Parliamentary Doings

With Ontario's Legislators, Spring, 1939

There's life in the old boy yet . . . . Ex-Premier George S. Henry enjoyed a field day in the Ontario Legislature last week when in the course of a five-hour speech he locked verbal horns with half the members of the Cabinet and managed to touch the political sore spots of many a leading Liberal . . . . The major incident of his address came when he succeeded in taunting Premier Hepburn into making one of the stiffest attacks he has ever levelled against Prime Minister King.

Mr. Henry made reference to the arch erected to Rebels of 1837 (at Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls) which bears inscribed together on it the names of Premier Hepburn and Prime Minister King . . . . The premier retorted that he wished Mr. King was possessed with some of the qualities attributed to his illustrious grandfather, the 'Little Rebel," William Lyon Mackenzie.

Ontario's ready now to implement Unemployment Insurance . . . . an enabling bill has been brought down in the Legislature which allows the Province to take immediate advantage of any job insurance program that may be adopted by the Federal Government this year. (Toronto's session prorogues before Ottawa's) . . . . Would this, by any chance, be another play at passing the buck? . . . . for Ottawa may do nothing about unemployment insurance this session.

DO YOU KNOW: That a most commendable piece of legislation has been drafted, that will permit the judge presiding at any divorce hearing to order the exclusion of the public from the court "where he deems it to be in the interest of public decency and morals"? (Judicature Amendment Act).

That fruit stores throughout the Province may shortly be exempted from the provision of early closing by-laws? (Statute Law Amendment Act.) . . . . This may not be at all popular with many shopkeepers in small centres who sell lots of other things besides fruit . . . .

That the Government will not embark upon highways expenditures and other projects on borrowed money (this year)? . . . . Said the Premier: "I may say for the benefit of delegations who will be besieging us in a few weeks that we do not propose to build highways on borrowed money. Certain highways developments already started, however, will be completed."

That bears may be taken in Ontario by licensed hunters (resident and non-resident) for their own use without paying a roy 'ty (Game and Fisheries Amendment Act). Pardon me, madam, could you use an extra bear?

A special ten-day session of the Legislature to deal with the "trials and tribulations of Toronto" was advocated in a budget debate speech by F. B. Brownridge (Lib., Stormont) . . . . He referred specifically to the Queen City's bid for government assistance in building a sewage disposal plant. . . .

The Legislative Chamber will shortly be completely redraped at a cost of $4,872.64, in preparation for the impending visit of Their Majesties. . . . Nothing like a Royal Visit in the offing to get that paint job done. . . . Too bad the reform wave couldn't go a bit deeper. . . . Conservatives and Liberals could both clean house, junk all the skeletons in the closets. . . . But 'twould take more than a Royal Visit to accomplish that. . . . What do you think?

Dictators Can't Stop Pedalling

A dictator is up against the same proposition as a man on a bicycle.

"He can't stop pedaling," last week said Jan Masaryk, former Czecho-Slovakian Minister to London and son of the defunct democracy's founder. "He's got to keep on pedaling or he'll fall off."

Mr. Masaryk, who was suffering from a cold and was so hoarse he was barely able to speak, drew his comparison when reporters asked him if he thought "public opinion" in the democracies would "stop Hitler".

He hurried off to his hotel suite. Later Mr. Masaryk sailed aboard the Normandie for London, where he will take up his residence.

Wool is taken from the pelts of abattoir-killed speed and lambs in wool pulleries. The Manitoba crop report estimates that from 89,000 Manitoba sheep and lambs sent to the markets in 1938 a total of 267,000 pounds was taken. This is on the basis of three pounds of wool per pelt.

Bruins' Goalie To Wed Ontario Girl

If ever a goalkeeper had as triumphant a season as Frank Brimsek of the Boston Bruins enjoyed during the past winter, it has not been recorded. It was Frankie's first year as a major puck-stopper, and during it he won the National league's Vezina trophy for fewest goals scored against, was voted the year's outstanding rookie, named goalie on the all-star team and played on a Stanley Cup winning team. And to top it all off, he won himself a bride in the person of Miss Peggy MacMillan, with whom he is shown ABOVE. They expect to be married some time this summer. Miss MacMillan, 21, comes from Kirkland Lake, Northern Ontario.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

ANGLERS MIGHT FIGHT FOR CANADA!

It seems that the old fishing rod is destined to become as important a symbol in international politics as Chamberlain's umbrella.

Ontario's Deputy Minister of Game and Fisheries, D. J. "Jim" Taylor, thinks Canada's game fish might prove an inducement to the United States to intervene if the Dominion were invaded by foreign armies.

In an address to the Northern Ontario Tourist Trade Association annual dinner at Toronto recently (Mar. 31) he was heard to say: "What good fisherman down in the United States is going to sit idly by and see some Nazi sitting over his favorite Canadian fishing hole?" We never thought of it that way!

ONTARIO CLUB HUNTS CROWS

The Skinner Sports Club of Toronto held its first crow hunt of the season the other day, but judging by the raucous "caws" emanating from the fields and ravines in the vicinity of Hogg's Hollow, scene of the fray, after the hunt was over proves it wasn't any too successful.

Some 40 sportsmen took part in the hunt for the elusive black birds just north of Toronto. No count of the victims was made after an afternoon of good, clean sport but it was certain that almost all the thousands of crows seen flying about escaped the concentrated fire.

Hospitality Is Good Business

For Canadians—Tourist Trade Means Big Revenue—Try Courtesy

During the past five years Canada has received an estimated $661,800,000 of revenues from tourists in excess of the amount that Canadian tourists have spent abroad, says the Financial Times. How very considerable this item is in the balance of international payments can be appreciated when it is realized that during the same five-year period net credits arising from exports of gold have been slightly less at $658,800,000. Together, the export of gold and the expenditures received from tourists exceed our favorable balance of trade in most years. Other than these three items, Canada has no credit balance on international account from any source except for sales and purchases of securities abroad which have provided a small but uncertain balance in recent years.

Will Never "Peter Out"

From east to west but chiefly in the northern hinterland, Canada has secured a source of revenue such as its mines have never produced before. But the tourist trade is less stable and assured than is our gold production. But in years of prosperity it is more important than gold bullion in our national economy. It is, in fact, a veritable gold mine that will never "peter out".

Cows On Pasture Need Grain Feed

Dairy Specialist Offers Some Good Advice

When cows are turned on good pasture in the spring and early summer, the amount of grain fed in their ration can be reduced, said John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist at State College.

Grazing on lush grasses, a cow can obtain enough nutrients with the roughage to sustain her body weight and produce a certain quantity of milk.

Compensate For Extra Milk

A Holstein cow can eat enough grass to maintain body weight and produce about 30 pounds of milk a day—a Jersey cow 20 pounds. But when producing more milk, the cows should receive enough grain to compensate for the extra milk given.

A Holstein on good pasture needs about two-fifths of a pound of grain for each pound of milk she produces daily above 30 pounds.

A Jersey on good pasture, because her milk is richer in butter fat, will need about three-fifths of a pound of grain for each pound of milk she produces above 20 pounds a day.

VOICE of the PRESS

NO BILLBOARDS, EITHER

In horse and buggy days, when we travelled we saw something besides the road.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

RURAL FRONT DOORS

A contemporary speculates as to why farmers do not use the front door of their homes. Probably that is where the wolf is hanging around.—Wodstock Sentinel-Review.

TRY IT ONCE AND SEE

Chief Draper of Toronto says that lawbreaking is not due to hunger, cold or unemployment. But General Draper is neither hungry, cold, nor out of a job.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

THE "STOP" SEASON

Stop Hitler and Stop Hepburn have been familiar cries in recent weeks. With summer coming on it might be well also to remember to Stop, Look and Listen at railway crossings.—Fort Erie Times-Review.

WE'RE NATURAL TALKERS

Before Canadians accuse their politicians of talking a great deal and doing nothing they might reflect on the recently published statistics which show that the Canadian people generally make more telephone calls than any other people in the world. Talk may be a national characteristic.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

RED SCHOOLHOUSE GOING

Apparently the famous old "little red schoolhouse" is on the way out. Better communications and the falling birth-rate in rural communities have accelerated this process. The primitive educational facilities have produced men who attained remarkable success in every walk of life. It is to be hoped that the more modern equipment will enable the oncoming generation to deal with the even more baffling problems with which they will soon be confronted.—London Free Press.

Huge Egg Mart Open In Britain

The war in China did not apparently affect the hens of that country, for last year it exported 88,000,000 pounds of frozen eggs to Great Britain, which is the largest importer of poultry and eggs in the world. Annually Britain requires 300,000,000 dozen fresh eggs and roughly 86,000,000 dozen frozen eggs. Canada, it was disclosed at the Eastern Canada Marketing conference, supplies the Mother Country with only 1,500,000 dozen of fresh eggs and has not been able to compete with China in the price for frozen eggs.

Dressed Poultry, Too

In dressed poultry Britain imports around 60 million pounds a year from 25 different countries. Canada was fourth in the list in 1937 with 4,000,000 pounds and sixth last year, and was second in the supply of 120,000 pounds of canned poultry.

Increase Size Of Flocks

W. A. Brown, chief of the Poultry Division, Ottawa, suggested that Canada should expand its poultry industry by 25 per cent. and set itself an export objective of 50,000,000 dozen eggs, 30 to 40 million pounds of poultry and 500,000 pounds of canned poultry. Canada's production of eggs in 1937, according to the Bureau of Statistics was 219,443,000 dozen eggs produced from 23,861,000 hens, and Mr. Brown suggested that farmers should increase the size of their flocks and that producers should strive to export 3½ lb. to 4 lb. dressed poultry for the British market.

Destroy Hitlerism Through Isolation

Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, Of Toronto, Holds Nazis Should Be Outlawed If We're To "Stop Hitler" Effectively.

Peace hopes of the world rest in the destruction of Hitlerism through an unconditional economic, diplomatic and moral isolation of the Nazi regime, Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath declared at Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, last week. He warned democratic nations to take heed.

In emphasizing that western democracies must take seriously the detailed program of Mein Kampf, or they would speedily lose their civilization, he urged all those who love freedom to call on the Dominion and on the Empire to cease muddling through, to cease the misleading of the people and to outlaw any conceivable contact with "this demonic regime".

He quoted from the Hitler book to show that every German living abroad is to be made "the advance guard of universal conquest."

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"DISGRACE ABOUNDING"
By Douglas Reed

Most people who have read Douglas Reed's book, "Insanity Fair," last year will want to see its successor, "Disgrace Abounding." The accuracy of Mr. Reed's forecasts concerning the fate of Austria and Czecho-Slovakia served to win for him an amazingly large audience. Since "Insanity Fair" was published in the Spring of 1938, Mr. Reed has been travelling through Czecho-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary, studying the spread of Germany's tentacles, and in his new book he indicates the methods by which Nazi propaganda is being developed throughout Eastern Europe, sees a similar fate to that of Czechoslovakia in store for Hungary and Rumania, and suggests that this is merely the preliminary to Nazi domination of Britain. His exposition of, and comments upon, Nazi propaganda are relieved by a series of brilliantly written pictures of various smaller European nationalities and their way of living.

"Disgrace Abounding" . . . . by Douglas Reed . . . . Toronto: Thos. Nelson & Sons . . . . $3.00.

Nation And Bird Are Not Related

Turkey Had Nothing To Do With Naming Of Turkey

Perhaps the most widespread error concerning birds is the vague idea shared by thousands of people that the turkey came originally from Turkey. This is utterly false. Just why the bird should have been called "turkey" in the English language no one seems to know, writes a correspondent to the Rural New Yorker. The realm of His Sultanic Majesty had no more to do with the introduction of the bird to polite society than did Greenland or Kamchatka.

The Noise It Makes

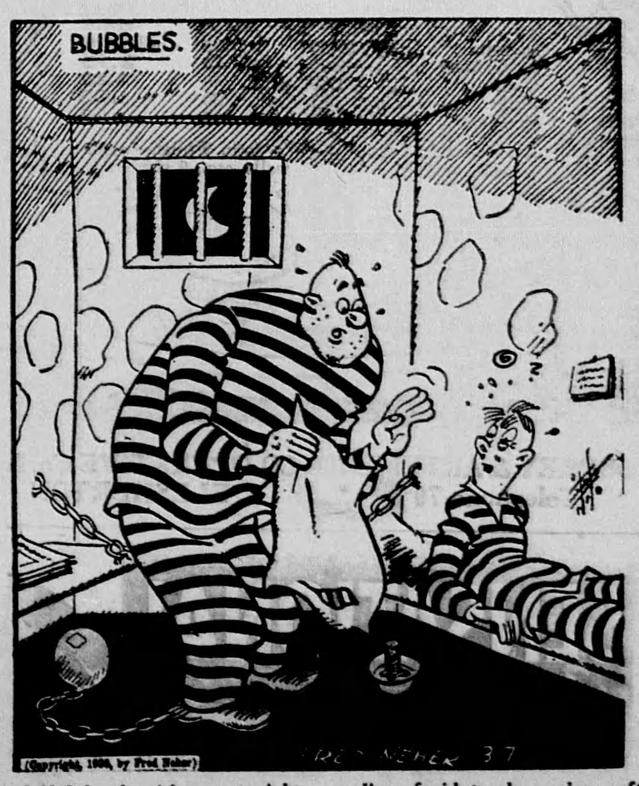
The turkey was introduced into Europe by Columbus, who took it to Spain. It is possible that an ill-advised public concluded that, like many other unusual things, it came from Turkey or the Far East. Again the bird may have named between the bird and the country itself, since the call of the hen to her chicks sounds very much like tur-r-rk, tur-r-r-k, tur-r-r-k. At any rate, there is no actual connection of the same name.

TYPICAL OUTDOOR GENTLEMAN

Robert Montgomery, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, besides owning a farm in New York State also has a stable of excellent riding horses at his Southern California estate. Montgomery spends three months of each year on his eastern farm and even while working in pictures finds ample time for outdoor activities.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Mind if I bunk with you tonight . . . I'm afraid to sleep alone after reading that detective story."

WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

"Where next?" asked the Wizard as they left Fuddlecumjig, and started back along the road. "Why Ozma laid out the trip," replied Dorothy, "and she advised us to see the Rigmaroles next, and then the Tin Woodman." "That sounds good," said the Wizard, "but how do we get to the Rigmaroles?" "I don't know exactly," returned the girl, "but it must be somewhere just northeast from here."

"Then why need we go back to the crossroads?" asked the Captain General. "Let's branch off here." "There isn't any path," asserted Uncle Henry. "Then we better go back to the sign post and make sure of our way," said Dorothy. But after they had gone a short distance the Saw-Horse stopped and said, "Here is a path." Sure enough a dim path seemed to branch off from the road they were on and it led straight northeast.

"That looks like a path," said the Wizard. "Let's try it." "All right, answered Dorothy. "I'm anxious to see what the Rigmaroles are like, and this path ought to take us there." No one made any objection, so the Saw-Horse turned onto the path, which proved to be good. At first they passed a few farm houses, but soon these dwellings were left behind, and only the meadows and trees were before them.

As they rode along Aunt Em started an argument with Billina about the proper way to raise chickens. "Well," said Billina, "I think I know more about chickens than you do." "Pshaw!" said Aunt Em. "I've raised chickens for years and you've got to stuff them to make good broilers." "Broilers!" cried Billina. "Eat my chickens?" "Excuse me," interrupted the Saw-Horse. "The path is ended and I'd like to know which way to go."