

(d) Do something about the liquor question. While it may be a provincial affair, the Federal Government is getting the "knocks" and I know at least a dozen good Liberals in my own little town who will vote against King next time because of the beer. They are intelligent fellows but they are sore.

(e) And this I think is the best of the suggestions - "Get Mackenzie King mad". Make the leopard change his spots. He apparently objects to being thought colourless. Pour some new wine into the old bottles and if they burst, so much the better.

Mr. B.

It is rather difficult to summarize feelings about the Government as criticism seems to consist of a lot of small items. Perhaps basically it is because none of the controls under which we have been forced to live were properly explained before being imposed. Did we understand the reasons for, and the methods of operation we might be more sympathetic. However, misunderstandings have arisen and it may not be too late to correct them. For example:

- (1) So far, I have talked to no one who can give a good reason for the restrictions on men's clothing. Tailors tell you that cuffless trousers save no cloth.
- (2) On children's clothing (this may have been corrected) no wide hem is provided for the child's growth, with the result that children were growing out of clothes rather than wearing them out.
- (3) There is a feeling abroad that many of the Controllers are rigging the price structure and manufacturing methods within their own industries to make greater profits. This is a criticism that is levied when the government has taken a Controller directly from the industry over which he now holds power.
- (4) There is also much criticism about controllers who were drawn from other fields. For example, I have heard strong disapproval from within the industry of the way in which Mr. Cottrell, a banker, is administering the oil business.