

Before his election to Parliament last fall Mr. Coldwell had been a schoolmaster. Differences having developed between him and his Board on account of his political activities, Mr. Coldwell's resignation was quickly followed by the acquisition by Ottawa of one of its most brilliant and effective critics of the Government.

His speeches have a resounding quality of masculine vigour which, with his intellectual equipment and transparent sincerity, should prove an asset of great value to the young and growing party to which he has allied himself.

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**Sunday Evening, November 22, 1936**

**TIM BUCK**

Subject:

*"A Convict Speaks"*

As Head of the Communist Party in Canada, Tim Buck was sentenced, in 1931, to five years' penal servitude in Kingston Penitentiary. He actually served two and a half years, having been released in 1933.

As everyone knows, a Royal Commission, appointed by the Bennett administration, is now at work investigating and preparing a report upon prison conditions throughout the Dominion, and it is precisely for this reason that we have asked Mr. Buck to come and tell the Forum audience what he knows (and he knows much) about what happens when the prison gates close behind the unhappy men and women who have transgressed the law in Canada.

Although a political prisoner, Mr. Buck was subjected to the same treatment as that meted out to dangerous criminals, and during his incarceration his only associates were desperate felons and habitual criminals. Nevertheless, we do not suppose that Mr. Buck would want to deny that his friends in the Soviet Union Government treat their political opponents with any more gentle-