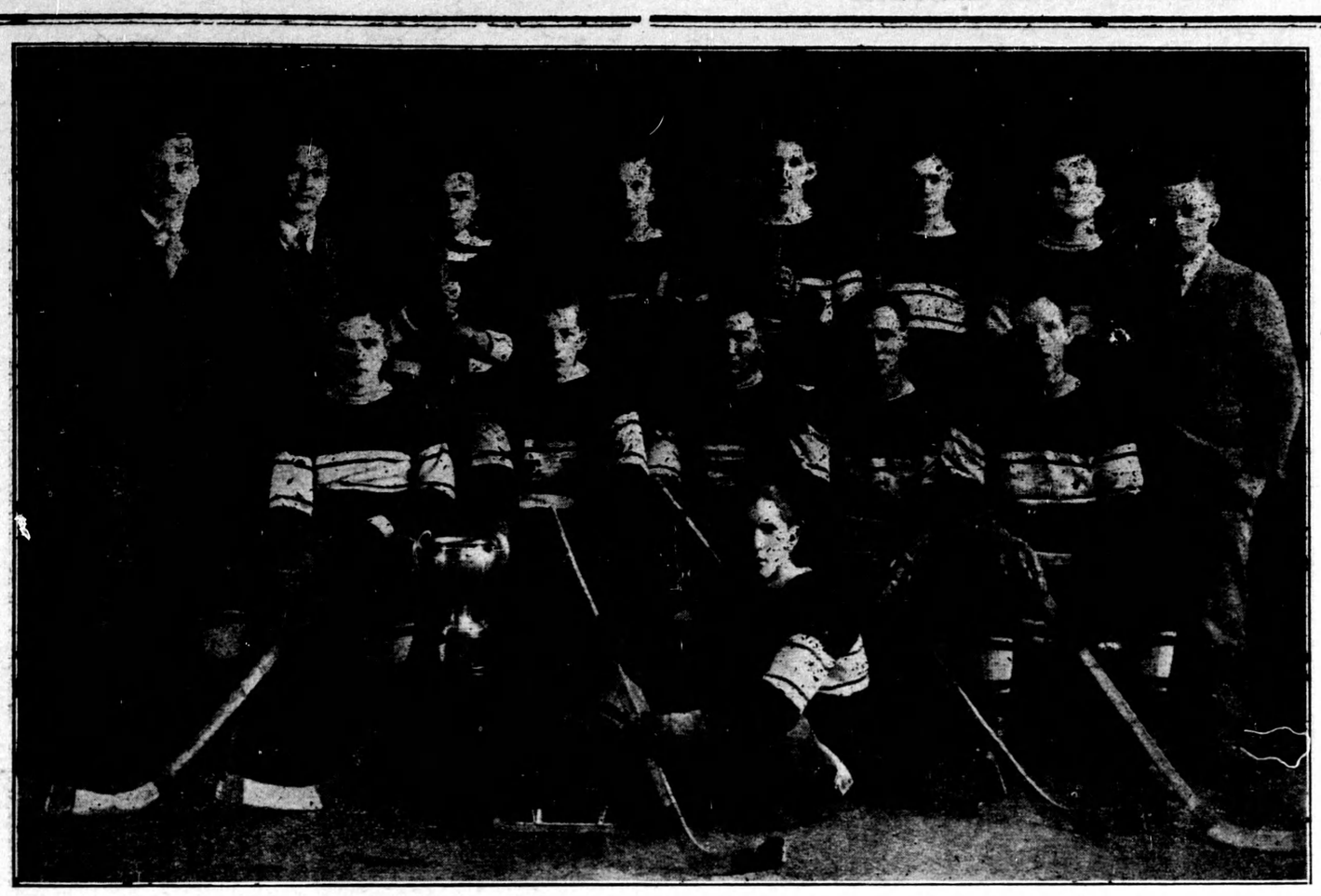

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Our Ottawa Letter

The threads of national events, laid down two weeks ago when parliament adjourned for its Easter recess, has once more been taken up. Members of the Government, who were variously holidaying in Bermuda and Atlantic City or repairing political fences in their own riding, have returned to the capital. A spring snow flurry occurred opportunely to welcome them and sunshine were but pleasant memories, and that a budget of popular appeal remained to be constructed if a summer of unseasonable political coldness were to be avoided.

Accordingly the ministers have spent the minimum of time in exchanging vacation reminiscences and have got down to intensive, and declaredly important, cabinet sessions. The budget, of course, is the problem under discussion. It is more than usually a major issue this year, because of the election significance which is believed to be bound up with it. The ministry is credited with concentrating upon a budget so widely acceptable to the public that it can stake its life upon it in a general election.

The project is an ambitious one and would be difficult enough for any administration. It is doubly so for the present one, which has not only the task of reconciling sectional demands,—Canadian (West versus Quebec,—but also the personal disagreements between its ministers. Hon. Mr. Euler, despite his lack of sympathy with the government's liquor clearance policy, still sits around the council board. But the dissension which he represents is comparitively negligible in comparison with the wide cleavage between Hon. Charles Stewart of "death knell of protection fame," Hon. T. A. Crerar of like free-trade sympathies Hon. Charles Dunning of recently professed low tariff convictions, and the Quebec and Ontario wing of the ministry. If the ministry were to wait until all these differences in its rank were reconciled, and until all its conflicting views were brought into line, before presenting its budget, it is a safe bet that Parliament would not receive the Finance Minister's proposals this side of prorogation.

It will be essentially a compromise budget which will be delivered. There will be, so to speak, a patchwork program with each piece calculated to appeal to some section of the country. While the time for profitable speculation is rapidly passng in view of the imminence of the speech itself (it will probably pe delivered on Thursday or Friday) a few general prophecies can be made with reasonable assurance that they will be fulfilled.

So far as the Maritimes are concerned a bid for their support will be made by means of a gesture towards protection for the iron and steel industries. The west will be offered an increase in the British preference as the shadow, if not the substance, of a concession to its supposed low tariff sympathies. What of Ontario and Quebec? It is known that some measure of retaliation against the United States for its tariff increases would be popular in these provinces, but will the government dare to afford it? It is also realized that many border ridings, in British Columbia as well as Ontario and Quebec, would react favorably towards a seasonable tariff on early fruits and vegetables. Decision upon these knotty points is reputedly engaging the Federal Ministers in their present labors to bring the budget forth.

Business is likely to be appeased by a reduction in the rate of the sales tax. Trade agreements with Newfoundland, Greece, and the Argentine are also forecast. Generally the budget will have an imperial cast, and the development of inter-Empire trade is expected to bulk large in the Finance Minister's speech.

As has been forecast, the budget will be a pre-election one. Events are steadily marching to the election goal. This has been true during the Easter vacation no less than while the house was in session. It is not believed that the Prime Minister's holiday down in Bermuda was one entirely away from politics. Close observers are remarking upon the fact that Senator MacDougall and Senator Hayden were his companions on the trip. The Senators have always been pretty close to the helm of the Liberal organization in campaign times, and the belief is widespread that they and Rt. Hon. Mr. King met in Bermuda by design for a pertinent conference on the momentous events anticipated within the next few months.

A still, complete in every detail, was discovered one day recently by Sergt. Tom Kirk, of Newmarket, in the hollow of a tree in the Holland Landing section. No mash or liquor was found.

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FORM 2

GEOMETRY—Hon.—Ellen Parker 82 George Allen 78, Elmore Fisher 77, Mervyn Little 75. Pass—Stella Marshall 63, Dorothy Snell 57, Jean Hincks 50, Macil Snell 50. Fail—Ruby White 46, Jim Bannon 41 Dorothy Ottewell 41, Emerson McKillop 31, Ed. Ferris 29, Bill Patton 29 Earl Ottewell 25, Margaret Ferris 20, Neilbert Mackenzie 20, Bob Phillips 13.

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FRENCH—Pass—Ellen Parker 71, Mervyn Little 57. Fail — Jean Hincks 44, Murray Stuart 44 Almed Hincks 39, George Allen 34, Stella Marshall 34, Daisy McFadden 34, Rowena Magee 32, Dorothy Ottewell 18.

FORM 1

BOTANY—Hon.—Doris Bannon 78 Pass—Ita Pedlar 68, Frank Eagles 66 Joe Gibson 66, Dorothy Wolstencroft 64, Stanley Hunt 63, Kathleen Pedlar 63, Gordon Patterson 60, Ed. Patton 60, Laverne Piper 60, John McMillan 59, Fred Fawcett 57, Burton Sled 57, Bessie Cairns 55 Hazel McKillop 54, Phyllis Graham 52, Isabelle MacMillan 51, Lucy Macdonald 50. Fail—Mervyn Johnson 46, Cecil Chard 45, Jessie Ostrander 41, Martha Ostrander 36, Everett Talbot 26, Vera McMaster 20.

FORM 3

PHYSICS—Hon.— Jean MacCormack 81, Harold Turner 79, Jim Haw 76. Pass—Jackson Stewart 74, Evelyn Turner 74, Reta Fawcett 73, Bessie Beard 73, Marie Fenwick 72, Dora Stewart 72, Patricia Morgan 70, Ruby Kerton 69, Irene Martin 66, Lois Blackburn 64, Sadie Carson 64, Earl Johnson 64, John Wilson 61, Marion Bibby 56, Christina Magee 50. Fail— Herbert Akins 46, Audrey Brown 36, Monica Rae 29, Jack MacKechnie 19, Harold Best 15.

A Car and Judge Wright

(St. Catherines Standard

Mr. Justice Wright has had a good deal of publicity pecause he declined in the town of Orangeville, to ride in a certain equipage provided for him His Lordship insisted, the story has it, on a conveyance more in keeping with his position being made available.

Those who like to see the dignity of the law well upheld will applaude Mr. Justice Wright's attitude. It would be a serious thing for this country were our courts to become as informal as those of some other lands. Canadians have always had a pardonable pride in the judicial machinery of their nation and part of this pride is engendered by the fact that Canadian judges, almost without exception, have insisted upon the greatest dignity being maintained and a proper deference upon the part of the public toward the judges themselves—not as individuals, but as judges.

In this province, at least, it is traditional that a high court judge shall wear a silk hat when proceeding to the session of his court. Ultra democrats may sneer at this, but the fact remains that the "topper" worn by the judge is definite part of the dignity of his office, and certainly one sees no good reason why this ancient custom should not be strictly adhered to.

The courts of Canada are without peer anywhere. They do not deal in favoritism nor in politics. They are based on the principle of even justice to every man, and this has been demonstrated on thousands of occasions. Much of their success is due to the fact that judges are appointed for life and are therefore under no political obligations. Still another important factor, as we have said, is the dignity that the Bench has maintained, and certainly it would be a bad thing for the administration of justice were this dignity relaxed. The motor car incident at Orangeville may seem like a small thing to many persons, but it is indicative of a most commendable attitude on the part of the able men who compromise the judiciary of Ontario.

You can do as much as you think you can,
But you'll never accomplish more;
If you're afraid of yourself, young man,
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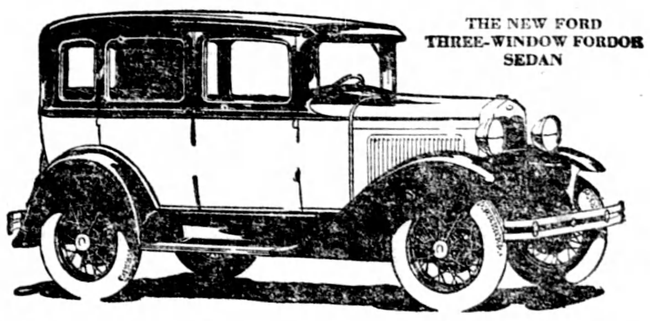

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