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Glimpses of Parliament

By Hughes Cleaver,
Halton's Member

Freight Car Derailed Just East of Acton

The debate on the resolution to introduce the War Appropriation Act after drifting along for four weeks came to an end on Thursday last without any important criticism of the Canada's war effort other than the delay in airplane production. In this industry while some factories have made remarkable progress such as the Huron plant at Port Arthur yet many other plants have encountered delay after delay. Canada is now up to a production of forty planes per week and we are hoping that our difficulties have now been overcome in this regard.

The next problem which will receive the attention of the House of Agriculture. In Ontario the question of hogs, cheese and cattle appears to be satisfactorily dealt with but butter and wheat are still highly contentious. As to wheat Canada now has a surplus equal to the normal world surplus and has an investment of something over four hundred million dollars. At the present time there is no immediate market for this surplus and it will cost something over fifty million dollars annually for storage charges to say nothing of the interest on the money invested.

The Government proposes to divert nine millions acres in the West this year from wheat production. As wheat is, in part, a war casualty the government proposes to partly compensate the western farmer and the plan is to pay \$4.00 per acre of wheat acreage put to a summerfallow of \$2.00 per acre if sown to coarse grains or grasses. Some Ontario members are opposed to the payment of \$2.00 for that portion of wheat acreage which is sown grain on the ground that it will harm Ontario farmers. The answer of the Minister of Agriculture to this charge is that the "freight" rate from the West to the Ontario farmer is still in a preferred position in regard to hogs because of the Ontario bonus of \$1.00 per hog and because the freight rate of 1c per pound on dressed pork from the West to Ontario. At this stage it is difficult to predict just what will happen but the fact remains that we have more wheat than we need and the annual production of wheat must be curtailed. As to butter we have been assured that a minimum price will be fixed but as yet there is no indication as to what this price will be. Canada produces annually enough butter to supply our own wants and has no export market. Representations are being made daily as to what the minimum price should be. The governing factor will doubtless be that it will be fixed at an amount that will hold this industry within its present bounds. If the minimum price is fixed too high and we produce more butter than we need then we will have an embarrassing surplus and if the price is fixed too low the butter fat will be diverted to cheese and we will have a shortage of butter. The one feature about the whole agricultural problem which pleases me is the fact that our farmers are organizing because in my opinion farmers themselves can handle their own problems much more intelligently and much more efficiently than any government can handle them.

Several trips have been made by members of the House of Commons to war industries in Hamilton during the past few months and we have seen many things about war production which I would like to pass on to the folk in my county but so many of them are confidential I am permitted to discuss facts about our shell production. The National Steel Corp company in Hamilton is now producing shells at the rate of over eighty thousand per week has already produced over three million shells and will soon be up to 130,000 per week. This company has now of its kind in the world, and is producing shells at the lowest cost of the largest and best equipped factory company in Canada.

HUGHES CLEAVER

MR. G. W. MacKENZIE ADDRESSED MEETING KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE

The regular meeting of Knox Y. P. Guild was held on March 24. The meeting was in charge of Misses Martha Orr and Daisy Folster, the Fellowship Convener, and the Roll Call was answered with a favorite hymn. The Scripture Lesson was read by Doris Blow, Miss Joyce Desautel rendered a solo and the Study Book, "Goforth of China" was given by Miss Mildred Hollinger. A solo was rendered by Bella Rossell. Mr. G. W. MacKenzie was the guest-speaker for the evening and he gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Life's Patterns." A solo was rendered by Mrs. Ered Anderson and a sing-song of favorite hymns was led by the President, Clarence Coles.

HALTON PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE HELD AT MILTON TUESDAY

A conference on "Christian Life and Work" was held at the United Church Milton on Tuesday, led by the Rev. J. O. Tottin of Hornby, chairman of Halton Presbytery. The session opened with the celebration of "Holy Communion" the sermon being delivered by the Rev. G. Gifford of "Acton." The balance of the meeting was occupied with a period of meditation.

The afternoon provided a fine opportunity for conference and fellowship and was led by the Rev. F. C. Overend of Georgetown and the Rev. D. H. Gallagher of Oakville.

FOX PEELS UP

Saltjobaden Sweden (CP). At the first Scandinavian fair for auction of the season, here, about 5,000 silver fox and 1,500 blue fox furs were offered. Prices were higher than those of last season.

MARY-OF-ALL-TRADES

RAMSGATE England (CP). Fish shop manager, theatre program seller, soup packer and mill girl, Mrs. Mary Martha Wood, has now started business as Ramsgate's first woman butcher.

FORCE BOWLERS WIN 5-2 IN GAME THIS WEEK

The Force Bowling team defeated Hanna Bros. 5-2 on Tuesday night in a regular schedule Canadian Bowling League match.

The Score

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| M. Root | 261 | 241 | 216 | 503 |
| H. Otterburn | 140 | 237 | 248 | 625 |
| E. Griselow | 180 | 181 | 135 | 576 |
| R. Langford | 187 | 156 | 178 | 561 |
| W. Corry | 201 | 179 | 174 | 554 |
| Force Electric | 1661 | 1677 | 1660 | 4998 |
| Hanna's | 895 | 937 | 1117 | 3022 |

W. M. S. of Halton Met in the United Church in Acton

Inspirational Addresses From Returned Missionaries and Others—Officers Elected

The twentieth annual meeting of Halton Presbytery of the W. M. S. of the United Church of Canada was held in Acton United Church on Sunday, March 12th. The theme was "Strengthening Christian Forces."

Mrs Charles Readhead presided at the morning session when the main feature was "The Story of the Year," given by each one showed much care thought telling the important facts of their own department; special mention must be made of two living posters, acted effectively by our temperance and baby band secretaries with some of our youngest members. This session closed with a quiet half hour of worship conducted by Burlington Auxiliary.

At the dinner hour Mrs. H. Caldwell, Acton, welcomed the delegates and Mrs. S. T. Coulton of Burlington, who replied.

Burlington auxiliary had charge of the devotional period at the afternoon session, moderated by Mrs. Fred Shortill, who sang "Beside Still Water." Mrs. E. McNeven was the presiding officer—Mrs. Gordon Agnew of New China, our guest speaker gave a most inspiring and helpful address words cannot express how we appreciated the privilege of hearing her speak on the conditions in China to day. Mrs. K. Gardner favored with a lovely solo and during the afternoon Vincent of Acton Mission Band sang "The In Memoriam Service." was conducted by Mrs. A. Speight, Georgetown and as each name was read Mrs. W. R. Graham of Burlington placed a spray of snapdragons in a vase in her memory.

The open forum was ably handled by Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, who imparted much valuable information to our membership. Four Mission Bands—Ashgrove, Burlington, Burlington and Georgetown were presented with stars by Mrs. Frank Wilson, who explained also the standard of efficiency for receiving them. Mr. R. B. Gifford extended an invitation to the Presbytery to meet in Milton in April. Mrs. G. C. Gifford closed the afternoon session with prayer.

Mrs. E. Wilson presided at the supper meeting, which followed. Greetings were received first from Rev. J. O. Tottin, Hornby, chairman of the Presbytery, then Mrs. H. L. Benning from the Presbyterian W. M. S., Mrs. Van Wyck from the Anglican W. M. S. and from Mrs. Veldhuis of the Baptist Missionary Society. We were happy to have with us two Acton missionaries, Miss Ruth Nelson of Kilmarnock, B.C. of the United Church and Miss Nellie Anderson of Japan of the Presbyterian church each speaking briefly of their work. A pleasing duet by Acton auxiliary added much to our program.

Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Foreign Mission Executive Secretary of the Dominion Board of Toronto, was our special evening speaker, and her subject was "Light in the Blackout." Her excellent address brought out many thoughts on conditions of every kind where our missionary interests are concerned. The national anthem and the benediction pronounced by Rev. G. C. Gifford ended one of our times Presbyteral gatherings.

"Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor efficiently took charge of the election and installation of the following officers for 1941:

Past President Mrs. H. "Triple" Bart, Brant. President Mrs. E. Wilson, Milton. 1st Vice-President Mrs. T. E. McNeven, Milton. 2nd Vice-President Mrs. W. A. Shaw, Oakville. 3rd Vice-President Mrs. Geo. Fox Palmero, 1st Vice-President Mrs. Charles Readhead, Milton. Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Phair, Brant. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Brownridge, Milton. Treasurer, Mrs. Ross Segsworth, Epsom. Secretary of CASE, Mrs. A. G. Rossell, Brant. Secretary of Mission Circles, Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Burlington. Secretary of CGIT, Mrs. H. Cleaver, Burlington. Secretary of Mission Bands, Mrs. F. Wilson, Georgetown. Secretary of Baby Bands, Mrs. E. McKay, Georgetown. Associate Helpers Mrs. W. Gunby, Freeman, Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. N. Brownridge, Georgetown. Community Friend Secretary, Mrs. Burdette Gunby, Lovellville. Literary Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Clements, Milton. Miss Monthly and W. F. Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Tunis, Burlington. Temperance and Christian Citizenship Secretary, Mrs. H. J. Caldwell, Acton. Press, Mrs. A. Marshall, Oakville. Member without Portfolio, Mrs. T. C. Daley.

PROMINENT ACTONIAN DIED



William R. Kenney, Business Man in Acton and prominent citizen, for eighty years who died at his home in Acton on Wednesday of last week.

Barn and Cattle Destroyed by Fire On Nearby Farm

Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed a large barn on the farm of Sheriff W. J. L. Hopshire on the Second Line south of Acton on Sunday evening.

Destroyed with the building was 1,000 bushels of grain and a quantity of hay and straw. Forty-six head of cattle were housed in the building and two of them were burned to death. The other animals were driven from the burning building.

It is still not known exactly what caused the blaze.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

MUSICAL EVENING FOR SUNDAY AT UNITED CHURCH HERE

An unusual musical service, following a somewhat similar Fall which dealt with hymns, this one emphasizing hymn tunes, will be offered in the United Church, Acton, next Sunday evening by the choir and three guest soloists. The purpose, under the theme: "The Music of the Masters in our Church Series" is to show by song, story and illustration how widely the music of the great composers has found its way into the hymns of our regular services.

Misses Beth and Dorothy Fletcher, soprano, of Toronto, will sing duets as well as several solos illustrating some of the hymn tunes. Mrs. Muriel Ricketts will play a piano transcription of one of the master tunes little known, by whom the composer has found his way into the hymns of our regular services.

The list of musical numbers as follows, will illustrate how widely the works of the master composers will be presented. Handel, hymn, with "Antioch"; "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Dorothy Fletcher, Mendelssohn "Consolation," for offertory; Beethoven "The Hymn to Joy," sung by the choir and soloists, Haydn "Austria," with descant, sung by choir and soloists; You "Jesus, Bimbo," sung by Dorothy Fletcher; Mozart hymn by congregation; Spinks "The Prayer Perfect," sung by Beth Fletcher; Bach "Passion Chorale," piano, "Selbstm," piano and voice; "Eisench," piano; "Ach Bleib bei uns," piano and voice; "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," played by Muriel Ricketts; "My Heart Ever Faithful," sung by Dorothy Fletcher, Gounod hymn by congregation. The regular hour of service has been changed to eight Daylight Time.

GIRLS' GUILD HAD VARIED PROGRAM AT TUESDAY'S MEETING

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