"Investigate" Seems Popular At Ottawa

Parliament seems to be in an enquiring mood this year. They want to know things. "Investigate" expresses the activities so far better than "legislate" Due to the activity of Mr. Humphrey Mitchell, new member for Hamilton, a Committee of the House of Commone is being set up to consider Beauharnois contributions to campaign funds and in the Senate a Committee is enquiring into the conduct of the three Senators who were mixed up in Beauharnois. The Senate alone has the right to sit in judgment of its own members.

Some little time ago Mr. G. N. Gordon of Peterboro, accused the Hon. W. D. Herridge, Canadian Minister at Washington, of wrangling the price of his wedding trip out of the Government. A Committee is going to give him a chance to prove his statement, not apparently because it reflects on the honor of Mr. Herridge but because the Prime Minister believes it reflects on his own honor. If the hearings are public one would judge they would be well attended.

Possibly the most important investigation is one to be made of the Civil Service Commission branch of the public service. There has been some indication that the merit of the candidate as revealed in the examination papers was not the only factor in deciding on the condidate for the position. The Committee is to find out whether or not there has been discrimination.

We had a couple of days debate on the 5c bonus on wheat. A western member thought it should be $1.00 an acre bonus. The members accused the Government of having agricultural relief in the west administered by a partisan board and some of the members from Alberta and Manitoba were inclined to think that Saskatchewan had got more than its share of relief. But taking it by and large, all western members were in favor of the bonus. Speaking for Ontario agriculture, I said I doubted very much if agriculture could tax itself into prosperity. "On general principles I am opposed to the idea of a bonus, but speaking for Ontario farmers, if 5c a bushel on wheat will keep the western farmer growing wheat and keep him out of the mixed farming field, it might be worth that to the Ontario farmer. If any more mixed farming products come from the west into the markets of Ontario, things are going to be even worse for the Ontario farmer. Mixed farming suits Ontario and if the Prairie Provinces go in for mixed farming it will be disastrous for this province

The Prime Minister considers a balanced budget essential. He believes that a non-balanced budget injures the country's credit and the country's credit is his first concern. To balance the budget he must spend less and receive more. Expenditures have been decreased and it is intimated taxes will be increased when the budget comes down on the 10th of March. The summary of the estimated expenditure for this fiscal year ending March 31, 1933, makes interesting reading. Some big cuts have been made. Public Works is down six million and over a half. Soldier and general land settlement down two million. Agriculture, three. Mail subsidies and steamship subventions, one million, and to my delight, National Defence is down over two and a half million. There are increases in items in the estimates; interests on public debt, including sinking funds has increased over thirteen million dollars and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have an increase of four hundred and eighty-five thousand. The increase shows that our debt has greatly increased. As one member put it, "We have more debt to pay and the police are increased to see that we pay it."

There is no doubt that such large decreases in expenditure will cause unemployment, this is particularly true of public works, and where it does not cause unemployment it will reduce the purchasing power of the people. The same can be said of increased taxation. The bulk of the taxes come out of the pockets of the working people. Their purchasing power is already seriously affected They have a fixed amount of money to spend; if more of that money goes to pay for taxes, whether direct or indirect taxes, less is left with which to buy goods. That being so fewer goods will be sold and unemployment and general stagnation will increase. An increase in currency, to make it possible to move the goods from the producer to the consumer is our greatest need. In view of that fact, the two bill's now before the United States Congress must be interesting to us. They provide for a degree of inflation, they are deliberately trying to thaw out frozen credits; to float the goods out from the machines that are now clogged with them. Accompanying inflation should be legislation thot gets the bulk of the taxes from those who have the wealth and legislation which takes away from the privileged groups and special rights they have enjoyed under the law. It seems that every country needs a carefully worked out plan for the production and distribution of goods and a plan that realizes the great importance of the consumer. All this would have sounded like wild talk five years ago, but that is not so today.

I spent last week-end in Philadelphia and Baltimore. On Saturday I attended a tea meeting in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia. The subjects under discussion were the Disarmament Conference and the situation in the Far East. There were many speakers, for the most part from the University of Pennsylvania, from Prineton and one outstanding one from Washington. The Women's International League and the League of Nations Association arranged the meeting. They are two of the organizations who worked valiantly to secure strong delegation from their country to the World Disarmament Conference at Geneva. They felt they were in part successful They seemed especially pleased with the woman delegate, Dr. Wooley, of Holyoake College. Several speakers thought that the critical condition in the far east might have the effect of spurring the delegates at the World's Cnference of greater efforts. Others thought it would have the opposite effect. Dr. Lin, a young Chinese from Princeton presented the Chinese side of the question. It was a moving story. One on hearing it could not understand why the powers are not taking more positive action tn ensure the integrity of China.

The peace groups in the United States are behind a bill which is being fathered by Hamilton Fish of New York. The bill prohibits the exporting of arms or ammunitions of any sort, including nitrates, to nations at war. Mr. Hamilton Fish had asked the Women's International League to have witnesses come to Washington to give evidence in favor of the bill. They came and so many friends of peace came that the Committee room was filled and when the Committee saw this they suddenly withdrew for a private consultation which they said would last only a few minutes. They didn't reappear for nearly two hours and then a very angry Hamilton Fish came back to say that the Committee would not give a hearing. Miss Dorothy Detzer, the very able lobbyist for the Women's International League, spent some time trying to find out why the Committee would not allow the hearing to go on and she finally discovered that the State Department had forbidden it. Two days later she noticed in the press that American, English and German ships were carrying nitrates to the war zone in the Far East. The one encouraging feature of the meeting in Philadelphia was the intense interest of the people.

Sunday in Baltimore was wholly enjoyable. I was the guest of Elizabeth Gilman, whose father was the first President of Johns Hopkins University. She lives in a delightful old house which has been occupied by the Gilmans for a hundred years and is furnished in Colonial style Maryland is the beginning of the south, so we had griddle cakes and sausage for breakfast. It is a pleasant change to have food served that is really quite different from ours. At Miss Gilman's home I met Scott Nearing, the intellectual outlaw of the United States. He was telling me he had tramped over Great Britain with a knapsack on his back, all through the general elections. In his opinion the leaders of the Labor Party are not the important thing. He claims that the masses are ahead of the leaders and any aggressive action they have taken has come about because they were pushed to it.

True Stories On Jack Rabbit Pest

JACKRABBIT JUMPED OVER MAN'S HEAD

Earl Carson, local dairyman, thinks there ought to have been a high jump contest for jackrabbits at the Olympic games at Lake Placid. One morning recently, when he came into the shed of his barn. there was a jackrabbit Arming himself with a stick and stationing himself at the open end of the shed he "set" the dog on the rabbit, with visions of tasty jackrabbit pie going through his head. But Mr. Jack had other plans. When he got near the shed door, with the dog in hot pursuit he jumped clear over Earl's head to freedom. Believe it or not, as Ripley would say, that rabbit jumped at least fifteen feet broad and six feet high, Earl says, and he deserved to escape.—Dundalk Herald.

RECORD RABBIT DRIVE AT SPARTA

A plague of jack rabbits in South Yarmouth is causing much concern to orchardists in that district and resulted in a big drive being organized in Sparta, Tuesday, Feb. 9th. A total of 125 rabbits were bagged, establishing a record for one day's shooting. The previous top bag was 111 jacks. Fifty of the rabbits, many weighing from 10 to 12 pounds, were taken to the city on Tuesday evening to be given to needy families. The jacks were distributed from the city hall Wednesday morning. Appeals will likely be made to city hunters to join us in drives, if damage by the hungry rodents continues. Considerable damage has already been done to young trees according to reports. The rabbits girdle the young trees devouring the tender bark. Thirty-five hunters of Sparta and district, took part in the drive, which was the first of the season.—Aylmer Express.

The Canadian Navy may be small but it is at least useful in acting as a policeman in some of the ports of the smaller South American republics at election time.

Because for only one day, Windsor managed to get along without a single arrest a really unique record for the city is claimed to have been established. The oldest court official stated he never saw the like of it before.

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Farmers Should Benefit

The new hog grading regulations put into effect by promulgation in the Canada Gazette of January 30 extend the provisions for trading in hogs on the basis of official grades in such a way as entirely to eliminate flat-price trading. Hogs sold from farmer or other producer right down the line to the final packer or processer must be traded in on the basis of official grades. This ensures to the farmer full benefits of the ngreement with the packing industry whereby a premium of one dollar is paid for all hogs grading "Select Bacon." The regulations also provide for that premium for quality which is rightly his, passing back in larger measure to the original producer.

Herring fishing at the Allandale wharf has been unusually good this year and strangely enough the fishermen stay on the job all night.

Big Wool Clip Handled

Although faced with poor markets and approximately 5,000,000 pounds clips ever handled, W. H. J. Tisdale told the Ontario Sheep Breeder's Association the other day that the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers had disposed of this successfully and that full settlement would be made immediately. Moreover shippers through the Co-operative would receive as high or higher prices, quality for quality, as were paid in Canada or elsewhere. Due to careful management, handling charges had been cut a third this year or three-quarters of a cent per pound. "Our warehouses are practically empty," stated Mr. Tisdale, "and we enter the new season in excellent shape.." This record has been made in the face of dire predictions that wool could not be sold at any price and was only possible, this speaker claimed, because the Co-operative during the past ten years had been opening up many new outlets in Britain and elsewhere for Canadian wool. These outlets saved the situation in 1931, according to Mr. Tisdale, although he was of the firm conviction that as we were producing only a fraction of our domestic consumption of wool and wool products practically all our clip should find a market in Canada.

The Great War cost the world around 8,538,315 lives and $168,233,637,097; yet men are now figuring on another calamity which might prove still more costly.

A barge skipper is held for $10,000,000 ransom in China. It ought to make his relatives feel elated, that he was held in such high esteem by the natives.

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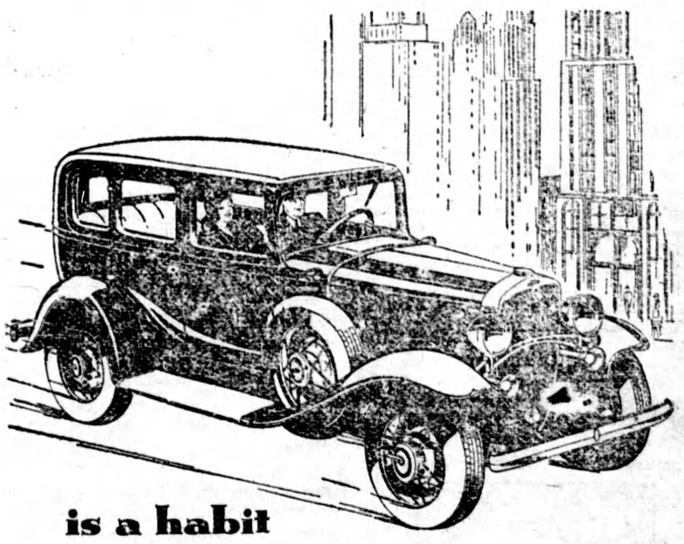

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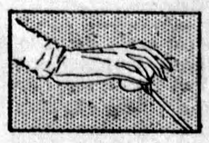

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