd Miller has begun treating peas with poisons which he hopes will remain in the plant when it sprouts and hence destroy aphids that feed upon it. Later he and his helpers intend to try to control potato leaf hoppers by treating lima and soy beans.

If the treatment can be carried out without destroying the plants as well as the insects, a revolutionary type of insect control may be born.

This is only one of the projects in 1951 but originally established here in 1925.

Chemists Ralph Miles and Walter Sans have constructed a machine which smokes cigarettes, inhaling the smoke through its own filters. They examine the residue to determine the effect of insect sprays on tobacco.

Worker Ron Harris is busy breeding cutworms, squash bugs and box elder bugs; he'll need 1,000 of them a week when he starts testing the effects of various insecticides upon these insects.

PREPARE EXHIBITS
There are even artists at work. R. E. Graves and his assistants are preparing exhibits of damaged crops and the insects responsible. They take plaster impressions of them, cast them in plastic, then color the result by hand.

One problem under attack at the laboratory is why some insecticides work well in certain soils but not in others. Particularly baffling is the question of the European corn borer; the insect used to breed once a year, but

about five years ago started producing two generations a year and is wreaking havoc on sweet corn crops in Southern Ontario.

George F. Manson, in charge of the laboratory, says work is being done with considerable urgency. They concentrate on problems facing growers instead of conducting long-term, abstract research.

In this way, he says, they produced control measures against wireworms which had threatened disaster for tobacco growers around Port Stanley in 1948, and demonstrated in 1950 the safety of using insecticides against the same insects on potatoes grown in the Ridgetown area.

W.C.T.U. Present Pins and Certificates

Following are the names of those who received certificates for the W.C.T.U. National Temperance Course, presented at Kensington United Church on Sunday morning, by the minister, Rev. L.M. Murray. Two, Gwenneth MacMurdo and Ralph Carruthers, received five-year pins.

Gwenneth MacMurdo, Jean Murray, Margaret Murray, Judith Cousins, Astrid Miller, Donald Ling, Nancy MacMurdo, Evelyn Moore, Marilyn Bryant, Kathleen Walker, Nancy Clark, Garth Toombs, Jimmie Montgomery, Elizabeth Caseley, Bruce Montgomery, Gordon Murray, Gerry MacKenzie, Betty MacFadyen, Marjorie Paynter, Norma Ramsay, Sharon Clark, Diana Cousins, Judith Picketts, Valerie Bowness, Heather Ling, Carl Champion, Ralph Carruthers, Paul Caseley, Leta Moore, David Clark, Carl Ramsay, Errol Toombs, Lowell MacEwen.

Kensington Church Held Annual Meeting

Kensington United Church C. G. I. T. held the regular weekly meeting on Thursday, February 21st. The worship period was led by Sheila Casley and Mona Mayhew with Margaret Walker as pianist. Jean MacLeod and Elizabeth Ramsay led in the games period, and Rev. L. M. Murray completed the Bible Study on the book of Jonah.

Plans were made to attend the Women's World Day of Prayer at the Anglican Church on March 8th. A study on nutrition was begun, using Canada's Food Rules, and an interesting time was spent preparing and testing nutritious sandwich fillings. The meeting closed by singing "Taps" at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C.S. Turner. He and his wife who passed away last November, had lived with Mrs. Turner, a registered nurse, since 1956, when both were in failing health. Their home up to that time was in Truro, N.S. Burial will be at Gay's River, N.S.

Four daughters survive: Blanche Mrs. Dallas Wetherington, Miami, Fla.; Vina, Mrs. C.S. Turner, Hopkinton, Mass.; Bertha, Mrs. S.H. Haslam, Kensington, P.E.I.; Mildred, Mrs. A.C. Little, Truro, N.S.

Mrs. Lucy Chappell, Kensington, is visiting in Long River where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell.

William L. Etter Dies In Hopkinton

Mrs. Samuel H. Haslam, Margate Manse, Kensington, received the sad news of the death of her father, William L. Etter at Hopkinton, Mass., and left on Tuesday morning for Truro, N.S. to attend the funeral.

The late Mr. Etter, formerly of Truro, N.S., passed away on Sunday evening, February 24th, after a short illness caused by thrombosis, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C.S. Turner. He and his wife who passed away last November, had lived with Mrs. Turner, a registered nurse, since 1956, when both were in failing health. Their home up to that time was in Truro, N.S. Burial will be at Gay's River, N.S.

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ELMSDALE ROCKETS

The Elmsdale Rockets hockey team organized this winter, put up a good showing in intermediate "C" playoffs eliminating New

Annan in two straight games before dropping a best of three series to Tryon Arrows. Members of the team are shown above (back

row, left to right): Erskine Gavin, Floyd Hardy, Eldon Hardy, Eric Adams, Erskine Matthews, Norman Kennedy, Clayton Wallace.

Front row Fred Rennis, Wendell Matthews, Roy Williams, Allan Wallace, Ian Strang, Walter Adams. Photo by F. WEEKS

Mrs. Don MacKenzie Presides At Meeting

The Ladies Aid of the Community Hospital, O'Leary, met at the O'Leary school on Feb. 20th with the president, Mrs. Don MacKenzie, presiding. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Twelve districts were represented.

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