

The latter question raises immediately the all important one of Dictatorship vs. Democracy. Is Mr. Bennett's method to be that of the dictator, imitating Hitler, by doing away with the rights of the several provincial legislatures and using coercion as a method of enforcing uniformity of laws throughout the Dominion with increased regimentation, or is to be the parliamentary method of reason, persuasion, open discussion in Parliament of all that is proposed, and enacted in accordance with parliamentary methods of procedure? Are existent popular rights to be sacrificed or compromised to serve the ends of so-called political reform? If so, the last state will be worse than the first. Reforms, whatever they may be, must be proceeded with on strictly democratic lines. Democracy is inseparable from a free Parliament. That is the consideration of chief importance. Dictatorship by any class is abhorrent to British peoples.

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