Rights of Citizens to Arrest

The legal right of the private citizen to make an arrest is clearly explained by C. S. Cameron, ex-M.P.P., and ex-county crown attorney of Grey county, in an address before the Owen Sound Rotary Club.

In the matter of a citizen making an immediate arrest without a warrant, Mr. Cameron said that few people realized their rights and still fewer undertook to take the matter in their own hands and make an arrest. He explained that during the night a man could make an arrest without a warrant for almost any offence that had been committed against him. During the day a citizen may arrest an offender without a warrant on such serious offences as murder, forgery and theft of any considerable amount. The police can go even further than a civilian and can make an arrest on almost any kind of a charge without procuring a warrant. However, wherever possible it is usual to obtain a warrant before taking action. Mr. Cameron then told of the proceedings which followed the arrest and explained the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, police magistrates, the county judges and the rights of appeal.

Mr. Cameron sketched briefly the many duties of a crown attorney, some improtant features of which were in advising constables, provincial constables and justices of the peace, and in assisting coroners in conducting investigations in connection with deaths that occur under unusual circumstances.

Speaking of the average village and township constable, Mr. Cameron said that very frequently they do not want to act, particularly in a case in which a neighbor or friend is involved. Many of the constables are old men who are not robust and sometimes do not feel capable of taking charge of a case. They are not on salary, and receive only fees for the actual service given. It was to take charge of cases which were not handled by these local officers that the present system of provincial constables had been arranged and this had worked out very well. In Grey and Bruce there were four provincial officers, one located each at Owen Sound, Meaford, Walkerton and Wiarton.

ADVANCE ADS. PAY

Parliament Opened In Usual Splendor

The first regular session of the seventeenth parliament was opened, despite the absence of the Governor-General, with all pomp and circumstance. Booming cannon, shining uniforms and beautiful gowns all played their part. For the ceremony in the Senate chamber were gathered many of those prominent in the political, religious, diplomatic and social life of Canada. As usual, the Prime Minister stood on the right of the throne, the judges of the Supreme Court in their scarlet and ermine, sat back to back on the wool sack immediately below the throne. On this occasion the Prime Minister was not resplendent in gold braid, but wore what is called the civil court dress, which is brightened only by a row of brass buttons, though other members of the Privy Council wore the Windsor uniform. When all had assembled in the Senate chamber, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod came to the Commons and commanded the members to come to the Senate to hear the king's speech. Significant it is that for the first time his majesty's message—which was written by the Prime Minister—was read by a Canadian, Rt. Hon. Lyman P. Duff, of the Supreme Court. The speech was long and not a word of it could be heard at the back of the room where the members of Parliament must stand. The Commoners are not allowed inside the Senate, but must stand behind the bar, and were certainly a noisy rabble on the day of the opening.

The acting Governor-General is a single man, as is also the Prime Minister, the leader of the Opposition and the leader of the Farmers' group. Of the leaders in the House only J. S. Woodsworth, head of the small Labour group, actively upholds the tradition of the family as the bulwark of society.

The speech from the throne lays the blame—or part of the blame—for the present economic depression upon world causes and in case that does not absorb all the responsibility, Mr. Duff was caused to say, "My Government has explored the origins of our difficulties and is firmly of the belief that many of our problems do not arise out of world-wide depression, but are antecedent to it; and that domestic factors have also largely determined the degree of economic distress from which this country is suffering." Having thus saddled the responsibility of present condition, but was silent about the MacKenzie King government, the present administration emerges wearing the white rose of a blameless life.

The speech claimed the tariff revision of last September had improved condition, butw as silent about the falling export trade and the high prices of manufactured products in this country. It claimed also a partial cure of unemployment and put to its credit the embargo against Russian goods, but said nothing about the ten million dollar order for farm machinery which Russia would have placed with Canada.

Since the last election the Tariff Board was scrapped on the grounds that it was political, now we are to have another Tariff Board, but not of the same brand of politics. Reference was made to the Imperial Conference "which will, it is hoped, strengthen still more the bonds of Empire and bring to every part of it great and enduring prosperity."

The paragraph dealing with agriculture states that the Government have under consideration means for the orderly marketing of the Western wheat crop and that changing conditions in the world's market may necessitate further intervention by the Government. That the present situation necessitates a reduction in the cost of production and marketing of the wheat crop, and the providing of stable markets. And then following almost immediately the Speech states, "you will be asked to consider further revision of the Tariff." How that is to reduce the cost of production is not made clear.

Some further provision toward the shouldering of the cost of Old Age Pensions, technical education and highway construction is indicated.

The seriousness of conditions in Canada is the chief topic of conversation in the lobbies. It seems to be the general opinion that members should devote themselves to evolving policies which will lead us out of our present condition, rather than putting up a spectacular political performance. That does not mean that the Government's policy will not be strongly opposed; it is marvellous policy of taking less and less from other countries and selling more and more to other countries, but it will be opposed as a policy and not as a Government. Nevertheless the years of criticism indulged in by the Government party is not likely to be forgotten by the official Opposition.

Mr. Bennett is looking fit. Hard work seems to have agreed with him. When the House of Commons met for a few minutes after the formal opening in the Senate Chamber Mr. Bennett moved, as is the traditional right of the Commons, a Bill of our own before we went on to consider the King's Speech. The Bill is never heard of again, it is simply a dummy to show the King we can consider our own bill first if we wish and dates back to the day when the King's business was not always in harmony with the thought of Parliament.

Into an Alberta town recently a farmer and son drove bringing with them eleven dozen eggs, for which they received one dollar. Since they had driven in quite a distance they went to a resturant to get a light lunch for each, for which they paid 90 cents or the equivalent of ten dozen eggs. This is only one of the many, many stories one hears from Western members, responsible and careful people are saying, "the West can't come back."

The session is apt to be lengthy.

Sincerely,

—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

High School Reports

FORM 1

ALGEBRA— Hon.— Mary Wilson 83, Frances Collinson 78. Pass — Everett Talbot 66, Robert Bellamy 65, Marion Stafford 65, Wm. Parker 64, Ronald Middleton 62, Jean Wolstencroft 62, Mervin McFadden 60, Angus Turney 59, Merle Allen 52, Jas. McCormack 51. Fail — Dick Stewart 48, Wes Littlejohns 44, Robt. Plester 42, Della Vause 42. Helen Moore 39, George Boyd 36, Catherine Stewart 31, Hugh Bibby 30, Milford Piper 26, Evelyn Brown 24, Robert Dargavel 24, Harvey Croft 22, Wm. Welton 18, Wilfred Best 10, Lloyd Archibald 3, Geo. Akitt 2.

FORM 2

FRENCH — Pass — Monica Lambert 72, Doris Bannon 67, Verdun McMaster 52, Bill Fisher 50. Fail — Hazel McKillop 43, Dorothy Jamieson 38, Dorothy Wolstencroft 36, Joe Gibson 34, Lucy McDonald 33, Ita Pedlar 33, Earl Ottewell 32, LaVerne Piper 30, Stanley Hunt 28, Bessie Cairns 27, Isabelle MacMillan 26, Fred Fawcett 21, Mervyn Johnson 10, Alma MacLean 5.

FORM 2

ENGLISH LIT. — Pass — Lucy MacDonald 66, Bill Fisher 65, Stanley Hunt 56, Hazel McKillop 55, Isabelle MacMillan 51. Fail — Fred Fawcett 49, Dorothy Wolstencroft 47, Ita Pedlar 45, Dorothy Jamieson 43, Ed. Patton 40, Bessie Cairns 38, LaVerne Piper 38, Mervyn Johnson 34, Joe Gibson 31, Alma MacLean 31.

UPPER SCHOOL

TRIGONOMETRY — Hon.— Iola Graham 83. Pass — Reta Fawcett 74, Christina Magee 69, Evelyn Turner 67, Bert Morton 65, Bessie Beard 62, Harold Turner 62, Lesley Ferris 60, Marion Bibby 54. Fail— Dora Stewart 48, Jim McFadden 45, Mildred Whittaker 39.

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