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The Week at Ottawa

by Frederick Edwards

General election day is to be October 14.

This is the highlight of a week replete with announcements and rumours of appointments. Eight weeks hence voters will go to the polls (and there are approximately six millions of them) in the greatest battle of ballots since Confederation.

The Seventeenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was formally dissolved August 14 by the Governor-General.

Only four of the new Cabinet appointees have been named and sworn in. Two are young men, the other two a little older, but all tried and proven in the service of Canada.

To William Gordon Ernst, K.C., 37-year-old M.P. for Queens-Lunenburg, who becomes Minister of Fisheries, goes the honour of being the youngest Cabinet member but one in the history of the Dominion.

J. Earl Lawson, K.C., M.P. for York West, presently Dominion Conservative Organizer, is named Minister of National Revenue. Still only 43 years of age, Mr. Lawson is regarded as one of the most brilliant of the younger members of the Conservative party and has long been highly regarded by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett.

Former corporation counsel for the City of Toronto, and a brilliant lawyer who once held the mayoralty of Toronto for three successive years, 61-year-old Lieut.-Colonel George Reginald Geary, K.C., M.P. for Toronto South succeeds Hon. Hugh Guthrie as Minister of Justice. Mr. Guthrie has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

The fourth cabinet appointment goes to Samual Gobeil, 60-year-old member for Compton, Que., who is appointed Minister without Portfolio. On Friday Mr. Gobeil was named Postmaster-General.

Other Cabinet appointments expected to be confirmed soon centre around W. Chester S. McLure, M.P. for Queen's, P.E.I.; Gustav Monette, K.C., Montreal lawyer and former legal partner of Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Lieut.-Governor of Quebec; J. C. H. Dussault, K.C., also a Montreal lawyer, in addition to a possible shuffle among remaining members of the old Cabinet. Regarding the Finance portfolio, it is understood that Hon. E. N. Rhodes will carry on until the election is over.

Senate appointments announced are six in number:

New Brunswick: A. J. Leger, former provincial treasurer; B. F. Smith, M.P. for Victoria-Carleton.

Manitoba: Col. Henry Mullins, M.P. for Marquette; J. T. Haig, member of the provincial legislature for Winnipeg.

Quebec: Hon. Dr. Eugene Paquet, member of the Privy Council, who was a member of parliament from 1904 to 1917; Dr. Eile Fortin, M.P. for Levis. One more Senator from this province remains to be named.

New Brunswick judgeships announced are: Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K.C., former premier of New Brunswick, named County Court Judge for King's County; W. H. Harrison, K.C., former member of the legislature, goes to the New Brunswick Court of Appeal; and J. H. A. Fairweather, also a former member of the legislature, goes to the Court of King's Bench.

Changes in the Ontario judiciary are: William T. Henderson, Brantford, promoted to the Ontario Court of Appeals; F. D. Hogg, K.C., Ottawa, and Col. J. Keiller MacKay, Toronto, to the Ontario High Court, trial division. In Saskatchewan the following changes are made: R. B. Mills, North Battleford, to be district court judge for Kindersley; A. G. MacKinnon, Regina, to be district court judge for Shaunavon.

James R. MacGregor, private secretary to Hon. E. N. Rhodes, has been named secretary of the Tariff

Board, which also includes now the Dominion Trade and Industry Commission. Mr. MacGregor is a former New Glasgow, N.S., newspaper man. John A. Sullivan, K.C., M.P. for St. Ann, Montreal, is appointed Deputy Postmaster-General, while the new Deputy Minister of Marine is R. K. Smith, K.C., M.P. for Cumberland, N.S.

Personnel of the Wheat Board is also announced. As expected, John I. McFarland of Winnipeg, Mr. Bennett's No. 1 wheat man, heads the board, with D. L. Smith, of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., as vice-chairman, and H. C. Grant, professor of economics at the University of Manitoba the third member.

An Advisory Board of seven members has been named to assist the Wheat Board. The only Easterner appointed is C. H. G. Short of Montreal, general manager of the Maple Leaf Milling Co., and Hon. President of the Canadian National Millers Association. The other six are: Robert McKee, Vancouver; Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel, Alta.; L. C. Brouillette, Winnipeg; Brooks Catton, Hanley, Sask.; S. T. Smith, Winnipeg; Paul Bredt, Winnipeg.

Of seven other appointments announced last Saturday, these of particular interest in Eastern Canada are the elevation of Chas. H. Bland from a commission to be Chairman of the Civil Service Commission of Canada and appointment of Ontario-born James H. Stitt, Conservative member for Seikirk, Man., since 1920, to fill the vacant commission occasioned by the promotion of Mr. Bland.

The other five appointments were: P. H. Gordon, Regina, to be judge of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals; A. E. Bence, Saskatoon, to be court judge for N. Battleford judicial district; J. A. M. Patrick, Yorkton, to be judge for Moosemin, Sask., judicial district; J. F. Bryant, Regina, former Saskatchewan Minister of Public Works, to be judge of the Saskatoon judicial district; Robert J. Hamilton to be president and chairman of the Vancouver Harbour Commission.

Magazine Canvassers

(Fergus News-Record)

One day last week, a lady in town called up the office for advice. She had been not only pestered, but frightened by a young man who claimed to be soliciting subscriptions for a magazine, and it was no wonder that she was annoyed. In fact, after hearing her case, we advised her to turn it over to Constable McDougall. She would not do that, and so it is likely that other ladies in town had similar experiences.

Last week's Elmira Signet told of another case. Two young men were canvassing in that town and collected quite a bit of money. One lady became suspicious and notified Chief of Police Jarvis. The Chief obtained their names from the hotel register and enquired about the men from one magazine. The reply came back that the two men were brothers, that they were not authorized to secure subscriptions, and that the magazine had trouble with them before. The "students" got word of the Chief's enquiries and left town very suddenly. Probably they came to Fergus.

One would think that such men should not be allowed to roam at large, victimizing women in whatever town they happen to be. The fault does not lie with the magazines, and the management of these papers would probably be glad enough to see a few convictions, in order to protect their legitimate canvassers.

CHERRY GROVE

Miss Margerite and Master Edward Bennett are spending a few holidays with Mr. and Mrs. N. Hill.

A number of the boys from here spent Sunday at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. X. Lang of Niagara spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wood and family.

A number of neighbors and friends attended and enjoyed a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wood.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Foster Myers was injured in an accident on Kimberley mountain. We hope she may have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. F. Smith, daughter, Marie, and Mrs. A. Tombs have returned to Toronto after spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. Wm. Dickie and with other friends here.

Blind Institute Exhibit at C. N. E.

For centuries the blind lived in a little world of their own. In recent years they have been endeavoring to break out through the wall of darkness that cut them off from the world of light and colour. They are claiming the right to take their place in the normal life around them.

How they are attempting to do it, is the story of the progress of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and how far they have proceeded along the tough path that they have mapped out for themselves, can be seen and understood by anyone who visits the Canadian National Exhibition.

In the Electrical and Engineering Building at the 1925 National Exhibition, a large area is set apart for the exhibit of the Institute. In this space will be demonstrated the various trades by which blind men and women attempt to earn their living in this industrial age. The process of making brooms, baskets, mats, signal-cones, dresses, brushes, aprons and furniture will be demonstrated by blind workers. The display of the library of the Canadian National Institute will show what kind of books are used by the blind, and the Talking Book, developed during the past few years as one of the greatest boons to sightless people, will be demonstrated. A complete line of the articles made by the blind, from clothes baskets to leather belts, will be on view in the Blind Craft shop which is in charge of members of the Women's Auxiliary to the Institute. Those interested may see how the blind read, write, play cards, tell the time of day, read the thermometer, play checkers, and otherwise employ their spare time.

A successful blind poultry farmer will be at the Exhibition with enough of his equipment to demonstrate how, handicapped as he is, he co-operates with his hens towards making a success of a difficult business.

In another booth will be found the only blind man in Canada who derives a substantial income from the keeping of bees.

How cafeterias and refreshment stands are successfully operated by blind men and women will be shown by means of pictures and lectures.

It is the aim of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to make this year's display at the Canadian National Exhibition comprehensive and interesting, and no phase of the work undertaken by this organization in its varied activities, from British Columbia to Newfoundland, has been neglected in the endeavour to present a complete picture to the general public.

The space occupied by the exhibit is in the Electrical and Engineering Building, near the Prince's Gate. Almost fifteen hundred blind people in Canada read Braille. The books they use and the means at their disposal for writing, will be on display at the exhibit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in the Electrical and Engineering Building at the Canadian National Exhibition. The exhibit this year is more comprehensive than at any time heretofore, and includes every phase of the various activities developed for the benefit of the blind people of Canada.

The weaving of baskets is one of the oldest trades engaged in by blind people. The art is old but it is always interesting. At the Canadian National Exhibition, in the exhibit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the weaving of baskets and all sorts of wicker-work will be demonstrated. In adjoining booths may be seen examples of newer developments in the campaign to overcome the handicap of blindness. The manufacture of aprons and house dresses on power-driven sewing-machines operated by blind girls, the fabrication of articles of woven leather, the construction of rubber mats by blind men, and other handicrafts may be inspected. There is a division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in Newfoundland, and a sightless man will demonstrate how some of the blind people of Newfoundland add to their income by the weaving of fishing nets.

No blind man could possibly make a success of the bee business, but that is just what Harold Webb of

Allandale has done. During the progress of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto this year, Mr. Webb will demonstrate how he does it. He will occupy a booth in the exhibit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. In the large space occupied by this exhibit in the Electrical and Engineering Building, the various types of work engaged in by blind men and women in Canada will be demonstrated.

Visitors to the Canadian National Exhibition in past years have shown great interest in the exhibit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. This year the Institute will have a more comprehensive display than ever before. The making of brooms, baskets, brushes, signal-cones, articles of leather goods, rubber mats, house dresses, furniture, aprons and knitted goods will be demonstrated. The blind residents of Canada are taking a more normal part in the ordinary life of the community than they ever did before. How they do it, and what means they have found to overcome the handicap of blindness, can be seen and understood by those who visit the exhibit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at the Canadian National Exhibition.

The widespread activities and national character of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind are shown in graphic form at the Institute's exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. The merchandise manufactured by Canadian blind men and women in workshops or at home amounts to several hundred thousand dollars annually. How blind women operate power-driven sewing-machines; how brooms, baskets, nets and furniture are made by blind men; how a girl without her sight can do stenographic work; the books that blind people read; the means they use to write; the games they play, and how they make a success of operating cafeterias and refreshment stands, will be demonstrated at this year's National Exhibition.

One of the most interesting personalities at the exhibit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at the Canadian National Exhibition this year will be Sherman Ghan, of Winnipeg. Although blind since birth, Mr. Ghan has achieved considerable success as a musician. He is not only a competent violinist, and pianist, but has had some success as a composer. At the Canadian National Exhibition, Mr. Ghan will play some of his own compositions.

EAST BERKELEY

The family and relatives of the late Mr. Andrew Ritchie have our deepest sympathy in the loss of a beloved father and friend.

Some of our citizens finished the harvest last Friday.

The farmers are awaiting the coming of Mr. Geo. Caswell's threshing outfit, which is expected in our locality this week.

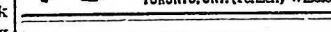
Some of our citizens attended the meeting at Harkaway church on Sunday evening, which was put on by the W.M.S. The service was in charge of Miss E. Hawken of Markdale. The meeting was very much enjoyed by a large congregation.

The berry picking is about over. There was a goodly crop of berries this year.

Mrs. Hugh Clark of Owen Sound was in our burg recently.

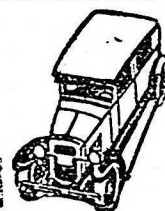
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