Parliamentary Doings

With Ontario's Legislators, Spring, 1939

BY EEDY

"Here we are all fresh and fair; curly eyes and bright blue hair" . . . Ontario's Legislators are back at work following the Easter recess . . . casualties few, general air angelic . . . and Grits and Tories and Mr. Oliver (U.F.O., sole Third Party member) look as if they mean business.

The House has voted that when enough is enough it is enough. A new rule just put into force clamps down on M.L.A.'s who like to talk . . . and talk, a measure providing that if a majority of members decide they have listened to enough debate on any question they may vote for its termination. Mr. Macaulay (Cons.) speaking against the adoption of the rule pointed out that great danger lay in the fact that the leader of the House could put such a motion at any time and carry it with his majority, thus closing off debate before the Opposition could be heard . . . According to another new rule of procedure, if members of the Legislature become unruly, the Speaker will be allowed to adjourn the House till the next day.

Heard in the House: W. J. Stewart (Con., Toronto-Parkdale): "I suggest that Welfare Minister Eric Cross and myself dress in old clothes for a few days and live with the single unemployed in the Toronto Coliseum and other places. Then the seriousness of the unemployment problem might be brought home to the Minister." Col. Drew (when members of the Government sought to embarrass him by tittering at his remarks): "Laugh, clowns, laugh!"

Last week we talked about the Budget . . . To the onslaught in the budget debate came the Opposition's financial critic Leslie Frost (Con., Victoria) who declared that the Municipal Act should be revised and the whole setup of provincial and municipal administration and taxation in Ontario should be recast . . . "shift the burden of taxation from real estate" . . . "inaugurate an 'honest' debt retirement scheme" . . . (Premier Hepburn invited the Opposition to "go to town" on his estimates).

During the coming year Ontario's tree population will be increased . . . Provincial Forester announces that 22,000,000 trees will be planted in the province during 1939, more than twice as many as have been planted in any year since 1934. Said the Forester: "The public is becoming reforestation-conscious" . . . thanks, we opine, to the Government's admirable conservation policy and the good work it has been doing the past couple of years.

Should you wish to change your name (no, not get married!) the facilities of Ontario's judicial system are at your disposal . . . a new "Act Respecting the Changing of Names," now under consideration, puts it somewhat that way . . . The only trouble is you aren't allowed to change your name idly, for no reason at all . . . you have to be prepared to tell in detail why your present monicker is distasteful . . . On second thoughts, we'll keep ours.

Helpful hint: Next time you're visiting the Queen City, drop in at the Parliament Buildings and see our Legislators in the flesh . . . and in action.

One-Quarter On Relief In Sask.

282,009 Persons In That Western Province Were Receiving Government Aid In January, 1939.

Statements in the Saskatchewan Legislature by Hon. R. J. M. Parker, minister of municipal affairs, as to the extent of relief in Saskatchewan, are of pertinent interest in the light of situations, also referred to by the minister, concerning alleged relief frauds, says the Regina Leader-Post.

Mr. Parker cited that as at January 31 of this year, which is close up to date, there were 282,009 persons on relief in this province. This is well over a quarter of the population of the province. As to possible frauds under the relief system, the minister reported that there were investigations into relief administration in six municipalities last year. Some alleged frauds under the relief system have been before the courts over recent days.

Floes weighing tons wer thrown as much as 15 feet in the air at Medicine Hat as the ice in the South Saskatchewan river broke up. Many of the chunks were thrown against bridge piers.

York County Jobless Protest 10% Relief Cut

Holding a mass meeting in protest over the recent 10 per cent. cut in relief, York township jobless pledged themselves to win their relief strike with every legal means within their power and to avoid any acts of violence. Tom Montague, president of the York township union of unemployed is shown addressing the meeting. York township borders Toronto.

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"THEY WANTED TO LIVE"
By Cecil Roberts

Readers of Mr. Roberts' previous novel, "Victoria 4:30" a popular best seller will recall that the only character who did not embark on that momentous trip across Europe was James Brown, railway porter. Now he goes, on his honeymoon.

Paris, Vienna, Budapest are on the itinerary, and in their nightclubs the couple see life at its gayest. But in each city, and on the estate of a Hungarian noble, a developing drama darkens the romance until it brings a crashing climax. Like its predecessor, this is a story to enthuse any reader.

"They Wanted to Live" . . . by Cecil Roberts . . . Toronto: Macmillan Company of Canada . . . $2.50.

Poultry Guide

A great deal of valuable and seasonable information on the care and feeding of poultry is contained in the handsome combination calendar, catalogue and poultry guide issued by the Tweddle Chick Hatcheries, Limited, Fergus, Ontario. It is to be had for the asking.

Ontario Gold Output Rises

Increase Of 12.6 Per Cent. Recorded In 1938

Dividends paid shareholders of Ontario mining companies in 1938 amounted to $64,800,000, the Ontario Legislature heard in the budget address of Premier Hepburn. The figure was lower than 1937 because of a drop in the price of base metals.

Total value of all mine production in Canada in 1938 approximated $455,000,000, of which Ontario produced $221,000,000. Gold production in Ontario was $101,900,000, a gain of 12.6 per cent. and almost 60 per cent. of Canada's gold production.

Considerable progress was reported in the construction of the plant at the Helen Iron ore mine in the Michipicoten district and it was anticipated this plant would be producing iron ore suitable for furnace treatment at the rate of 300,000 tons a year.

Approximately 34,000 men were employed in mines in the past year, "all drawing good wages."

Motorists Scare Train Engineers

Railwaymen's Hair Is Made To Stand On End By Car Drivers Racing Across Tracks At Level Crossings.

The thoughtless motorist who sends his car speeding right up to the railway crossing probably is more responsible for the nervous condition of many railway engineers than is all the shaking and hard usage the engineer gets in his regular duties of handling thousands of tons of live steel.

Canadian Pacific Railway Engineer Harry Vines, of Goderich, told a Stratford Beacon-Herald reporter last week that he would like to take some of those motorists with him for a week on daily runs.

"Can't Stop Quickly"

"It would make their hair stand on end and their hearts stop beating and that would probably be enough punishment. At least the car driver would remember the helpless engineer in his cab who can't stop his train as quickly as they can stop their cars."

"It's an awful experience," he said. "You never know when they are going to stop and when they're not. I've seen some of them just racing the train to the crossing and get over by a thin margin. Others haven't been able to make it and that's the part that hurts."

On Getting Along With Other People

And With Oneself — Essentials For Successful Living

To be able to face the daily requirements of life with equanimity and a confidence that one is equal to the challenge of the day, or at least capable of accepting defeat philosophically.

To be able to face realities, not run away from them through subterfuges.

To be able to take one's place in everyday life without more than occasional friction in relationships with other persons.

To be able to look with reasonable tolerance upon the annoyances which are inevitable in every life.

To want to win, but to be able to lose gracefully.

To cherish no grudges.

To seek advancement, but without feverish grasping for more wealth, power, fame or success than one has capacity to win or to use.

To be able to laugh at oneself, perhaps the greatest evidence of a well controlled mind.

To accord to others a right to their own view-points and ideas.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

ONTARIO MORE ACTIVE IN HUNTING AND FISHING

It's great sport to go a-fishing and pleasant relaxation to turn from our labours to rod and gun whenever the opportunity presents itself. Ontario's citizens seem to realize this simple truth more than any other group of Canadians because this province is listed as one of the most active in hunting and fishing sports in Canada.

Indications of this fact were given recently (March 29) by Ontario's Minister of Game and Fisheries, the Hon. Harry C. Nixon, when he told the members of the Ontario Legislature's Fish and Game Committee that interest in the province in hunting and fishing was increasing by leaps and bounds each year, particularly among women.

Mr. Nixon also told the organization meeting, at which W. L. Miller, Liberal member for Algoma-Manitoulin, was elected chairman of this year's Committee, that a record was reached in 1938 in the distribution of game birds in Ontario by his Department. Twenty thousand mature birds were distributed last year and about 30,000 would be handled in 1939 most of which would be pheasants.

Not Public Property

Sportsmen should never forget that while game is public property, the land upon which it is found is, in most cases, privately owned. Therefore, there must be co-operation and goodwill between hunter and landowner, or posted lands will result and hunting become greatly restricted.

Restricted hunting and a large measure of control through the issuing of a limited number of special licenses for each regulated area have had the effect of eliminating a great deal of illegal taking and destructive practices and have also resulted in creating a definitely better feeling between farmer and hunter.

VOICE.. OF THE ..PRESS

LIE—1939 MODEL

A new definition of a lie is the disagreement of a democracy with a dictator.—Hamilton Spectator.

THE WORST OF FREE SPEECH

Of course, one trouble with free speech is that it means letting the other fellow express his views. — Edmonton Journal.

DON'T MIX 'EM

The government gets its principal revenues from gas and alcohol, which should be kept definitely at different ends of the car and not mixed near the steering wheel. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

WILL SEE ONLY FLAGS

If all the school children who go to see the King and Queen are given flags to wave, most of the kiddies won't see anything but a mass of fluttering flags before their eyes unless they are in the front row.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

KNOWS HIS DAIRY FARMING

Ontario's farmer-premier not only knows his onions but evidently also his dairy farming. In his budget speech he emphasized the need for more and better cheese rather than butter.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

WILL THEY FINISH IT?

The Leadership League has been turned over to the doctors and the ministers, who are evidently going to do battle against the lawyers who monopolize most of the seats in Parliament. We wonder when it will be time to call in the undertakers.—Simcoe Reformer.

MOTES AND BEAMS

Of course, there is a small disruptive minority in Quebec, as there is a small disruptive minority in Nova Scotia—but the Quebec minority is no more representative of the thought and attitude of that province than the Nova Scotia minority—the Nova Scotia handful—is of the thought and attitude of the Nova Scotia citizenship.—Halifax Herald.

Foresees New Arctic Nation

Fusion Of White And Eskimo Blood To Succeed Present Natives Of Northland.

While the primordial Eskimo is doomed to disappearance, except in books and films, a new Arctic race will develop from a fusion of white and Eskimo blood, and this will play an important part in the development of Canada's Arctic regions, believes Richard Finnie, F.C.G.S., Arctic explorer.

Speaking in Windsor last week, says the Windsor Daily Star, Mr. Finnie declared old Eskimo customs and folkways have now disappeared, "They are being wiped out by advancing civilization, and the lives of the Eskimos have been revolutionized.

"The only salvation is a hybridization, and the infusion of white blood to build up their resistance to our diseases and to make them adaptable to our customs. In the Eastern Arctic 75 per cent. of the Eskimos now have some white blood. Therein lies their salvation.

White Eskimos, Hybrid Race

"They will then survive and multiply and work for us and with us in the Arctic. They will be important to us economically, able to live comfortably in an area where pure white men do not care to live. They will constitute the "white" Eskimo, rather than the "blonde" Eskimo, an Arctic race.

"They will be herders of reindeer and trappers, and the Eskimos now take $1,000,000 in white fox furs alone every year. That shows the wealth they can contribute to the country.

Colored Licenses For Poor Drivers

Those Who Have Committed Several Infractions Of The Law In Saskatchewan Will Be Given Red Licences.

Under a new section of the Saskatchewan Vehicles Act put through committee in the Legislature, motorists committing infractions of the act will be issued licences in various colors.

General Licence, White

The general licence will be on white paper. After one conviction the white licence must be surrendered for a blue one. If the motorist commits further infractions he will be issued a red licence.

If he then has no trouble for a year he may work back from red to blue and up the scale again to white.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"That's so I won't miss Mr. Pip while he's away on a trip."

WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

"The Growleygogs want a few of the Oz people for their slaves," said Guph. He did not tell Ruggedo that the Growleygogs demanded twenty thousand slaves. It would be time enough for that when Oz was conquered. "A very reasonable request, I'm sure," remarked the King. "I must congratulate you, Guph, upon the wonderful success of your journey." "But that is not all," said the General, proudly. The King seemed astonished.

"Speak out!" he commanded. "I have seen the Phanfasms of the mountain of Phantastico and they will assist us." "What!" cried the King, "the Phanfasms. You don't mean it, Guph." "I do," declared the General, proudly. The King's brow wrinkled. "I am afraid," he said, anxiously, "that the First and Foremost may prove as dangerous to us as to the Oz people. If his terrible band comes down from the mountain they may decide to conquer the gnomes."

"Pah! That is a foolish idea," retorted Guph, irritably, but he knew in his heart that the King was right. "The First and Foremost is a particular friend of mine and will do us no harm, for when I was there he even invited me into his house." The General neglected to tell the King that he had been dragged into the hut of the First and Foremost by means of a brass hoop, and that he had been treated other than courteously by that creature.

"You are a wonderful gnome," said the King. "But what reward did the First and Foremost demand?" "Nothing at all," answered Guph. "All he wishes is to destroy the Oz people. This pleasure will amply repay him. How is the tunnel coming along?" "We are half way under the desert now," said the King. "It has to be drilled through solid rock, but after we have passed the desert it will not take us long to extend the tunnel to the Emerald City."