News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

THE LAST SESSION: Eyes focus on Ottawa this week as the 1939 session of Parliament opens. It may be the last session before the next general election — and important things are happening in Canada. There are sure to be fireworks in the House when the Dominion's attitude toward the Empire during the Czecho-slovak crisis comes up for discussion; and when C.C.F. members start asking questions of the government. Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion will appear for the first time as Conservative leader. The session may have to adjourn, if work is not completed in time, to make way for the Royal visit in May.

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SOCIETY NOTE: From a Canadian Press dispatch we learn that an Ottawa debutante can be launched for a top cost of about $1,500 compared with the $50,000 spent on some New York debbies' coming-out parties. And you can't tell us that the New York girls have $48,500 worth more fun! On the contrary. This year Canadian debs may even be presented to royalty, a privilege that their American cousins can't buy.

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EUROPE, 1939: One British official in London this week looking forward to another critical year in international politics said: "If we can get through 1939 without war, I think the danger will be over for several years."

Right you are, sir. The whole thing in a nutshell. But how to get through 1939, that is the question, without a major war breaking out in Europe.

There are two ways to stop a war (brewed by Hitler, Mussolini). One way is to give them all they ask for and let them go ahead (that's been the method followed to date). The other is for the "have" countries (Great Britain, France, the U.S., etc.) who hold the money-bags to refuse financial aid to Germany, Italy. We know the regimes of Hitler and Mussolini are perennially near collapse. A little less support from the democracies would cause them to topple over.

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THE YEAR JUST PAST: Interest taken by Canadians in Canadian politics rose to its peak in 1938 with the international crisis, fell with the approach of Christmas and the New Year festive season. Now we're looking about us again to see what is happening in the Dominion.

It's worthwhile, however, to check up what has gone before. During the year just past, the chief interest on the Canadian political front was furnished by activity in the Conservative Party (retirement of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, choice of his successor, selection of a new Conservative leader in Ontario); the controversy between Prime Minister King and Ontario's Mitchell F. Hepburn came to a head at year's end; the visit of President Roosevelt to Canada during the summer was a milestone in the history of Canadian - American relations ("the United States will not stand idly by"); during 1938 Canada decided to go in for defense (army, navy, air) in a bigger way; the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations completed its investigations, early in the spring to make its report.

In the foregoing events of the past year are contained the seeds of political happenings, trends in Canada during 1939.

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THE WEEK'S QUESTION: Why is Poland important at the present moment? Answer: German ambitions to penetrate the Ukraine—repeated of late in Nazi newspapers—would have a grave effect on Poland, which includes 3,000,000 Ukrainians in the region adjoining the Soviet Ukraine. Poland is beginning to believe that co-operation with Russia is the best safeguard of her interests, and is turning a cold shoulder on Germany (who needs Poland's aid if further expansion eastward is to be made). Last week Poland and Russia signed a trade treaty which is expected to multiply thirty-fold the trade between the two nations.

Bottled History

Workmen engaged in excavations for a new building in South Melbourne came across a bottle of Dublin stout, believed to be eighty years old. How it got there is a mystery. The River Yarra once flowed over the area. Its historical value is greater if left unopened.

The British territorial army will make its anti-aircraft units 90,000 strong within a year.

Because no wolves are known to exist in South Africa, the game authorities are investigating reports that the animals have appeared in the Nambi Desert.

Ontario's "Main Street" Looked Like This

Scores of Ontario towns were completely isolated following the worst blizzard to hit the province in recent years. Hundreds of citizens began digging themselves out from under the blanket of snow which, driven by heavy gales formed drifts similar to these in the main street of Orangeville. In isolated sections of the province highways were impassable and train service disrupted.

More Canadians Use Electricity

It Plays An Important Part in Our Home Life — Towns and Cities Enjoy Most Benefit

Low-cost electricity, developed principally from abundant water-power, plays an important part in Canadian home life. Apart from bringing relief and convenience to the housewife, this widespread and substantial use of electricity has created a large and comparatively stable market for electrical power and appliances which is of marked benefit to producer and consumer alike. The domestic service consumption or the electricity used in residences in Canada has increased steadily, even during the worst years of the depression.

Our Water-Power Resources

This general use of electricity is not confined to urban areas, as electric transmission lines now range far and wide bringing current to the farms of rural districts where water pumps, feed choppers, cream separators, and other such machinery is electrically operated.

Electric power is cheaper in some parts of Canada than elsewhere in North America, as the Dominion is richly endowed with water-power resources which supply about 98 per cent. of the electrical energy produced.

Less Music Being Played on Radio

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Test Shows 45.12 Per Cent. of Programs Are of Other Types

Time devoted to broadcasting music is diminshing, and "popular" music is also giving way before the classical productions, Brooke Claxton, Montreal lawyer and counsel for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, told the Copyright Appeal Board at Ottawa last week.

A test undertaken during the first week of November by the eight stations of the CGC showed that of the total broadcasting time 55.88 per cent. was devoted to music. This represented 7,425 hours out of a 13.7 hour broadcasting day.

Holland's partial mobilization in the recent war crisis cost $55,000,000.

A London expert estimates that there are more than 32,000 different coins in the world.

Start Northern Highways Soon

Construction Projects To Be Carried Out With Aid of Dominion and Provincial Governments

A tenth of the $2,000,00 recently appropriated by the Dominion and Ontario Governments for highway construction in Northern Ontario will be spent in the Sudbury area, James M. Cooper, Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature for Sudbury, says

Cooper paid a visit last month to Toronto, where a tentative list of the projects was discussed by officials of the Ontario Department of Highways. He said most of the money would be spent on the section of the Trans-Canada highway between Sudbury and Hagar, about 20 miles east of Sudbury.

Conserving The Trumpeter Swan

Canada Maintains A Special Winter Garden Service for the Protection of North America's Largest Waterfowl

OTTAWA. — Canada maintains a special winter garden service for the protection of the trumpeter swan, the largest waterfowl in North America. Sometimes, when the wintering grounds are frozen over, the duties of these officers include the feeding of the swans. To prevent the starvation of the birds in severe weather, it is necessary to supply them with barley or other grain, and at one wintering ground in British Columbia a supply of grain is taken in by pack-horse from the nearest settlement, a distance of seventy-five miles.

Mostly In B.C.

At one time this magnificent bird was common from the Pacific Coast to the Middle West, but it now has disappeared from all except the most westerly part of its former range in Canada. At present most of the trumpeter swans in existence in Canada are found in British Columbia, and the number which assemble on the more important wintering grounds is estimated to be about five hundred.

Provided Swansdown

In the early days the trumpeter swan was hunted for its plumage, which helped provide the valuable swansdown of commerce, but now both the trumpeter and the whistling swan are protected at all times by the Migratory Birds Treaty.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Something's wrong! Hogs went up 60 cents just when taxes were due. — Farmer's Advocate.

OUR FAVORITE ROBBER

A snooty bandit refused to take $100 from his intended victim, declaring that it wasn't enough to bother with. If this thing keeps up, most of us will be quite safe. — Chatham News.

LET THE MOTHS HAVE IT

James Brown, a weather prophet of Port Stanley, says we will have nothing more than ten below this winter, so it's hardly worth dusting off the heavy underwear. — Peterborough Examiner.

SHEPHERDS AND THEIR CROOKS

Quoth the Woodstock Sentinel-Review: "It had nothing to do with the festive season that political shepherds in Ontario are watching their flocks by night." But keeping one eye on the falling stars. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

WHY NOT BAN THEM?

Has it occurred to the Dominion Government that some good might be done by prohibiting the importation or manufacture of pistols and revolvers except by special permit and for certain specified purposes? There would, admittedly, be some smuggling and some "bootlegging" done; but close watch at border customs offices and strict inspection of manufacturing plants would keep breaches of the law to a minimum. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

SPORT — AND SPORT

Is sport sport any more?

This is a question that not a few Sooites who have interested themselves in the promotion of sport are beginning to ask themselves.

What is the use of providing playing fields and rinks, they ask, if in order to get teams to use them it is necessary for a business concern or a few private individuals to put up the money to outfit them?

There is growing feeling that the youthful players in a variety of sports, not only in the Sault, but elsewhere, are being spoiled by the attention that is being lavished on them and that all to often sport for sport's sake is being lost in sport for advertising's sake. There are even stories of a Toronto amateur football team whose members would not turn out for practise unless a motor car was sent around to to pick them up. — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Indians May Make King Their Chief

Six Nations Indians Plan to Confer Chieftainship on King George V During His Visit Here

King George VI may be initiated into a lineage of rulers older even than the monarchy of England when he visits Canada next summer. Plans to confer a chieftainship in Canada's Six Nations Indian tribe upon the King are being considered by the Toronto Indian Council.

Dr. J. J. Sussmuth, assistant sachem of the council, said the honor will be conferred upon King George if the royal itinerary permits. If possible, the ceremony will be held on the Six Nations Reserve at Ohsweken, near Brantford. If not, the Indians will come to Toronto and go through the ancient ritual.

The ceremony will be identical with that by which the Indians honored their rulers long before white man ever set foot in Canada. The procedure was almost universal among them, and varied but little among the different tribes, Dr. Sussmuth said.

Says Five Basic Elements Make Up Personality

Physique, Intelligence, Emotion and Instinct, Also Habit — First Four Inherited, Declares British Columbia Psychiatrist

In these days when so many people place responsibility for character on other things than the home, it is interesting to read the opinion of a British Columbia psychiatrist on "Personality Development of the Pre-School Child." Writing in the December issue of the Canadian Nurse, Dr. Arthur M. Gee of the Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, says that personality is derived from five basic elements — physique, intelligence, emotion, instinct and habit. The first four are inherited, the fifth acquired.

As to habit, he says: "We are born without habits and we spend the greater part of our lives acquiring habits, good or bad. The baby spends his first years learning habits of nursing, habits of hygiene, walking and talking. Slowly the personality begins to unfold as the child begins to feel his security and realizes he is an individual within the family constellation. With increasing emotional maturity, he is gradually weaned away from his complete physcal and emotional dependence upon his mother. The day comes when he must step out from his home and its security to enter a new world at school, where he is thrown more or less on his own resources. Here he learns new habit patterns. The foundation that he has received during his pre-school life will to a great extent form the pattern to which his later life will conform.

Give Opportunity For Learning

"The problem of personality formation and character building is not a matter of specific teaching but of offering children at each level of their development appropriate opportunity for learning, through direct participation and experience. Parents cannot hope to live one way and instruct their children in another. Children, in their personality formation, will reflect their home and their parents in spite of every effort to teach them better."

Marmora Factory 100 Per Cent. No. 1

A provincial record is believed to have been established by Cook's cheese factory, Marmora, Ontario, this season as records reveal that every cheese made by the factory during the past year received a No. 1 grade.

Hugh Moloney is president and Roy Colby is cheesemaker.

Average Price 13.9c A Pound

The amount of milk received and the number of cheeses produced this year is lower than many of the other factories of Hastings county, but records of the grading office at Belleville show that grading percentage is believed unequalled by any other county factory.

Average price for cheese last season was 13.9 cents; 11.4 pounds of milk were required to make one pound of cheese.

Ignorance Still Rampant Today

There is a boy in Great Britain who thinks Queen Victoria is still on the Throne; boys who cannot tell the time, name more than two or three months in the year, or even give the year in which they live. The Governor of Feltham Borstal Institution says: "The abysmal depth of ignorance from which 7 or 8 years of State education has failed to rescue many of the lads received here—or to which they have reverted after two or three years of complete mental vacuity—would be inconceivable and probably incredible to anyone not in touch with this problem."

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WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

"So little," Dorothy said. "Why that sneeze was as bad as a Kansas cyclone," and then she helped Miss Cuttenclip rescue the paper folk and stand them on their feet again. Two of the cardboard houses had also had their porches damaged and the little queen said she would have to repair them and paste them together befor they could be lived in again. And now fearing they might do more damage to the flimsy people, they decided to go away.

But first they thanked Miss Cuttenclip for her courtesy. "Any friend of Princess Ozma is welcome here unless he sneezes," said the queen with a severe look at Uncle Henry. "I like to have visitors admire my village and I hope you will call on us again." Miss Cuttenclip herself led them to the door in the wall, and as they passed along the street the paper dolls peeped at them half fearfully from the doors and windows. Perhaps they will never forget Uncle Henry's powerful sneeze.

On leaving the Growleywogs, General Guph had to recross the Ripple Land, and he did not find it a pleasant thing to do. Perhaps having his whiskers pulled out one by one and being used as a pin cushion for the innocent amusement of a good-natured jailer had not improved the collection of the wrongs he had gnome raved and raged at the recollectionn of the wrongs he had suffered and vowed to take vengeance up on the Growleywogs after he had used them for his purpose andn Os had been conquered.

He went on his way until he was half across Ripple Land, when he became seasick and the rest of the way this naughty gnome was almost as miserable as he deserved to be. But when he reached the plains again and the ground was firm under his feet, he felt better and instead of going home he turned directly to the west. A squirrel perched in a tree saw him take this road and called to him "Look out!" but he paid no attention. A bird paused in its flight to look at him wonderingly and say "Look out!" but on he went.