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The Week at Ottawa

by Frederick Edwards

Prime Minister R. B. Bennett will lead the Conservatives forces in the coming Federal election.

Any doubt on that score was removed Friday last when, at the final party caucus held a few hours before prorogation, Mr. Bennett definitely told his followers the welcome news.

Seemingly fully recovered from the heart ailment that enforced a two months' rest from his official duties, and having tested his recovered strength in the House and in close attention to his exacting office duties, the Prime Minister assured the Conservative members that he was fit, ready and willing to carry the heavy burden of leading the Conservative party to what they hope will be another victory in the battle of ballots.

As soon as possible Mr. Bennett will leave for a well earned rest for the balance of this month. On his return he will announce the election date and the personnel of the new cabinet he is building around him. That it will be staffed by younger, virile men of proven worth is a certainty.

The sixth session of the seventeenth parliament officially came to an end at 1 p.m. Friday. Under a blazing sun, and with customary military splendour, gunfire and traditional ceremony, the Governor-General proceeded to the Red Chamber where Senate and Commons members were gathered. Here he formally wrote finis to the nearly six months' session—and most of the members deserted Parliament Hill and the Capital to get back to their constituencies and prepare for the strenuous campaign that lies ahead.

In its dying hours the Commons passed, without division, the bill to create the Canada Grain Board. Little of a controversial nature remained after the bill was thoroughly gone over by the special committee of nine members. Chief change in the bill from its original form is that the compulsory feature, which would have made the board the sole agency through which producers could deal, was amended so that it

can become operative only on proclamation by the government.

Immediately before the bill received third reading the Prime Minister definitely told the House that the new board would not unload at fire sale prices the wheat holdings it took over from John I. McFarland. These holdings will be transferred as speedily as possible. The board will set the minimum price and buy wheat only from farmers, dividing profits among them at the end of the crop year. This policy will eliminate McFarland's stabilizing operations which put millions of dollars into the pockets of Canadian wheat growers. Personnel of the board has not yet been announced.

Meanwhile the Senate was speeding up ratification of Commons legislation before it. The Upper House did nevertheless make some changes of importance. For example, twenty-two amendments by the banking and commerce committee to the bill establishing the trade and industry commission, designed to make the measure less vulnerable to constitutional attack and more practicable were approved. Changes were also made in the amendments to the Criminal Code, one making an offence against the code the new "racket" whereby people signed books or sheets, paying one dollar or a similar amount, in anticipation of higher return providing a certain number of additional signatures and contributions were made. There was no specific mention of "chain" letters.

Cost of the Price Spreads inquiry was about \$475,000, but it brought a heavy return to the Treasury from tax dodgers. Minister of Trade and Commerce R. B. Hanson told the House.

Opposition hysteria notwithstanding, the Prime Minister told the House there would be no compromise with lawlessness when discussion arose of Regina's tragic clash of relief camp strikers with police on Dominion Day. He termed the Regina rebels misguided youths duped into a "definite revolutionary effort on the part of a group of men to usurp authority and destroy government." His answer to this attempt to overthrow constitutional authority in Canada, made to a hushed House, was quietly emphatic: "We are not prepared to yield."

The government's original offer to return the strikers to their camps, to assure them food and clothing, or send them to their own homes, made several days prior to the fatal fracas and again July 2, has now been accepted by the men. But they are not being allowed to return to British Columbia en bloc as their leaders demanded.

There was no gunfire by the R.C.M.P., Mr. Bennett said. They had

NEW ENGLAND W. I.

The New England Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Cherry on Thursday afternoon, June 27. The members were well represented and there was also a number of visitors present. The meeting opened by singing the Ode followed by the Scripture lesson and Lord's prayer in unison. The secretary read the report of the last meeting and also the financial report of last year's work which showed a balance in the treasury of \$17.55. The new monthly programs were then read by the president, Mrs. A. A. Thompson, and if carried out accordingly the members realize they have a very active year ahead of them. The annual garden party was then discussed and it was decided to hold it July 24, fuller particulars later. A Girls' sewing club, under the auspices of the W.I., was then discussed and Miss Alice Breadner and Mrs. Russell Graham were appointed convenors to look after this work, the club to meet in the basement of the church weekly. This is a real opportunity for any young girl interested in sewing and the club is looking forward to a good membership. Miss Alice Breadner read the balance of her report on the Girls' Conference held in Guelph this year, which was very instructive and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Dunn Lee, delegate to the district convention which was held at Williamsford, read the report of the sessions which contained much useful information and was appreciated and enjoyed by all. The home branch is entertaining the Cherry Grove and Vandeleur branches to a social to be held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Thompson the last Thursday in August. All are looking forward to a gala afternoon. God Save the King brought a very busy afternoon to a close. A delicious lunch was served by Mesdames R. Clark and J. Wiley, assisted by the hostess.

no cartridges, their holsters were empty and they were armed with batons only. Another point made by Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie was that 800 of the 1,500 strikers had never been in relief camps but were recruited en route from B.C. to Regina by inflammatory speeches of the leaders.

TOWNSEND LAKE

(Intended for last week.)

Our school closed on Thursday for the summer holidays, and the teacher, Mr. Irwin Matthews, left for his home near Varney.

Gerard Moran was in Markdale last week writing his entrance examinations and we are pleased to hear that he was successful. Congratulations Gerard.

The Misses Iona and Reta Livingstone and Margaret Moran wrote their departmental examinations at Markdale last week. We wish them success.

Mr. Manley Richardson spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brady.

A few from these parts attended the Barry - O'Connor nuptials. We all wish them much happiness.

Road work is the order of the day around here. The recent heavy rains have left some of the roads in bad shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulhall and Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. John Ryle of Guelph were Sunday visitors with the Moran families.

Mr. and Mrs. Hat. Hogan, Katharine and Joe, Dr. Harold Hartford and Jean visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moran.

Mr. James Moran is engaged for the summer months near Owen Sound.

The Norris family, 10th con., Glenelg, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Vasey on Sunday.

Miss Leona Goodwill and other friends of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Goodwill.

A goodly number of the young people from this burg attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Schaefer last week. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Little Mary Barry is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Dugan, Irish Block.

A number from this locality attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Frank D'Arcy last Monday. Everyone enjoyed themselves and there was a large crowd.

School Fair Preparation

The holidays, having started for 5000 boys and girls in the rural schools of Grey County, affords a most excellent time for them to prepare for exhibiting at the School Fair. It is hoped by the Grey County Branch of the Department of Agriculture that many parents will encourage their boys and girls to start preparing exhibits for the School Fair.

For some time the idea has been forced upon the minds of those in charge of the School Fair that better exhibits would be secured if the boys and girls were given some direction at home. This particularly applies to Domestic Science and Manual Training. A good suggestion to follow would be to allow the girls to start the first week of their holidays to bake the articles which they will compete in at the Fair. By assisting the girls to bake the first two or three loaves, they will become so proficient that help need not be given at the time of the Fair, when the Fair baking is being done.

The above suggestion will apply to Manual Training. If the fathers or older brothers would give the boys a little help in the use of a plane, saw and other tools, as well as measuring, the children would be pretty well equipped if judges should ask the boys to demonstrate their talent in the making of the prescribed exhibits or articles.

It is a busy time, but surely it is good policy to give boys and girls instruction in these two classes.

Proficiency will be attained by everyone and the old thrust that Dad and Mother did the work will be discarded. At the present time some claim that the children get help. It is not expected that they can learn without some assistance, but the time to give it is during the two months preceding the Fairs.

The Rural School Fair is "The Children's Fair!" Parents are urged to allow their children to do all the work in preparing their exhibits. Encourage and direct the child, but remember work done by the parent or teacher helps to defeat one of the main objects of the School Fair: namely, to teach boys and girls to do things themselves and to do them well.

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A. F. & A. M.—Hiram Lodge No. 490, G.R.C., Markdale, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reburn Block, at 8 o'clock p.m., on the second Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. J. Messenger, W.M.; A. E. Colgan, Secretary.

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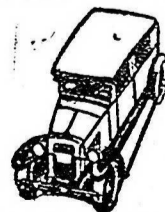
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