

Government protection for 'Nessie' – NAS ref. HH1/588, p76



LOCAL RESIDENT: "Ye puir feckless beastie – get oot o' sicht while ye're safe!
D'ye no ken the Hoose o' Commons, Nineteen-thirty-three, has its eye on ye!"
(The question of the Loch Ness Monster was raised in the House yesterday.)

The cartoon, from an unidentified publication, alludes to Parliament's discussion of the Loch Ness Monster at a time of economic crisis (the local resident in the cartoon is holding newspapers with headlines such as 'Govt Notice Price of Food', 'Means Test', 'Economy', 'Cuts', 'Tax', and 'Rent Govt Notice'). The appearance and manner of speech of the local resident is a parody of a Highlander and the somewhat suspect dialect translates as: "You poor, feckless beastie – get out of sight while you're safe! Do you not know the House of Commons, 1933, has its eye on you!"

The cartoon was found in a historical Government file held at the National Archives of Scotland (NAS ref. HH1/588, p76).