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## The Churches

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1935

### Anglican Church Notes

Rev. C. O. Pherrill, B.A., B.D.

Christ Church, Markdale  
10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7 p.m.—Evening Service.

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley  
2.15 p.m.—Sunday School.  
3 p.m.—Evening Service.

### Cooke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. T. O. Miller, B.A., Minister

10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7 p.m.—Evening Service.

### United Church of Canada

Rev. H. S. Warren, B.A.

10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Service.  
3 p.m.—Ebenezer Service.  
7 p.m.—Evening Service.  
N.B.—Observance of Tenth Anniversary of Church Union has been postponed until June 23rd and 24th.

### United Church of Canada Holland Centre Circuit

Rev. C. C. Wellerman, Pastor

Holland Centre Service at 10.30 a.m.  
Harkaway Service at 2.45 p.m.  
Berkeley Service at 7.30 p.m. with Song Service at 7 p.m.

### Gospel Workers' Church

Rev. A. Mills, Minister

Sunday School at 10 a.m. each Sunday.  
Preaching Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.  
The Sunday evening service will be conducted by the young people.  
Prayer meeting in the church each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.  
Cottage prayer meeting each Friday evening.

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## Miss Macphail's Letter

Parliament jogged along through the week, providing spots of interest here and there, but for the most part was rather dull. The prison enquiry which sat three days of the week revealed something of the curious workings of the penitentiary branch. The garden party at Government House in honour of the King's 70th birthday and the honours list published on the same day greatly interested citizens of the Capital City.

The Conservative members of the House of Commons are plainly restive no caucus of the party has been called since the Prime Minister's return and from what can be ascertained members of the party are as uncertain as the public who the leader will be. It begins to look as if the present Prime Minister would carry on; if not, the new leader, whoever he might be, will have very little time to popularize himself with the people of the nation. The rumour persists that the Hon. W. D. Herdridge, Canadian Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington, will play an important role in this campaign as he did in the last one, at any rate in the event of Mr. Bennett retaining the leadership.

The flair-up which could be seen, if not heard, between the Hon. Dr. Manion and the Prime Minister may or may not be closely related to the general tension of the party. Manion is a man of spirit, aggressive if not dominating, a type who would naturally resent dictation from anyone. Dr. Manion was a soldier and has always shown himself interested in ex-service men's problems. Recently Judge Hyndman of the Pensions Appeal Board held a Commission to enquire into the serious effect of unemployment upon ex-service men. Apparently he reported that the number of men employed on canals was not as great as it should be and that the matter might well be enquired into by the Department of Railways and Canals.

Dr. Manion resented the statement and said so. He showed that on the Lachine and Welland Ship Canals, 54 per cent. of the men employed are returned men, and added: "I think it is most unfair that any committee or commission would listen to only one side when making an investigation . . . I hope this correction will receive the same publicity as the statement which was made in the Report and I trust the rest of the Report is more dependable than this particular statement." After which Dr. Manion sat down.

Immediately the Prime Minister

## Mr. Peter Smith Laid To Rest

The funeral of Mr. Peter Smith, who died at Toronto on May 29th, was held at Hawarden on Tuesday, June 4th.

Mr. Smith was born at Greenock, Scotland, in January, 1853, and came to Canada with his parents when three years of age and resided at Acton, Ontario, until he was 19, when the family moved to make their home nine miles from Markdale in Grey County, Ontario. He resided in that district until he came west in 1919. Mr. Smith resided in the Hawarden district from 1919 to 1929, after which he returned east to reside with his daughter, Mrs. E. Ptolemy, at Markdale, Ont. He was injured in the fire of the Ptolemy home in April of this year and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Reed, Toronto, where he removed after leaving the hospital at Markdale.

Mr. Smith was a staunch Presbyterian and held office as Elder in Temple Hill church until he left Ontario. He was elected an Elder of the United Church at Hawarden on the consumation of Union.

He was the last of his family, his sister, Miss Agnes Smith, predeceased him on April 23rd, five weeks previous to his death.

There were one son and five daughters of whom only two are left. A daughter, Mrs. W. J. Wright, of Prince Albert, who died in 1920; a son, Mr. Hugh Smith, of Hawarden, who died in 1921, and a daughter, Mrs. E. Ptolemy, who died on April 14th last at the time of the fire at the Ptolemy home.

He leaves to mourn, two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Boyle, Hawarden, and Mrs. P. G. Reed of Toronto, and eleven grandchildren, four of whom are residing at Hawarden and one at Saskatoon.

Following a short service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boyle, a funeral service was held in the United Church, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Robertson, who delivered a short sermon from the theme, "Whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Flowers were placed on the casket from relatives and friends in respect of the deceased. Relatives attending the funeral from a distance were Mrs. P. G. Reed, daughter, Toronto; Mr. Ernest Ptolemy, son-in-law, Markdale; Mr. Hugh Storey, nephew, and Mrs. Storey, Saskatoon; Mr. Robt. and Mr. Wm. Ptolemy of Dinsmore, Sask. Interment was made in Hawarden cemetery beside his wife, who predeceased him some years ago. The pallbearers were, Messrs. C. Baxter, E. J. Lougheed, E. S. Thompson, G. T. Hudson, G. Ledingham and A. Breadner.

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"Jumped on his neck" and is reported to have said that had he known what Manion was going to say he would have stopped him. To which the courageous Doctor is said to have replied that he would not have been stopped; it was his Department and he would say what he liked. After which there was an exchange about resignation. All of which, I should think, was very bad for the Prime Minister's heart and the Doctor's political opportunities, at least at the moment.

In contrast, the contention between Stevens and Cahan with the Prime Minister on Cahan's side of the question, smoothed out beautifully by Stevens withdrawing the disputed amendment. He, however, maintained his faith in the worth of the amendment.

"Now all I suggest here," Mr. Stephens said, "is that this amendment would be a simple and reasonable way of meeting what many people consider a very serious grievance. If, on the other hand, the Government feel that it was a gross violation of some sacred international undertaking, far be it from me to cause any international complications because of it. I am content to wait and allow the Act to go through

and be put into operation and I am satisfied that when this House re-assembles there will be an opportunity of dealing with this matter." All of which seems to mean Mr. Stevens is biding his time. The Government, however, in apparent anticipation of a show-down on the Stevens amendment, had a full House.

The work of the week in the House was choppy, passing rapidly from one thing to another. A rather interesting debate took place on public ownership of radio, with the Prime Minister, Hon. W. D. Euler and E. J. Garland among the strong defenders of public ownership.

Mr. Coote, the member for MacLeod, Alberta, has had bills before the House off and on all session, which seek to lower interest rates on loans against life insurance policies and on mortgages. Mr. Coote would like to make the interest 4%; the Banking Committee recommended 5%. An amendment is before the House to fix it at 6%. The Prime Minister is opposed to the bill as written; he maintained in his speech the lowering of the interest on loans against insurance was the breaking of a contract between the company and the insured person by Government action. If we are to lower interest he suggested that it be done by amending the Interest Act.

The Prime Minister said no one of us could be sure we were representing "John Smith".

Mr. Pouliot, the irrepressible member for Temiscouata, followed: "Speaking on behalf of John Smith" said Mr. Pouliot, "when a man applies for a loan from an insurance company he does not discuss the rate of interest; he gets the money from the insurance company because he needs it badly and the company proceeds to take advantage of the fact and charge what rate they wish." Mr. Coote let the matter stand over.

The Natural Products Marketing Act as it applies to agriculture was debated off and on for several days with the Liberals taking quite a strong position against it. E. J. Garland, U.F.A. member for Bow River, expressed the opinion that the producers themselves must undertake co-operative organization. He believed that our packing plants should be co-operatively owned, or if the farmers were not organized to the point where they could undertake the processing of their products, then the plants should become public utilities.

In commenting upon the monopolistic nature of the packing business, Mr. Garland said: "In my opinion it is a crime that 78 per cent. of the

two concerns and they have the packing business is controlled by power, as a result of that, to swindle flagrantly and brazenly the poor devils who are working to produce the real wealth of the country."

The Price Spreads Report, which was quoted by Mr. Garland, expresses the view that the domestic price of livestock ought not to be set by a small exportable surplus, that is the domestic price held up if necessary by Government action in keeping with the domestic cost of production and allowing the exportable surplus to get what it can.

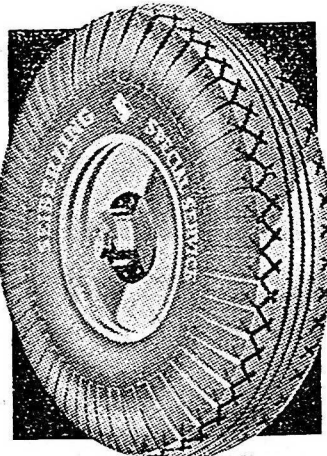
The strain and tedium of the Enquiry is relieved by my interest in watching lawyers' methods. Mr. J. C. McRuer, K.C., my very able counsel, and Colonel Greer, counsel for the Commissioner, give a good exhibition of tenacious questioning. Most of us are content after we have asked a question at least three times but a skilled lawyer never gives up until he has asked it at least ten times, approaching it from every conceivable angle. They keep a close check on each other.

On one occasion Mr. McRuer was pursuing a line of examination in a loud voice and Mr. Greer drew His Honour's attention to the volume of sound and asked the Judge to rule that "his friend" should not roar at the witness. McRuer flashed back, "Is there any rule governing the tone of voice to be used? Can't I roar if I want to?"

Colonel Megloughlin, ex-warden of Kingston Penitentiary, was telling the Commissioner that on the 9th of April, 1935, Inspector Dawson said he had not had lunch, or at any rate led him to believe he had not had lunch, because of which the Colonel had taken him to a substantial 4 o'clock tea at his house. Greer was cross-questioning him in view of the fact that Dawson said he had his lunch down town at the Savoy Hotel. If he had, Megloughlin said, he was chiselling on the tea. "Surely you would not call a cup of tea chiselling?" said Greer. To which Megloughlin replied: "You forget, I command the 38th Highlanders."

AGNES MACPHAIL

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