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the level he maintained while Premier here."

Mr. Hepburn then snapped, "You can't take it."

Mr. Drew leaned forward and cracked back, "I can take it, but you haven't got what it takes right here," and he drew both hands across his abdomen. Government benches were joined by C.C.F. in the laughter.

#### "Like Puppets"

The Liberal-Communist alliance, Mr. Drew continued, was plain. Every day it was seen by members. Only a day or two ago, he said, Mr. MacLeod raised his hand and "the Liberal members opposite rose like puppets to his command."

At this a Liberal member objected, saying members should not be called "puppets." When Premier Drew promptly agreed to withdraw the word he said, "That leaves my remarks like this: The Liberal members opposite rose at the command of the member for Bellwoods (Mr. MacLeod). That exactly describes this alliance."

"Yours is the Hitler technique," said Mr. MacLeod.

"That," said Mr. Drew, "is a perfect example of the type of remark about which I am commenting. It is typical of the level to which the member for Elgin has sought to drag us. I am not going to allow British parliamentary methods to be insulted—"

#### "Grab the Flag"

"Grab the flag," said Agnes Macphail (C.C.F.-East York).

"And another offensive statement," said Premier Drew, "that is also typical of the level of the member for Elgin. Let's see something about this gentleman, this member who constantly quotes my remarks in an effort to show inconsistency. Let's glance at this gem of human consistency who complains that I cannot stand criticism. Let me quote from remarks he made. He said, 'I commend Drew for his tenacity of purpose, and his record so far has been unchallenged. I am going to support his Government because he is a good soldier, a good citizen and a hard-working public servant.'"

In the roar of laughter, the Premier said, "O Tempora, O Mores."

Quoting again from Mr. Hepburn's past speeches, he read: "We want men at the helm who have vision, statesmanship and all those qualities that we so badly lack today. Canada needs King. I say this because I sat under him for eight years and I know the calibre of the man." Then the Premier continued, "But here is another statement by the same gentleman, 'MacKenzie King has not done his duty by his country and he never will. It is not in him. I sat with him at Ottawa for eight years and that is the reason I know.'"

#### "Pasting" in Hastings

As both Government and C.C.F. benches rocked with laughter, the Premier continued. That, he said, was typical of the consistency of the member who had sought in every way possible to upset the unity of the Legislature, to prevent government along reasonable and co-operative lines.

When Mr. Hepburn demanded that Mr. Drew state whether he had deserted Earl Rowe while working as a paid organizer for the Conservatives, Mr. Drew replied: "I was not a paid organizer. I was working with Mr. Rowe. It was then I met you for the first time in East Hastings and you took the pasting of your life there."

At this point H. Connor (C.C.F., Hamilton East) rose to say, "Mr. Speaker, we expect them to knock each other slap-happy and save us the trouble of beating both of them."

Mr. Drew joined in the laughter at this remark, then seriously continued with his charge that he would not let any member drag the Legislature down to a level that had prevailed during the last administration. Of all persons to charge him with preventing a Dominion-Provincial conference, the Liberal Leader was most vulnerable, he said, having "scuttled the last conference without trace."