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Bill To Abolish Hanging Sent Over To Next Session

It has been a broken week. The Commons did not sit on Thursday (Ascension Day), nor will it on Monday, May 25th. There were members in all parties who wished to have no holiday in order that the session might quickly be brought to a close or to eliminate the Friday sitting. However, the Government has a majority of 110 so their dicision stands.

Budget items occupied most of the week and they certainly do not form the basis for an interesting article. The Finance Minister, Mr. Dunning, is in charge of the schedule and, as is usual when detailed knowledge on many subjects is required by a Minister, two experts sit immediately in front of his desk in the House to supply the information that members may request. One of these experts on budget matters was H. B. McKinnon, formerly of Priceville, of whom Grey County people are very justly proud.

Mr. Bennett, the leader of the official opposition, sits almost exactly opposite Mr. Dunning and in dealing with matters of a detailed character, like tariff items, they have the habit of carrying on in low tones inaudible to most of the house. We did hear, however, that municipalities are to be exempt from sales tax on gravel used for roads and sidewalks; also that publishers of periodicals will get 50 per cent. rebate on their raw materials as well as having their supplies free from sales tax.

The foxes of Prince Edward Island were honored by being the subject of one of these chatty debates between Mr. Dunning and Mr. Bennett. It had to do with freeing their—I mean the foxes'—food from tariff levies. As it is now, horse meat, tripe, and other animal offal, tid-bits in Fox Land, are to come in free, as are also feeds consisting wholly, or in part, of cereals, not including baked biscuits.

It seemed odd to hear the Finance Minister, whom we still think of as coming from the West, say: "I find that while it is true the Province which I have the honour to represent produces the finest foxes in the Dominion - - -"

Mr. Bennett: "And the finest oats and wheat, I suppose." "- - And is the Province in which the commercial development of the industry was first commenced; it is also true that Prince Edward Island foxes are now found practically from coast to coast and are used for foundation stock for an industry growing in almost all parts of Canada."

We find, too, in listening to a discussion of tariff items under the budget, that baby chicks are free of duty when imported from Great Britain. (Would they be broilers when they arrive?) But chicks coming from U. S. A. carry a specific duty of 4c per chick. Importations under this item have fallen from 942,000 chicks in 1930 to 2,900 last year. Mr. Wood, farm member from Brant County, or rather a Liberal member who is a farmer, defended the 4c charge on chicks on the ground of protection of the health of Canadian flocks. It was not, he said, a matter of revenue only, and yet the tax is not too great to permit importations from special flocks if necessary.

A bill for the abolition of hanging as a method of execution was introduced earlier in the session by Dr. Blair, member for Wellington North. Mr. Lapointe at that time asked the mover to let the matter stand until investigation could be made of the effectiveness of lethal gas as a method for the execution of condemned persons.

This week Mr. Lapointe made a report of what one of his officials found on a visit to the five States in the United States which use this method. In Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and North Carolina, it was found that the process is not at all a complicated one, nor is it expensive. There is only one place for execution in each State and there the guards carry out the death sentence; that is, it does not require the services of a technical expert. Mr. Lapointe said they had communicated with the various Provinces but that the Deputy Attorney General in each was reluctant to express an opinion and he asked Dr. Blair to allow the matter to stand over to another session when, he said, a Parliamentary Committee would study the matter further.

The debate was carried further with Mr. Bennett taking the view that in this age there is a danger of us becoming "victims of maudlin sentimentality." His reading induced him to believe that hanging is much more effective as a deterrent than any other form of execution. He advocated it because it is an ignominious form of death.

Mr. Woodsworth followed to say that it was once the practice in Great Britain to hang people for sheep-stealing, for robbery, and for a hundred other offences but that the practice had not deterred crime and had been given up except as punishment for major crimes of which murder was one. He recalled to the leader of the opposition that in Britain criminals had once been boiled in oil, drawn and quartered, but Britain had given up such barbarities. Hanging, he said, still persisted in England, it was true, but there Cmmittees of the British House of Commons, have protested against it and have advocated other methods. One member, Mr. Wilton of Hamilton, had witnessed a hanging while engaged on newspaper work some years ago and he took a strong stand against hanging as a method of execution.

National Defence estimates occupied one sitting. I made another—I think the eleventh—attempt, to have the cadet training vote reduced. This year I asked that the $150,000 grant be reduced to $1.00 and was supported by the seven C.C.F. members. Mr. Coldwell, the member for Rosetown Biggar, was for many years principal of Regina Public School. He expressed the opinion that physical training after the Swedish system was desirable. It had nothing of a military character and does much more to develop a healthy body than cadet drill does. He thought, too, that military training in schools does not develop initiative and self-relince, but rather the opposite.

In certain places, Mr. Coldwell said, cadet drill is made more or less compulsory. He told how his own son who did not wish to take military drill when attending one of the Collegiates in Regina, was punished each time the corps drilled by being compelled to sit on a form and watch the cadets. He told also of being instructed, when he was principal, to excuse no boy from military drill unless they were physically unfit. He challenged the ruling and was upheld in it by the Saskatchewan Department of Education. This was the first occassion where definite proof was given the Minister of National Defence that coercion had been used.

Many members spoke in favour of the vote being increased, among them Mrs. Black and the Hon. Earl Lawson.

A veteran of the Great War, Mr. Grant McNeil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver North, said it was time for Canada to stop spending millions of dollars on a militia. As it stands today, there are only seven men to every officer, although 24 to 1 was the wartime ration. Canada was spending millions, mostly for the benefit of officers, or as he termed it, "a military aristocracy." He moved that the militia vote be reduced by $1,000,000. The motion was lost 62 to 11. At that he did three better than I. mine being 109 to 8.

Senator Cairine Wilson entertained for Mrs. Buchan, mother of the Governor-General, and her daughter Anne, known in the literary world as "O. Douglas". A very interesting group of women came to have tea at Senator Wilson's beautiful home in Rockcliffe to meet these notable Scots. Mrs. Buchan is eighty-six years of age but deeply interested in every vital thing and just now particularly in Canada and the work of her distinguished son. She has a fine face, strong, intelligent and kind. Her daughter told me that she is greatly enjoying her visit. O. Douglas has been delighting Ottawa audiences with her speeches on literary subjects. Truly the Buchans are a remarkable family and it is a great privilege to have them with us.

AGNES C. MACPHAIL

House of Commons, Ottawa.
May 22, 1936.

That new customs regulation allowing tourists in the U.S. to bring back to Canada goods to the value of $100 without paying any duty, is going to encourage truthfulness in the people of this country more than kissing the Bible in court cases.

Will Lay Pavement On Highway 10

Announcement was made Tuesday by Mr. F. R. Oliver M.L.A., that the Department of Highways had finally made a decision to pave the road between Flesherton and Dundalk to the full twenty foot width. Two years ago a single strip of pavement ten feet wide, was laid on the west side of the highway for six and a half miles. This strip is dangerous for motor traffic, hence the decision for the extra paving. A full width pavement will be laid between Markdale and Berkeley this summer and this will allow the next section from Berkeley to Chatsworth to be paved in one season.

During the past week the County Road Committee, under the supervision of H. A. McCauley, has been treating the County highway system to a coat of calcium chloride to lay the dust so that motorists may enjoy their motoring and home owners will not have their houses invaded by dust storms. Five carloads of calcium were distributed from this station.

LEST WE FORGET!

As intimated in last week's issue of The Advance the Memorial Committee has pleasure in announcing the undermentioned subscriptions to the Fund to date.

Further amounts will be announced weekly as received.

The proposed Memorial is intended to include the names of those from the township of Artemesia who made the supreme sacrifice as well as those from the village of Flesherton as already stated in a former "Advance" article on the subject.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Remembrance Day Collection 1935	$ 22 25
Patriotic Fund	44 05
Mrs. C. E. McTavish	5 00
Audrey McTavish	5 00
Dan McTavish	5 00
Dorothy McTavish	5 00
Stewart McTavish	5 00
C. E. McTavish	5 00
H. A. McCauley	10 00
G. A. McTavish	10 00
F. H. W. Hickling	10 00
	$126 25

Subscriptions may be handed to G. A. McTavish, F. H. W. Hickling or the "Advance."

Hanover Editor Dies

George H. Mitchell, editor of The Hanover Post for 30 years, died at his home on Wednesday of last week, in his 55th year. In company with Editor McIntyre of Dundalk and Editor Colgan of Markdale, we attended the funeral at Hanover on Saturday, in company with many other newspaper representatives from the district The deceased had made The Post one of the best weekly newspapers of Ontario and his untimely passing is regretted by all.

HOW OBSTACLES SHRINK

The English Channel was too wide for Napoleon to cross. All he could do was to stand on the French coast and look through a telescope at the white cliffs of Dover.

To cross the Channel was a three-hour journey by sailing-ship with a good wind.

Then came the fast steamship that crossed in an hour.

To-day the areoplanes flash across in 10 or 12 minutes. The aeroplane pilots never speak of the "Channel." They call it the "ditch."

So, there are many obstacles in the business world that have shrunk since efficiency became known.

It is now possible, for instance, to create a nation-wide demand for a new product in one day, through the use of advertising.—Efficiency Magazine.

VISITING PARENTAL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McMaster and three children of Echo Place are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rot. McMaster. Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKeown and Mrs. Isaac McKeown of Toronto were week end visitors at the McMaster home.

It's great to see the blooming dandelions again—unless you own a lawn.

McLEAN—LOUGHEED

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lougheed, Singhampton, on Sat. May 23rd at 12 o'clock noon, when their eldest daughter, Jessie Ann, was united in marriage to John Brown, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McLean of Feversham, Rev. A. D. Lehman of the Mennonite Church officiated.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white flat crepe with corsage of pink roses and was attended by Miss Lillian Essland of Rob-Roy who wore pink and white crepe; Mr. Lawrence Lougheed attended the groom, while Miss Helen Lougheed played the wedding march. The room was tastefully decorated with pink and white streamers, the table was centred with a three story wedding cake. During the register signing, Mrs. (Rev) Lehman sang "O Perfect Love." A buffet luncheon was served by the Misses Mary and Pearl Monaghan and Helen Lougheed, and the happy couple left amid showers of confetti for a motor trip to Niagara and other points.

The bride travelled in a suit of grey rough Crepe with matching accessories. On their return they will reside at Feversham.

STEWART—SHERRICK

A pretty spring wedding took place on Saturday, May the sixteenth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ord E. Sherrick of Detroit, Michigan, when their only daughter, Helen, was united in marriage to Mark Snowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart of Flesherton, Ontario. The Reverend E. B. Stair officiated.

The house was tastefully decorated with lily of the valley and tulips.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was becomingly gowned in powder blue lace and wore a shoulder corsage of gardenias.

Miss Irene Stewart, sister of the groom was her only attendant and wore flowered chiffon with shoulder corsage of sweet peas and roses.

Mr. Everett Sherrick was groomsman.

At the reception which followed, the guests were received by the bride's mother wearing a gown of beige lace.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left by motor on their wedding trip. They will reside in Pontiac, Michigan.

MORTON—GORDON

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, May 23rd, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gordon, Eugenia, when their daughter, Hilda, became the bride of Albert Morton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Bushell, pastor of Eugenia United Church, before a number of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was attended by Miss Betty Paul of Lang, Sask., while Mr. Earl Gordon, brother of the bride, acted as groomsman.

The happy couple have the best wishes of a host of friends. They will reside at Novar, Ontario.

LONDRY—BOYCE

The marriage of Clara Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyce, 4th line ,Artemesia to Mr. Clarence Londry son of Mr. Ridgwich Londry of Osprey, took place at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. Wolstencroft officiating.

The bride's dress was of pink bridal satin with accessories to match. After the ceremony the party repared to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held for about thirty guests. The dining room was decorated in pink and white for the occasion. The young couple left amid showers of rice, confetti and good wishes, for a short honey-moon to Toronto.

Toronto's police department has been reduced by thirteen, proving that there are really times when that number is unlucky.

A 3 Act Play
"SAFETY FIRST"
will be held in the
Vandeleur School House
Wednesday, June 3rd, 1936
in aid of the community rink.
commencing at 8.15 p.m.
Admission: 25c

New Assessments In Grey County

The much-talked of report of the Special Committee of the Grey County Council, in connection with preparing an "equalized assessment" of the various towns and townships within the county, has at last been prepared and only awaits the pleasure of the County Council representatives who meet in Owen Sound the first week in June, as to whether the proposed plan is adopted or not. Under the new layout, Normanby again takes the lead with a proposed assessment of $2,005,000 a decrease of about $20,000 from that in effect in June 1935.

Both Artemesia and Osprey townships show a decrease, the former of $142,500 and the latter $147,500, while Flesherton's assessment has been raised $56,250, which necessitated an increase of property in the village to keep the rate at a proper level. Glenelg township shows a decrease, while Proton township has been recommended for a decrease of $390,000 in their assessment.

The table of figures is as follows:

Municipality	1935 sched. Per by-law 1935	Proposed As'sm'ts
Artemesia	$1,417,500	$1,275,000
Bentinck	1,470,000	1,500,000
Derby	1,125,000	1,195,000
Egremont	1,830,000	1,500,000
Collingwood	1,687,500	1,740,000
Euphrasia	1,687,500	1,725,000
St. Vincent	1,725,000	1,710,000
Glenelg	975,000	905,000
Holland	1,143,750	1,100,000
Keppel	1,012,500	1,250,000
Normanby	2,025,000	2,005,000
Osprey	1,387,500	1,240,000
Proton	1,650,000	1,260,000
Sarawak	236,500	300,000
Sullivan	1,800,000	1,680,000
Durham	405,000	515,000
Hanover	825,000	1,140,000
Meaford	750,000	940,000
Thornbury	217,500	300,000
Chatsworth	101,250	20,000
Dundalk	213,750	270,000
Flesherton	123,750	180,000
Markdale	251,250	295,000
Neustadt	127,500	165,000
Shallow Lake	75,000	40,000
Totals	$26,137,500	$26,110,000

Going to New Zealand

Mr. Wm. Wilson of East Windsor will leave about July 1st for New Zealand where he will assist in erecting necessary machinery for the manufacture of Ford cars. "Bill" will be accompanied by his family and will likely remain in New Zealand for a three year term. He will visit his home here the end of June, prior to his departure for the Orient.

Fire Damage Slight

A barn owned by Mr. O. W. Phillips at the rear of his residence had a close call from being destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, when fire from a pile of chips caught on a pile of straw and was burning merrily when discovered by Mrs. Phillips. A hurried call was made for help and a handy fire extinguisher and plenty of water soon had the blaze under control. Damage was done to the side of the barn which was charred from the flames. Due to the high wind at the time a few moments more might have caused considerable damage to outlying property.

It is quite evident that safety deposit boxes are not always what they are cracked up to be.

Late Mrs. S. E. Cudmore

The funeral of the late Mrs. S. E. Cudmore, who passed away at her home in Montreal, was held on Thursday, May 14th, Rev. C. A. Dickson, associate pastor of Erskine and American United Church, an old friend and neighbor, conducted the service at the D. A. Collins funeral chapel and cemetery, assisted by Rev. R. Bruce Hallett, assistant pastor of Wesley United church of which deceased was a member. Interment took place in beautiful Mount Royal Cemetery.

The principal mourners were her husband and four children: Helen 17, Marjorie 12, Douglas 10 and Donald 4, her mother, Mrs. W. A. Armstrong, sister Laura (Mrs. H. M. Hyland) and brother Wesley and wife of Toronto. The late Mrs. Cudmore was the elder daughter of late W. A. and Jennie Armstrong and was born in Flesherton January 3rd, 1893. She was united in marriage to S. E. Cudmore on September 18, 1918 taking up residence in Montreal for three years, when they returned to Flesherton and eventually back to Montreal in 1927. She was very attentive to her family and her passing will leave a sad void.

Among the beautiful floral tributes that adorned the casket were tokens of sympathy and affection from a host of friends, besides those from the Board of Directors of the Montreal Builders' Exchange anl the Daily Commercial News staff.

Evangelistic Services

Evangelistic services will be held in the Gospel Worker's Church at Feversham, commencing, Sunday, May 31. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., week night services, each night except Saturday night, at 8 o'clock p.m. Rev. E. J. Wilson of Kingston, Ont: will be the speaker. Come and enjoy the meetings.

BORN

MEGGITT—On Monday, May 25, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meggitt, a daughter.

Poor Haile Selassie may be King of Kings but that's about all now.

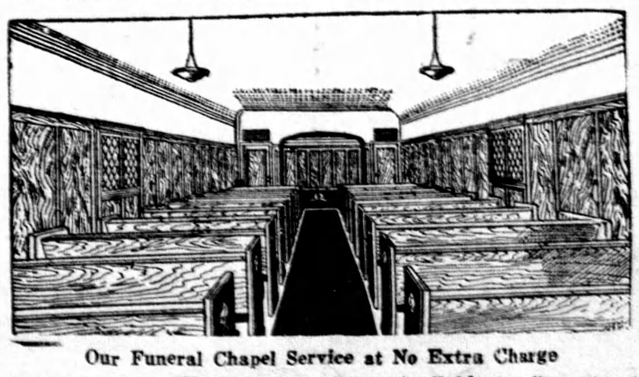
NOTICE

Plotholders Flesherton Cemetery

This year the Flesherton Cemetery Commission has commenced a system of perpetual upkeep for the care of the plots in the Flesherton cemetery. Each full plot is being assessed $2 per year, to be charged against each plot, for the maintenance of the cemetery and upkeep of the graves. Plotholders may pay to the secretary of the Commission $35 for each full plot and $20 for each half plot for the maintenance of their plot in perpetuity, otherwise the $2 charge will be imposed.

Plotholders are urged to pay their $2 assessment or the amount for perpetual maintence to the Secretary at once.

F. J. THURSTON
Secretery Flesnerton Cemetery Commission.



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