

competitive examination and the merit system, though the control of parliament, and even of the Civil Service Commission over appointments otherwise, was pretty effectively removed. In addition, the Government made provision for the purchase of public and private stations, and the erection of new stations, without authorization by parliament itself.

Just what the effect of making the National Railways and Radio Broadcasting into industrial soviets, arbitrarily controlled by appointees of the Tory Government, is going to be, remains to be seen. Certainly, sovietism, in any form, is the very antithesis of all that Liberalism stands for.

I shall not make mention of the Penitentiaries and the Mounted Police. Here again efforts were made by the Administration to remove from the Civil Service Commission the matter of certain appointments and to increase the power of the Government's own appointees.

I have spoken of the shipping bill. That was one of the most contentious measures of the session, and like other contentious matters, was held over until the last hour. It gives a practical monopoly to Canadian vessels and the great lakes - a monopoly which, in the view of those who opposed the measure, will prove nothing other than prejudicial to Canadian producers.