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W.M.S. Meeting

The Auxiliary of the W.M.S. met in St. John's Church on March 24 with Mrs. W. Moore in the chair. After announcing the theme, "The World Wide Church" and the call to worship hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" was sung. The Scripture was read from Acts 2 and Mrs. Cargoe led in prayer. Mrs. Armstrong read "The church in my life" and Mrs. W. Moore read from "A new church faces a new day." The first missionary to go to Africa from the Congregational Church in Canada was Rev. Walter Currie who went in 1886. Miss Macmillan took the chair. After the reading and signing of the minutes of the last meeting the following heralds reported, Mrs. O. Phillips, India; Mrs. McFadden, China; Mrs. W. Thurston, Korea; Mrs. Armstrong, Africa; and Mrs. J. A. Heard, Temperance.

Arrangements were made for the Easter Thankoffering meeting to be held on April 21st. The committee reported having purchased a book according to which they are giving a missionary drama. The following are on the lunch committee, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. McDonald, and Mrs. J. S. Macmillan. It was moved by Mrs. Thurston and seconded by Mrs. Armstrong that the corresponding secretary be instructed to send for 24 programs for the Easter meeting. Mrs. Mitchell's group will have charge of the May meeting. After the collection was taken, envelopes distributed, and a hymn sung Mrs. Thurston closed the meeting with prayer.

Visiting In The East

We had a pleasant visit on Monday from Mr. and Mrs. George J. Russell of Pendleton, Oregon, who arrived here recently to spend two or three months visiting relatives and old friends in this district. Mr. and Mrs. Russell motored east and made the 2300 miles from Boicly, Oregon, in six days of easy travelling with no unpleasant accidents to mar the trip. When they left for the east the farmers had finished their spring seeding and prospects were good for a splendid crop. It will be a couple of months before the farmers here will have finished seeding, so it can be seen how much farther ahead the farmers are in that district than the farmers in Southern Ontario which is considerably further south in latitude.

IN MEMORIAM

DOWN — In loving memory of Henry Down who passed on to his heavenly home on March 29th, 1935.

Fondly and sadly missed by
Wife and family.

John 3-16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."

IN MEMORIAM

MONAGHAN — In loving memory of Chris. Monaghan who passed away April 6, 1937.

Sweet is your memory dear to our hearts,
The place that you held there will never depart;
All through the years, be they many or few,
Will be years of loving remembrance of you.

Remembered by wife and children.

Young People's Union Present "Lena Rivers"

The play "Lena Rivers" presented by St. John's United Church Y.P.U. on Friday night last was well attended by the townsfolk and many from the surrounding district. It was a play packed full of excitement, at times greeted by peals of laughter and times when the more pathetic parts tended to touch the peoples' hearts. The characters were unusually well taken, the talent having been well selected to fit the various parts. The play flowed smoothly along without the usual amount of prompting so frequently in evidence in such amateur plays. The cast of characters was: Lena Rivers, Miss Marion Miller; Grannie Nichols, Miss Betty McLean; John Nichols Livingstone, Grannie's son, Bob Phillips; Caroline Livingstone, his daughter, Miss Ruby Akitt; John Jr. his son, Emory Fisher; Henry Graham, Ernie Hutton; Mrs. Graham, Miss Melrose Campbell; Durward Belmont, Mrs. Graham's son, Bert Broderick; Nancy Skovandyke, Miss Ethel Irwin; Joel Slocum, her nephew, Fred Gorrel; and Uncle Billy, colored servant, Alex Hopkins. Although all the players deserve much credit none deserves more than Miss Alice Armstrong who had the hard and wearisome task of directing the play. The assistance of Miss Laura Pallett and Ted Dixon was also highly appreciated. The hall was filled with an appreciative and interested audience. Rev. Mr. Service acted as chairman and introduced the play. The proceeds amounted to $52.00 which was considered as very satisfactory. It is the intention of the Y.P.U. to present the play in the neighboring towns in the near future.

New S.S. Magazine

Plans have been laid for the production of a 32-page Sunday School Magazine, to be issued quarterly, beginning in October of this year, announced Rev. C. H. Dickinson, Book Steward, United Church Publishing House, recently. The purpose of the new publication is to serve Sunday School superintendents, secretaries, treasurers, leaders of music and teachers of both uniform and graded classes. Graded worship materials will be provided, together with information concerning methods of teaching and organizing. News of successful projects, plans for missionary and temperance education, and inspirational educational articles will be carried. This new publication is being launched in response to repeated requests for a Sunday School magazine meeting the needs of workers in every department, Mr. Dickinson stated.

Dr. J. E. Cochrane Will Be At United Church Sunday

Next Sunday Rev. Dr. J. E. Cochrane, superintendent of missions for Northern Ontario and a personal friend of Rev. and Mrs. Service will occupy the pulpit in St. John's United Church this coming Sunday both morning and night.

Dr. Cochrane is an interesting speaker and draws his material from a great fund of practical knowledge. No Protestant minister knows the north country with all its developments, problems and opportunities as does Dr. Cochrane. Do not miss hearing him next Sunday.

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United States Does Not Want Short Hydro Contract

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

So we don't export power after all, Mr. Hepburn's dare to the contrary! You will remember, Mr. Hepburn dared any Ontario member to vote against his application for the export. And now none need vote for it. It is amusing. But, in these disturbing and conflicting days, we need a little amusement.

At leats we are saved the humiliation of seeing a provincially owned hydro electric enterprise become the sales agent for the "power barons" of Quebec.

The Secretary of State of the United States, Cordell Hull, stated the case against transference of power from one nation to another in a state paper to the government of Canada; which, by the way, is the federal government. "It is well known," Mr. Hull said, "that successive governments in Canada have traditionally been reluctant to permit the long term erportation of power to the United States. The principal reasons underlying this policy were concisely stated in a letter recently made public from the Prime Minister of Ontario to the Minister of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa." (Mr. Hull was referring to Mr. Hepburn's formal application for a license to permit export on January 21st, 1938, received in the office of the Minister of Trade and Commerce on the afternoon of January 25th, in which he argued the question for and against.)

Mr. Hull continued: "The objections as therein stated were as follows:

1. That the exportation of power results in the establishment in the United States of dependent communities or industries.
2. That irrespective of the terms of the agreement under which export delivery is made the commitments become irrevocable; that is, the deliveries cannot be suspended or terminated at any later date without giving rise to international complications and being regarded as an unfriendly act.
3. That export of power enables industries which otherwise would establish themselves or branches thereof in Canada to handle their Canadian business from factories located in the United States."

Then, speaking for himself and his country, Mr. Hull stated: "It must be clear to all who have given thought to the problem that those reasons which have in the past made the exportation of power undesirable from the point of view of Canada have made the importation of power undesirable from the point of view of the United States. . . . In the circumstances, the government of the United States believes it would be failing to discharge its proper obligations if it were to give consent to the importation of hydro electric power, even on a temporary basis, without simultaneously providing an equally economical domestic supply to be available when the imported power was withdrawn."

An onslaught was made by Mr. Slaght, M.P., the Hepburn lieutenant whose job it was to introduce the private Bill asking for the exporting license, had the statement by the United States not forestalled it. But, apparently, Mr. Slaght had the speech ready and didn't intend to waste it. It was a well delivered, vicious attack on all who would dare to oppose the exportation of power. He charged the opposition with forming a cabal with the Conservative members in the legislature against the Ontario government. His speech aroused resentment in all parts of the House.

Who can say that Mr. King hasn't a guardian angel? Here he was in a tight corner. His party divided on the question. His own position not stated. The wrath of the Premier of the Province imminent. When, suddenly, the problem is dissolved by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull.

Well, perhaps we had better leave the power question for the moment. Using the words of Mr. Lapointe, Minister of Justice: "All's well that ends well."

The Railway Question

An impromptu debate on the railway question occurred, when Mr. Heaps protested against the cutting down of the days per week in the Canadian National shops or, alternatively, laying off a number of the junior employees, giving preference to seniority. Members argued that, if laid off, the country would have to keep them on relief and that it was better to have as much of our railway equipment as possible made in our shops, even going so far as to anticipate future needs.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Howe, said that there was a "terrific drive" on to bring about unification and he thought that we were doing a disservice by having the subject talked of in the House. The strongest argument in favor of unification of the roads, he said, is the contention that it is impossible for the government to own a railroad and have it operated without political interference. He feared the debate would be taken as political interference.

Mr. Woodsworth urged that the profits of the bondholders be cut rather than the working hours or the jobs of the men in the shops. And, oddly enough, Mr. Deachman seemed concerned over the cut in the "wages of money." He thinks, apparently, that the bondholders have suffered a greater reduction than the workers, and that a raise in wages is passed on to the farmers in the form of increased charge against moving goods.

In reply to Mr. Deachman's contention, I said that farmers tend too much to think that an increase in the laborers' wages means a loss to them, while actually the wages received by the workers are used in a large part to purchase the eggs, butter, wool, beefsteak, etc., which the farmer has to sell. While, on the other hand, most bondholders already have enough money to buy all of these things which they require. Thus the fairly even spread of purchasing power is the best thing that can happen agriculture.

Canada's Defence Policy

The defence estimates have been the occasion for a general debate on Canadian foreign policy, still in progress. The amount to be spent this year, as brought down in the estimates, is $34,000,000, with emphasis, particularly, on the air force. The Hon. Ian Mackenie, Minister of National Defence, made a lengthy, eloquent and not too clear speech, in introducing the debate. He claimed that Canada's defence policy was three-fold.

"First to support a peace time diplomacy; in the second place to provide a deterrent to aggressive nations and in the third place, in case of hostilities, to be used after the methods of diplomacy have failed."—Whatever that means.

And, in another place in his speech, he said we were building a Canadian defence policy, first for the preservation of Canadian neutrality and second for the defence of Canadian coastline, ports, and terminals and the "defence of the focal areas of our trade routes in case of necessity."

Mr. Mackenzie, again and again, assured the House that Canada did not contemplate sending an army abroad but was preparing only for the defence of our own shores. "In my judgment," he said in concluding, "Canada is definitely opposed to extraneous commitments of any kind and to any type of extraneous entanglements, but public opinion in Canada today is in favor of a national policy composed of reasonable measures for the defence of Canada."

But by far the best speech on Canada's foreign policy was made by Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. member for Vancouver North. He contended that when Great Britain is at war Canada is at war unless we take definite steps to establish our autonomy in external matters. It was contrary to our conception of democracy, he said, that foreign policy should be evolved in one of the seven parliaments of the British commonwealth which was binding on them all. And decisions of peace and war were made in London, the Parliament at Ottawa having nothing to do with it. Such a condition, he said, was repugnant to many Canadians.

Mr. MacNeil said: "We want complete frankness in this matter." He was not speaking of an anti-British policy. He was proud of having been born in Canada, of being a British subject and of having served in the Great War. "But this matter cannot be settled in any mawkish sentiment, but only on the basis of national interest." It would be "sheer nonsense" for Canada to send an expeditionary force overseas in the next war. It would wreck the defences of this country and invite reprisals. And yet, he proved, the machinery we are building is a mobile one for overseas activities.

I will not deal with my speech on the subject at this time.

Birthday Celebration

I had the pleasure of having my sister, Mrs. W. M. Reany, and niece, Jean Reany, of Southampton visit me for a few days. From Jean's twelve-year-old point of view Parliament was very dull, but she found the birthday parties and gifts interesting, especially the birthday party, its cake with my name in frosting, seventeen candles for my years in Parliament. (How diplomatic!) and the "sheiks" who sang, in costume, "Happy birthday to you." Jean enjoyed the great variety of "eats," and then slept like a top. Oh, to be twelve years old! The flowers are still beautiful; but nothing is more appreciated than the kind and affectionate letters from my friends in Grey-Bruce.

—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

Ottawa, Saturday, March 26, 1938.

License Ready For A Local Creamery

A license has been issued by the government for a creamery in Flesherton, and the license has been offered to Messrs. Borinsky and Rapp of the Markdale and Dundalk creameries. These gentlemen have been investigating conditions and are inclined to look favorably on it. Both men have been examining the three-storey building owned by Mrs. J. A. Heard, formerly used as a wagon and blacksmith shop, on which they have secured an option. The idea is to renovate the building and make of it a pasteurization plant where the milk can be pasteurized for both the Markdale and Dundalk plants. There has also been some talk of adding a turnip-waxing plant which is a comparatively new industry in Canada. The gentlemen interested are owners of a lot on Collingwood street and last year drew gravel to build a creamery, but this has been held up and if the Heard property is acquired it will probably not be necessary to build. The whole question is now under discussion and will not be settled for a few days. However, if Messrs. Rapp and Borinsky do not care to take up their license it will no doubt be offered to someone else. The village is pretty sure to have its creamery this spring, and The Advance would certainly welcome Messrs. Borinsky and Rapp as owners of the plant. Both are enterprising business men and good citizens.

Former Residents Of Grey Meet At Detroit

Former residents of Grey County, Ontario, and adjoining communities are holding an informal dancing party at McCollester Hall, corner of Cass and Forest Avenues, Detroit, on Tuesday evening, April 19, 1938.

Come and renew old acquaintances; meet new friends and enjoy a pleasant evening. Good music—entertainment—refreshments. Admission 50 cents.

Grey County ex-residents in Detroit should send names of those to whom you wish invitations sent to H. C. Lamb, 808 Murphy Building, Highand Park, Michigan.

Officers of Flesherton Old Boys Association

Flesherton Old Boys and Girls Association held their annual meeting at the Victoria Hotel on Monday evening March 28th, and elected the following officers:

President—John Latimer.
1st Vice Pres.—J. A. LeGard.
2nd Vice Pres.—R. Maddocks.
Secretary—Burton E. Field.
Treasurer—Dr. F. W. Murray.
Executive Com. — Mrs. E. Phillips, Miss Dell Thurston, Mrs. R. Maddocks A. C. LeGard, R. Cornfield, R. Blackburn, Fred LeGard, Mrs. A. Houden, Mrs. O. Clipperton, Alex. M. Gibson, W. B. Petch, Chas. Crossley, Roy McCauley, W. H. Allen.

The motion pictures presented at the close of the business meeting by the Canadian General Electric Co. were thoroughly enjoyed by the members present. The undersigned will, health and weather permitting, be in Flesherton on Saturday next, to discuss with the Flesherton committee, plans to have the Toronto Association put on an entertainment of some sort in the near future in Flesherton, in appreciation of the support received from Flesherton in the matter of attendance at the various functions held in Toronto.

—Burton E. Field, Secty.

BACK AT WORK

This week the junior editor returns to duty after his enforced absence undergoing an operation in Owen Sound hospital and recuperating from its effects. We wish to thank the organization that sent us flowers while in the hospital, for the pleasant calls our friends gave us while at our home and for the kind enquiries made as to our health. We also wish especially to publicly express our appreciation to Editor A. E. Colgan and his son, Jack, of the Markdale Standard who ably assisted in the publication of The Advance for the past two issues for which we are very grateful.

Feversham Man of Nature Takes An Impromptu Dip

(By Feversham Correspondent)

The Collingwood resident who calls himself the "Man of Nature" may have a rival in this village, only that the Collingwood gentleman took the cold water plunge on purpose and minus clothing but our young man did not bother to remove his clothes. His dipping was not premeditated, but was forced on him when the railing on Wellington street east bridge, on which he was leaning, suddenly gave way and Murray took a header into a few feet of cold water, where there is a strong current at the present high water mark. Mr. H. Sammons saw the accident and rushed to give assistance, but Murray is a good swimmer and reached the bank without aid. He gave himself a shake and rushed for home and dry clothing and is none the worse for his impromptu swim.

March is on the march.

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