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R. L. CALDER, K.C., EMPHASIZES NEED OF INDIVIDUAL INTEREST.

Gradually, as the affairs of government were becoming more and more involved, the cry was growing louder and louder for the revival of the electorate to a closer following of politics and to their insistence on promises being fulfilled by governments. This was emphatically expressed by R. L. Calder, K.C., during his address yesterday afternoon before the McGill Canadian Club in the R. V. C. Assembly Hall of the Royal Victoria College, which was given following the afternoon session of the Delorme trial.

His address opened with a reference to the great pessimistic wave washing fifth upon the shores of government. Pessimists had stated that the present system of parliamentary government would die a natural death before the century was out.

Mr. Calder felt that such would not be the case with the Government. The principle upon which it had been founded was sound. Its only need was an educated public concerned with the actions of its politicians whom they elected. Parliamentary government, as it stood, was based upon the Second Reform Bill in England of 1867. That was not so long ago and yet pessimists saw its death so soon.

There could be no denying, however, that politicians had brought much of their own position of insecurity by looking too much to the effects of their moves rather than to principles. Immediately there arose third parties which had felt in all sincerity that they could settle the questions besetting the party in power. The present generation had seen the result. "Here are three parties jockeying for power and the third party is just as keen as the first and the second" and every bit as indefinite.

In the past and, unfortunately, at the present time, the speaker said, the public has been prone to criticize the men put in power by the public. Such criticism was an excellent thing when critics knew their subjects, but it was more of a hindrance when the critics possessed the knowledge of the average Canadian of Canadian affairs.

Forget Provincialism. It was necessary to do away with all provincialism and to regard all problems in the light of national problems to be met by the Canadian government with the force of an educated and interested public behind it.

A strong people could easily banish the insincere colorless politician provided the people watched and read and acted according to their hearts. If the Government truly represented the people, the present inability to take definite steps in any matter would be discarded.

Students in the university were in an unique position to study these matters, and it should be their aim to impart their knowledge of history, past and present, to others less fortunate than themselves. Citizens' leaders could as well come from universities as from anywhere else in the state.

In conclusion he desired to make it understood that no Canadian should be pessimistic when the solution to all the troubles of the nation lay solely within himself. — Montreal Star, Mar. 1.

Gallant Gunners

ARRESTING MEMORIAL AT HYDE PARK CORNER.

Models of the guns and artillery equipment used in the war will figure in the memorial to the Royal Artillery which is to be erected in the middle of the road at Hyde Park Corner before the summer of next year. The memorial, which will be in bronze and stone, will be 43ft. long, 22ft. broad,

and 29ft. high. The sculptor is Mr. Charles Sargent Jagger, who was an infantry officer in the war and was wounded several times and received the M.C. On a pedestal in Mr. Jagger's studio stands a model of a 9.2 howitzer 25ft. long by 14 1/2 ft. high, carved in Portland stone. At the base are three figures, 8 1/2 ft. in height, of a battery commander, a driver, and a gunner carrying ammunition in a special ammunition coat with pockets. Round the pedestal runs a frieze 90ft. long carved in relief, which will represent artillery in action, and will include about 30 types of guns.



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NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—A young woman whose name is being withheld, has agreed, after one leading been revealed. The white woman is required, in the closing scene of the actress and many near stars refused, to play opposite a negro leading man in an inter-racial play "All God's Chillun Got Wings." soon to be staged by Eugene O'Neill, it has just through with the staging of this play and to make it realistic with a white play, to kiss the hand of the negro "Wings" deals with inter-marriage pure and good. Eugene O'Neill's success is seen in the negro leading female role to one of the best-known actresses and when she re-woman and a negro man in the leading parts, has started much talk in theatrical circles. He first offered the whose wife she has become.

O'Neill's determination to go fused consulted many others before finding one he said was willing to hold art above race-prejudice. This young woman has asked that her name be kept from the public at least until the play opens.

The plot of "All God's Chillun Got Wings" is set in a tenement on the sidewalk are eight children, four white and four negro. One little white girl, Ella, holds marbles for Jim Harris, a negro boy. They are portrayed as child sweethearts, she asking: "Do you want to be my feller?" When he answers in the affirmative she winks him a kiss, saying: "Then I'm your girl."

Nine years later the players are on the same corner; Ella is being treated brutally by one of the white men she has grown up with and his attitude is contrasted with the kindly way of her negro sweetheart, Ella and Jim are married. Later she becomes insane over the race problem. Her insanity becomes childish happiness when her husband fails to pass a bar examination and remains a simple negro. She kisses his hand and he prays to be made worthy of "the child you send me for the woman you take away."

Bowler Hats and Revolution

"The easy assumption of silk hats by members of the Labour Cabinet accords with the dictum of Oliver Wendell Holmes— 'Wear a good hat. The secret of your looks dwells with the beaver in Canadian brooks. Virtue may flourish on an old cravat. But man and nature scorn the shocking hat.'"

"Nevertheless the present exchange of the Cap of Liberty for the topper would not have done for the Die-hard of democracy thirty years ago. One of them—an old Charlist—complained bitterly to me (writes a correspondent) of the Fabian tactics. 'In my days,' he protested, 'workmen used to wear brown-paper caps and we palled down Hyde Park railings. Now they wear bowler hats and pass resolutions. No man who wears a bowler can be a real revolutionary.'"

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