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Changing of Guard at Buckingham Palace

(By Sam McDonald)

Buckingham Palace, built by the Duke of Buckingham, is the official residence of their majesties. The grounds and lake cover forty acres. The changing of the guard takes place daily at 10.30 when the king is in residence, which is indicated by the Royal Standard flying from the palace.

Facing here is the Mall, along which the coronation procession passed. The trees bore many marks of last year's celebration. Not an acorn could I find from one of the royal oaks. They had been gathered to be planted or sold.

London Only Square Mile

The actual city of London is little more than a mile square but it is said to be the richest square mile in the world. To this day it maintains many of the old traditions; even yet the King must receive permission from the city fathers before crossing its boundaries. Most of the city was destroyed by fire in 1666 and a huge monument, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, marks the place where it started.

In London we saw such famous buildings as the head office of the Royal Exchange, Bank of England, Lloyds, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

The Tower of London

The Tower of London is on the Thames River and is surrounded by a moat. It has been in its time a Royal palace, fortress and a state prison. It seems best designed to serve the last purpose, as the walls in some places are from 11 to 13 feet thick. We were shown the place where, in the reign of Charles II, some children's bones were found; the remains of the two Royal Princes whom I have mentioned. A chained enclosure marks the place where the scaffold stood. Lord Hastings, Queen Anne Boleyn, Queen Katherine, Howard and Lady Jane Grey are known to have been executed here.

The Crown Jewels

Our tickets permitted us to see the crown jewels, which included the various sceptres and crowns used by British Sovereigns. They are exhibited in a huge glass case and the room is carefully guarded.

St. Paul's Cathedral, like Westminster Abbey, enshrines many monuments to Royal and military men, statesmen and writers. I was greatly impressed by its great size. In the dome, 260 steps from the floor, is the whispering gallery, which derives its name from the fact that even a slight whisper can be heard there.

Madame Tussaud's Wax Works

I had often read of Madame Tussaud's wax works, so I made it a point to see them. The building is divided into different sections, where the leading personages of many walks of life are presented in lifelike figures of wax. So realistic are they that I was not sure, in many cases, whether they were real or not.

Entering the hall of famous statesmen and writers I saw a policeman at the door. Of course I thought he was a real officer on duty, only to find he was of wax.

I looked in the hall and decided there must be some mistake as, there is the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, presiding over a Cabinet meeting. On the throne, nearby, are the King and Queen, surrounded by

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High School Notes

Last Friday night Flesherton High School boys and girls journeyed to Durham on an invitation to play hockey there. Both teams won, the boys by a 10-8 score and the girls by 2-1. This is gratifying owing to the opinion among the local girls and boys that the Durham teams were superior to us in hockey.

On the first face off in the girls' game Dorothy Patton that flashy centre made a brilliant play. On securing the puck she carried past the defence and beat McDonald cleanly to put us in the lead which was encouraging. Durham came back strong and in about five minutes Eileen Wanamaker tied it up when she scored from a scramble in front of the net. A short time later Dot Welton scored to again give Flesherton the lead which they held throughout the game. In the second and third periods the Durham girls pressed hard but the good twine-tending by B. Leavell kept them off the score sheet. Flesherton girls have been successful in every game this season and much credit is due Miss McLean who is doing a fine job as coach.

The boys' game followed and although much faster was no more thrilling to watch. Flesherton was leading by 4-2 at the end of the first period and by 9-4 at the end of the second. Durham came from behind to score four fast goals when Piper was injured but after a short rest he was going strong. Smith and Jamieson drew penalties in the last period and the game ended with the locals on top. After the game the players were invited to the school where an appetizing lunch was served by the Durhamites. Our next game will be on Tuesday, March 15 when our old rivals from Dundalk will visit us to see who has the better teams. Dundalk boys have won twice from Flesherton in two starts and the girls from the same school are anxious to keep up the good standard of the boys, by defeating our girls' team, but can they do it? Be on hand to see.

DURHAM; Goal, Helen McDonald; defence, Marj. Middleton, Kay Wallace; centre, Betty McIntyre; wings, Jean McGirr, Grace Vollett; alternates June Elvidge, Eileeen Wanamaker, Helen Acheson.

F. H. S. Goal, Bernice Leavell; defence, Thelma Miller, E. Leavell; centre Dorothy Patton; wings, Kay Bannon, Anna McVicar; alternates, Winnifred McConkey, Dot. Welton and Ruth Turney.

D. H. S. Goal, Noble; defence, Beaton, Wanamaker; centre, Whitmore; wings, Jamieson, McGirr; alternates, Schank, Seymour, and McDonnell.

F. H. S. Goal, Henry; defence, McTavish, Smith; centre, D. Morgan; wings, Piper, Archibald; alternates, Leavell, McCracken and Graham.

On Friday morning there was displayed in our auditorium, a grand exhibit of art loaned by the Ontario College of Art at Toronto. This display was very interesting and inspiring to all the students. In the afternoon we were shown some interesting slides of the Province of Quebec which were loaned to F.H.S. by the publicity department of the C. N. R. and procured by the teachers. These slides showed the life, industry and countryside of Quebec.

Au revoir
Tom Aldcorn, Editor.

It is said that many members of parliament are tired of the amount of useless talk going on. That makes it almost unanimous.

Old Age Pensions Act Given Airing

(By Miss A. C. Macphail, M. P.)

The whole subject of old age pensions was given a thorough airing in a debate on Mr. Heaps' motion:

"That this House would welcome a government declaration of policy lowering of the pensionable age limit of 70 years."

Many interesting facts were brought out. In no country has the old age pension, once enacted, ever been repealed, and in many the age is sixty-five: South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Belgium and in twelve of the United States. In Ontario 53.50% of the people over 70 years of age are receiving old age pensions, in British Columbia 42.81% and in New Brunswick 61.23%. Although Quebec only provided for old age pensions in 1936, already 41.16% of those eligible are receiving pensions.

Mr. Dunning, Finance Minister, under whose Department comes the responsibility of paying 75% of the total cost of old age pensions to the Provinces, said that neither the shortcomings nor the abuses of the system should deter Parliament from considering forward steps in connection with social legislation of such importance. He did not, however, agree that the age limit should be lowered at this time. He pointed out the difficulty of keeping the administration uniform over all Canada, when it involves dealing with nine separate governments.

"I am convinced," said Mr. Dunning, "that we cannot have a maximum of efficiency and fairness in the administration of the old age pensions scheme administered as this one is, by each of the nine Provinces operating within the scope of its own sole jurisdiction, and the Dominion government putting up 75% of the money with the right to audit, but with no right to interfere with the manner in which the Province is administering its own law."

Speaking of the future, the Finance Minister said that we should look forward toward a national scheme of old age pensions, paid for and administered by the federal government, and that when we lower the age limit below 70 years the contributory feature should enter. To use his own words: "I am one who believes that there is no limit to what can be worked out in the direction of lowering the age limit, provided we had a national scheme, nationally administered and provided that the period below 70 years was made definitely contributory."

It is estimated that in the coming fiscal year, beginning April 1st, 177,000 people will be receiving old age pensions, at a cost to the Dominion of 30,000,000. To this sum would be added the 25% of the cost borne by the Province.

I urged that totally incapacitated persons were as much in need of pensions as the blind, who will, when enabling legislation is passed by the Provinces, come under the terms of the Act at 40 years. Persons totally incapacitated are denied the happiness of normal life and often suffer excruciating pain over long years and ought not as well to be worried by economic difficulties. I further suggested that the money to care for them might well come from rich people who flit to the Bahamas to avoid income and inheritance taxes.

Even the most calm and judicious of Cabinet ministers err at times.

Mr. Howe, Minister of Transport, respected by the whole House, in talking of airports, when his estimates were going through, inadvertently called some airport other than that at Toronto, the finest on the North American continent; well, approximately that, and brought down on his head a storm of Toronto protestations. The time was when only Tommy Church flew to the defence of his city every time there was a hint of criticism, but now he is strongly reinforced.

The one rift comes from Gordon Graydon, who represents Peel. When he hears Toronto claiming perfection, he immediately thinks of Peel (the banner County in Canada) and straightway tells the House of its excellence. It appears that the best airport is in Peel County, to say nothing of cut flowers. The Toronto members have nothing against that airport, except its uncomfortable distance from Toronto. Nor has Mr. Graydon anything against Toronto except its distance from Peel County.

Regulating Truck Loads Proposed

Warden Howard McCauley of Grey, Reeve of Flesherton, suggested to the annual convention of Ontario Good Roads Association that regulations should be established setting a weight limit on loads for trucks operating on the various types of roads.

"There is no reason for local taxpayers being taxed heavily to maintain bridges and culverts for the benefit of a few truckers who carry overloads," Warden McCauley said.

"We should ask the Department of Highways to conduct a survey and questionaire from which the proper regulations could be drawn up. County patrolmen should then be appointed with the authority of a traffic officer to enforce these regulations."

If this doesn't make sense, neither did the debate.

Practically two days were spent in discussing the burden of unemployment on property owners and, in connection with that, the impossibility of expecting housing projects to take up the slack of unemployment. Member after member pointed out that there is no incentive to own property and improve it under present conditions. Seventy-five per cent of the real estate in Toronto is not worth the mortgages on it, Mr. Factor said. They argued, too, that unemployment was not a municipal matter, that they couldn't afford the present terrific costs of relief, that the Federal government should assume all relief costs.

In reply, the Labor Minister, Norman McLeod Rogers, said that if the Dominion treasury assumed full responsibility for unemployment it would mean an outlay of $100,000,000 a year and would require an increase in income and sales tax.

Mr. Wordsworth sounded a very serious note. He said that for years he had been saying that direct relief should be regarded as a federal responsibility and that constitutional reform was necessary in order to put the responsibility where it belongs. "In the meantime, the people are suffering. Why should we let another Parliament pass without taking some action? Why should we not in this very Parliament . . . claim the right to amend the British North America Act as we see fit?

The discouragement which many members are feeling was well expressed by Mr. Woodsworth:

"This year, Mr. Speaker, I think more than in any other year I have been in Parliament, I have been almost obsessed with a sense of futility of the whole business, with a sense of frustration. I look around this House and recognize the faces of a great many people I have come to know during the years I have been here. They are splendid men, men who are kind, thoughtful and ordinarily intelligent. And yet this problem has been with us year after year. We have had it, in acute form, for nearly ten years. What are we doing about it We are putting it off from month to month and from year to year. I require all the courage I can summon to get to my feet on the floor of the House this year. I would not say it is not worth while to talk to seventy people; but what is going to be accomplished by talk? One can put forward the best arguments of which he is capable; one can enter upon the record large masses of statistics, but what do they avail?"

Because of the week-end Conservative conference, the week's debate was brought to an early close at six o'clock on Friday, with the Department of Transport estimates still under review.

Radio "interference" received special attention. The Hon. Mr. Howe stated that his Department has almost unlimited power to deal with tangible causes of radio difficulties, but he blamed sun spots for most of the current interference. He explained that there is an eleven-year cycle of sun spots and that this year is the worst in the cycle, though last year was bad. "The consoling thought," he said, "is that next year we shall advance towards an improvement," so far as sun spots are concerned.

—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

OTTAWA,
February 5, 1938.

It has been said that no one ever accomplishes anything by sitting down on the job. What about the hen that lays an egg?

Sheep Slaughtering

St. Vincent Council has taken action to have dogs found killing or worrying sheep in the township killed. They are offering $10. to the sharpshooter who shoots a dog found bothering sheep. One farmer last week had over a dozen sheep killed by dogs and Council ordered payment of $136. Reeve John Kingston says it costs St. Vincent several hundred dollars every year for sheep killed, which they are compelled to pay.

Shelburne Takes Series

On Monday evening at Markdale Shelburne proved themselves the better team when they defeated their heavier Dundalk opponents and thus win the northern half of the Centre Grey League. Shelburne now meets the winners of the Erin-Hillsburg group for the League title.

The arena was filled to capacity for this third and last game of the finals. The score was 5-4 and Saunders was outstanding for his team when he scored all his team's goals. Shelburne were never behind and twice they enjoyed a two-goal lead. The game went into overtime when at the end of schedule time the score was deadlocked 3 all. Shelburne scored two pretty goals but at the last minute Dundalk cut their margin to one goal but were unable to tie the score and they were obliged to watch the cup slip into Shelburne's hands.

Variable Weather

During the week we have had almost all kinds of weather. Thursday the thermometer reached 19 degrees below zero, a new low for this winter, while at the Power House the reading was 23 below and at Ceylon 21. Bright sunshine was enjoyed part of the time and for the remainder there was dull weather with an occasional thaw and plenty of snow, at times assuming the proportions of a blizzard. If March did not come in like a lion, it has made up for it since. Tuesday morning the sun shone brightly, with the air crisp and cool, but by 2 o'clock snow was falling heavily propelled by a strong wind. We have had more snow so far in March than during the whole month of February.

Her 84th Birthday

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Selina J. McKee on the observance of her 84th birthday on March 1st, at the home of her son, Mr. Jos. E. McKee, west backline. Mrs. McKee is enjoying good health at present and her years lie lightly on her shoulders.

DANCE AT EUGENIA

A Dance will be held at Eugenia on Friday, March 11th, under the auspices of L.O.L. 1118. Ddmission: 25 cts., ladies with lunch free.

Many Attend Funeral Of Late Bert Graham

(By our Eugenia corr.)

The funeral of the late Mr. Bert Graham was held from Flesherton United Church on Friday afternoon, February 25. The church was filled to capacity with sympathizing friends. The late Mr. Graham, who was 55 years of age was a bricklayer and was widely known. He had almost completed the renovation of the Graham chopping and saw mill in the village which he intended to have in operation in the spring. His untimely death which was caused by injuries received in a car accident was a great shock to the community. The deceased was a man of quiet disposition and was highly respected by everyone, and will be greatly missed in the village.

His pastor, Rev. Mr. Elliott, conducted the funeral service which was opened with the verse, "I am the resurrection etc." Rev. Mr. Service assisted and read various scripture passages. The hymn, "The sands of life are sinking" was sung. Rev. Mr. Elliott delivered an impressive message from the text and spoke comforting words to the bereaved.

Many beautifel floral offerings expressing love and sympathy surrounded the casket. These were. a pillow from his wife and family; wreaths and sprays fromMr. and Mrs. J. Stuart and family, Meaford; The Hammond family, Toronto; Mrs. M. McMullen and Miss Millie; The Ellis family, Orangeville; Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, Toronto; Eugenia friends and neighbours; Eugenia public school pupils and teacher; Flesherton High School students and staff; Masonic Lodge; and Wallace Graham and family.

The deceased was a member of Prince Arthur Lodge, Flesherton, which conducted their beautiful masonic service at the grave. Interment was made in Flesherton mortuary chapel. The pallbearers were Messrs. G. Magee, J. Porteous, A. Cameron, W. Walker, W. Gordon and S. Campbell.

Those left to mourn are his grief-stricken wife, son Frank and daughter Ruth; his sister Ruby, (Mrs. T. Hoggard), Clarksburg; and brothers Fred of Walkerton, Edgar of U.S.A. and Ed. of Clarksburg, but who is in Orangeville hospital at present. To the family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Even death has a wonderful mission.
Though it robs us of one we love,
It lifts our hearts from our surroundings
To long for that meeting above.
No matter how great the dispair
Heaven seems nearer and dearer
To know that our loved one is there.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness of our friends and neighbors and for the expressions of sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother.

—Robt. Fisher and Family.

We know a funny story about a chicken, but won't pullet now.

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