St. John's W.M.S.

The W.M.S. met in St. John's church last Thursday as announced with Mrs. Jos. Blakeley in the chair; after singing a hymn the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Mrs. W. Turney read the scripture lesson from the first chapter of Acts. Just As I Am was sung and Mrs. W. J. W. Armstrong gave an excellent resume of Chapter IV, "Living Issues in China.

Mrs. W. J. Scott took the chair and the minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. C. Chapple and signed. Mrs. J. A. Heard, the temperance secretary read the following, "Rev. Julian Rex, Missionary in Portugese, East Africa, says, 'The wets have told you that beer without the saloon would make Heaven in America. Tell them for us that saloons or not, Satan make a veritable hell in Africa with his beer." And the Premier of Ontario has not banned beer. What will he do?

Mrs. John Wright, supply secretary reported that the supplies were all ready for the bale save one article. Arrangements were made for the Easter meeting, which will be held on April 19.

Arrangements are being made for the ladies of Priceville to come over and give the "Pageant of Famous Women," which was so successful and so much praised when given at home a short time ago. Eighteen members and three visitors were present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunston of Dromore on March 5th celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Grey County Notes

Lieut.-Col. J. Hilliard Rorke, a former resident of Thornbury, died at Montreal on Saturday. He organized and took overseas the 248th Grey Battalion during the war.

Jas. Dowkes came to his death from injuries received caused by person or persons unknown, was the result of the Coroner's inquest.

J. W. McKechnie of Durham passed away last week after a long illness. He was the father of Mrs. A. Hincks, who formerly taught at Springhill school.

Thornbury council issued debentures for $1,500 to take care of the town's share of relief work costs.

Meaford motor boat builders are now working on several orders of these pleasure crafts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holley of Holland Centre celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on Mar. 19th.

Jas. A. Clarke, former resident of Markdale for 6 years, died in the hospital at Guelph last week.

Advocates of a hospital in Meaford are pushing their proposition at the present time. They claim that the need is urgent.

Owen Sound city council refused to give a grant to the Blue Water Highway Association, the condition of the road being given as one of the reasons.

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M. Ratinois	Confectioner	George McMaster
Mme. Ratinois	His Wife	Verdun McMaster
Frederick	Their Son	Stanley Hunt
Robert	Their Uncle	Donald Aldcorn
Josephine	Their Maid	Elsie Fisher
Footman	Their neighbors	Laverne Piper
Caterer	From Cheveti	Bill Parker
A negro boy		Harvey Archibald

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Investigations Engage Time of Parliament

It has been a very busy week. Parliament is in an investigating mood session. Bankers, heads of railway companies and even the Prime Minister, have been called before the Banking Committee to give evidence on why the loan of $60 million to the Canadian Pacific Railway was made.

Livestock producers, department officials, livestock buyers and an M.L.A. from Ontario, have been called to give evidence before the Price Spreads and Mass Buying Committee.

During the week the House of Commons have considered estimates of several departments, heard Mr. Bourassa make a two and a half hour plea for a return to simple living, and Mr. Woodsworth argue the case for control of the export of nickel as a preventive of war.

From the evidence it appears that the C.P.R. was in desperate need of $60 million last mid-summer. Mr. Beatty, the president, tried to get the money here and there, but could not raise it either in London or New York, nor would the Canadian banks make the loan unless they got a government guarantee. Mr. Beatty apparently asked the Prime Minister for the guarantee and got it.

The Prime Minister was closely questioned by the Committee as to the reason for the secrecy of this guarantee which was given four days after Parliament prorogued last year and had been discussed even before that. Mr. Bennett said that he had the power under the Relief Act to act in this matter and that he did so. One gathers that he acted with some reluctance since he spoke of being perturbed over it but that he gave the guarantee in what he believed to be the public interest. This was a clear case of using the assets of the Dominion as the basis for a loan, or as we say, the use of national credit. The assistance to the C.P.R. was possible by powers given the government by Parliament for the aid of embarrassed corporations. This power has not been withdrawn.

The general opinion seems to be that the delivering direct to the abattoir of 65 per cent. of the hogs, 20 per cent. of the cattle, 40 per cent. of the lambs and 60 per cent. of the calves marketed in Ontario, has destroyed to a very great extent the bargaining power of the producer and has caused draggy markets and lower prices. Mr. Jamieson, member for Southwest Simcoe in the Ontario Legislature, and the chairman of the committee on agriculture, stated: "The general report of the committee indicates that competition has fallen down." He was asked by the Counsel for the committee: "How do you account for that, Mr. Jamieson?" And answered: "We attribute that to the percentage of stock purchases going direct to the packer controlling the conditions that prevail."

Question: "How could he control the conditions of the market, Mr. Jamieson?"

Answer: "Well our observations and reports are that the buyer does not appear until late in the forenoon, possibly 11 o'clock in some cases, and we had evidence where they did not appear until 4 o'clock in the afternoon; and not even then bidding on the stock that was in the yards."

Question: "Yes, and the result on the market was what?" Answer: "Draggy." Question: "Draggy; and the effect on the price?" Answer: "Low."

The opinion was expressed by Ontario witnesses that an understanding existed among the packing houses, practically eliminating competition, and also that the commissions charged were much too high. A summarized report of the proceedings of the Committee on Agriculture of the Ontario Legislature was submitted in which reference was made to the speech made by F. R. Oliver, member for South Grey, in which he levels certain definite criticisms in connection with livestock marketing, and also to the opinion expressed by J. D. Taylor of North Grey, that the chief complaint centred around the lack of competitive buying and the importance of truck deliveries direct to packing plants, permitting the packers to force down the prices.

An interesting witness was Mr. Roderick MacLeay, a rancher from the foothills in Alberta, who owns 7,000 head of cattle. He told of selling last summer 300 head of good cattle on the Calgary market for 1 1½ and 2c per lb. Mr. MacLeay said his cattle which sold at such a low figure would go over the counter as first-class beef. Many westerners testified, that packers have the whole livestock industry in their mitt. The livestock men, too, can see no reason why the government cannot assist them as they have assisted the wheat and coal producers and the C.P.R.

One wrathy farmer exclaimed: "What is the use of talking of the law of supply and demand if the packers control the demand end of the law."

Mr. Bourassa in his lengthy speech covered a great deal of ground. He took a strong stand against entrenched privileged groups and advocated a capital levy, saying he was willing to give $1,000 toward retiring Canadian debt and he could not see why anyone with resources would not be willing to do the same. He deplored the concentration of population in big cities and the rampant materialism of this age. He said that the standard of living in Western European countries, from a moral, intellectual and artistic standpoint, was higher than in Canada or the United States.

Mr. Bourassa wants more economy. He referred to the science and practise of domestic economy by the women of France. "I ask my excellent friend, the Hon. member for South Grey, to devote some of her energy to teaching domestic economy to her women followers." And I replied: "I do not intend to."

In my opinion women, for the most part, know too much about economy. Wives of farmers, industrial workers, of clerks and teachers, etc., have practised economy all their lives. Have they not made new clothes out of old cloth? Worn the same coat for seven years? Got a new hat once in a long time? Made glass towels out of flour bags? Patched overalls and clothes until you could not tell which were patches and which the original clothes? For the most part they have not had money enough to buy an easy chair nor time enough to sit in it. Economy by these women? I should say not. We could of course economize until everybody starved to death, but if life has meaning it would not be a sensible thing to do.

Mr. Woodsworth in discussing the necessity of controlling the export of nickel, pointed out that the value in exports had jumped from $7 million in 1922 to $22 million in 1933. Much of this goes to Germany, either by direct export or by re-exportation from the United Kingdom, United States and Norway. Mr. Woodsworth doubted the theory that the great increase in nickel exportation was due to the extension of commercial need of the metal, he was constrained to say that such an increase denoted increased manufacture of armaments.

Last October a German representative placed an order in Sudbury for ten thousand tons of nickel matte. This huge order by a single company being almost the equivalent of the entire Canadian export of nickel to Germany in 1933.

"If Canadians," Mr. Woodsworth said, were in any way interested in the disarmament problem, they might very well have an important voice in the matter since Canada produces 90 per cent. of the world's nickel." The Government pooh-poohed the whole idea and the reply was made by the Minister of Mines instead of by the Minister of External Affairs which clearly put it on a material and not a human basis. I think it was bad judgment on the part of the government.

—AGNES MACPHAIL

House of Commons, Ottawa, March 24, 1934,

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FLESHERTON

High School Hockey

On Friday night the Flesherton high school hockey team defeated Shelburne high school 8-6. This came as a surprise to the visiting team since on their own ice, the previous Tuesday evening they outplayed the locals 6-3.

Early in the first period the local students took the lead with a goal by Johnson. Boyd added another on a neat shot from the side. McCauley, fleet right-winger for Shelburne came in with a well-earned goal to make the score 2-1 at the end of the first period.

From the face-off Smith for the locals broke away to beat the visiting goal keeper with a neat shot from the blue line. The play in the second period was slow and ended with the locals leading 6-4.

In the last period Shelburne turned on the heat, but in vain. They could not get away from the speedy F. H. S. students and Ferris in goal seemed inspired. The game was featured by hard checking, however few penalties were imposed by referee, McCutcheon.

Engagement

Mrs. Olga Schmidt, 21424 Curtis St., Detroit, announces the engagement of her eldest daughter, Mildred, to Mr. John Gaylord Kaitting, 17379 Lindsay Ave., Detroit, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kaitting of Eugenia, Ont., the wedding to take place early in April.

Arthur Lovat of Meaford died at the age of 95 years. He lived in Meaford for 60 years.

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