

EDITORIAL

Three Days In Ottawa

Last week your editor spent three days in the nation's capital and in view of the fact it is five years since we visited Ottawa, perhaps our editorial columns can be varied and found of general interest if we told you of our visit.

Ottawa is always interesting but does not change much. Its street cars are still of the old type and seem to meet regularly in the central point of the city. We had no occasion to use them but the destinations proved strange to the visitors and we have since wondered where the final destination was of the car labelled "Champagne Bar".

Purpose of our trip was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association with representatives attending from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. Meeting in sessions for two days and at most meals in the Chateau Laurier with such a group is in itself broadening and interesting. All the talk is not shop-talk and the oil of Alberta, the fast and mouth disease of Saskatchewan, the short apple crop in Nova Scotia and the immensity of British Columbia rivalled anything that Ontario or Quebec could tell about.

Perhaps we ought to make just one comment about the food, which was at all times excellent. Tuesday evening we were faced with a dozen oysters on the half shell. We like oysters in soup or fried but this was our first meeting with them in the raw. Others looked at them with dubious eye. Our dinner companion said they were delicious with vinegar and pepper. We just applied salt and pepper. First two went fast, and the last four we masticated and found them alright, but don't imagine we'll order them at any time as a matter of choice.

Government Contacts

At Tuesday's dinner meeting the speaker was Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance. He explained how the budget was made up and that by the week-end the departmental estimates would be completed.

He told us he wasn't concerned about the \$700 million surplus. It was a comfortable situation to have more taken in than had been handed out. If he hadn't had a surplus he would have needed to borrow and while the money hadn't been spent the commitments had been made and would have to be met.

If Canadians are due for any tax cuts, Mr. Abbott didn't reveal any such information. He is a non-smoker and non-drinker of intoxicants. He told the gathering that "as long as we are to have a \$2 billion defence expenditure and a \$4 billion budget yearly it is unrealistic to expect any substantial reduction in taxes. There will be no significant curtailment in taxes until there is a reduction in defence expenditures."

The minister saw an unparalleled period of expansion for Canada in future years and said that "other countries realize this fact".

There were no budget secrets revealed but his talk was interesting and gave for better understanding of this man and his work of gathering the money, listening to delegations, reading briefs and making far-reaching decisions.

Canada's Finance Minister is a fair singer and enjoyed, with the group, some singing about the piano after the dinner. All in all, he is a good fellow.

Other contacts with government officials were numerous particularly at the luncheon on Wednesday. We met representatives of many departments informally and interestingly.

A New Governor General

We stayed in Ottawa on Thursday for the express purpose of witnessing some of the ceremony in connection with the welcoming of a new Governor-General and the opening of parliament. It was worth while.

Ottawa station is just across the street from the Chateau and is different from most city railway stations. There must have been consideration in its building for such notable train arrivals. Matter of fact, the whole city seems to lend itself to such events.

We were on the street in time to see the

Guards Band and a unit of 100 Guardsmen come swinging down to the station. The scarlet tunics, with medals, and gleaming decorations, and their heads and faces enveloped in the big fur busbys were indeed a colorful spectacle.

The route that the Governor-General would take was easily ascertained by following along the red carpet which was guarded on either side by the Mounties. We reached the platform landing in time to secure about the last rail position directly in front of the gate at which the first Canadian Governor-General was to make his first official entry as such to the capital.

The band assumed its position and the Guardsmen lined up. Workmen were busy laying out the yards of red carpet and getting the platform in position.

Prime Minister St. Laurent arrived at 10.15 and waited beside the platform, while cameramen and broadcasting folk became very active. One of the Guardsmen went down the lines with a big brush, making sure that fur caps were just right to a hair and uniforms were immaculate with shoes well polished.

The train backed into the red carpeted platform with ever so slight a bump. The carpets were swept again and Mr. St. Laurent went aboard to welcome Hon. Vincent Massey, the first Canadian to be appointed to the high office of Governor General of Canada.

As cameras flashed and the band played the party made its way to the small dais and the flag was broken out.

It seemed a very solemn affair. If there was cheering we didn't note it. The Governor-General gives the impression of a very serious-minded man. There was no smile as he inspected the guard and occasionally chatted to some of the men. His walk was precise and his appearance dignified but no one will lean confidently on his shoulder and slap him jovially. He will always be enveloped in the dignity of his high office.

The carpet was rolled up after he passed that way and the dignitaries and the limousines moved away. We reached the street again in time to see the band and guards go swinging by in the lines of air force and infantry which seemed to line every street. We walked up to parliament hill and took in the pageantry and glory of spring sunshine from the sidewalk.

We didn't go into the Senate Chamber to see the ceremony of swearing the Governor-General into office. There were too many obstacles confronting us. A morning suit was the required dress and also an invitation.

From outside we heard the strains of "God Save the Queen" and the booming of the guns. Later there were photo bulbs flashing in the windows along the entrance passage under the great archway and out came the rush of cameramen and the Governor-General was in the entrance. As the band played and the soldiers stood at attention, the party left along the soldier-lined route for Rideau Hall.

Parliament Opening

At noon we had luncheon with Halton's Member, Mr. Hughes Cleaver, in the Members' dining room and a chance for a chat with this Lesy man who has been representing this county for 16 years. He is now chairman of two of the most important parliamentary committees and since his father's death has found it imperative to relinquish his work in Ottawa when his present term ends. His place will be difficult for any successor.

Mr. Cleaver arranged for our tickets and invitations to the opening of parliament. Our seat was in the Senate North-Gallery. Owing to the period of mourning for King George VI the usually colorful scene was missing - the ladies were requested to wear mourning dress and hat.

We couldn't enthuse over the opening of parliament. The entrance of the various officials is dignified and precise, and with measured steps. The symbols are majestic and the ritual intoned in the usual colorless voice. Best dressed man was, of course, the Governor-General in blue and gold braided uniform and with high white feathered hat.

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For the world to get an opportunity to see the event, two great movie floodlights bore with unflinching light on all who were at the throne, all through the reading of the speech from the Throne. The Governor-General read first in English and then in French this lengthy document which forecasts the legislation that will be taken under consideration. All who were in the North Gallery faced those glaring lights and sympathized with those who were in their full beam. The spotlight has its uncomfortable moments and severe demands on those who serve the public.

In the elevator after the ceremony we heard one official bitterly proclaiming that the order to turn off the lights during the reading of the Throne Speech had been completely ignored.

We haven't told of the text of the Throne Speech and we didn't take notes on the details of parliament opening. We never saw the official program and it's surprising how little was to be found in the Ottawa papers prior to the event. It was an opportunity we had long desired to fulfil and one which any Canadian would enjoy. We have enjoyed passing on our impressions and observations of three days at Ottawa.

Over the Newspapers

Just a concluding impression from Ottawa. It can be more interesting in the Chateau Laurier to sit in the rotunda and watch the world go by and eavesdrop on conversations than in any other hotel we know about. Get a morning or evening paper and settle down behind it to listen while you read and the paper often loses interest.

One will hear a group of Senators speculating whether the session will be short or long; about the cost of living in Ottawa; of whether the wife came or stayed home; and just reminiscing but seldom any enthusiasm of what will be their task during the session.

Ottawa has plenty of high officials and colorful uniforms. The St. John's Ambulance event on Thursday night had a variety of uniforms which we never realized existed in the order. One can hear of big deals and great propositions from many corners. Then there was the elderly man who came along and was lonely and just wanted to tell about his business and his life. He was perfectly sober and picked a pair opposite us to relate his story. He would have retold it to us but a reader gives the impression of not wanting to be disturbed.

The easy chairs at the Chateau Laurier are so much set upon that it requires several employees going about shaking them up. One keeps rucking down and we found that in less than an hour it is with difficulty that you emerge from the location.

Safe Highs Low In Grain Drying

Of the available types of grain drying equipment, M. E. Dodds, Department of Agriculture Experimental Station, Swift Current, recommends a unit that consists of a centrifugal fan to supply the required pressure and volume of air, a pressure-type oil burner which lends itself to automatic control, and a dryer made up of a system of vertical flues that deliver dry heated air to the grain and remove from it the cool moist air.

Automatic burner control is important in view of the necessity of having to operate the drying process within a narrow temperature range. For maximum drying efficiency grain should, of course, be heated to as high a temperature as is safely possible. These safe temperature limits are relatively low. Grain used for seeding purposes will lose its germinating power if heated to a temperature above 110 degrees F., while grain intended for milling purposes will lose some of its milling quality if heated to a temperature above 140 degrees F.

Although Mr. Dodds recommends the flue-dryer, he also approves of the drying tower, or the batch dryer. Here heated air is forced into a central chamber from which it passes through a column of grain on either side.

Grain-drying is a slow process. It takes time to heat the grain to the temperature at which it will give up its internal moisture. The final operation in grain-drying is the cooling process, when cool air is forced through the grain to reduce the temperature for safe storage.

HIGH SPEED HELICOPTERS

British designers are planning a machine which will combine the hovering helicopter and the high-speed fixed-wing aircraft. They aim to produce an aircraft with a speed range from zero to about 200 miles an hour or more, which can take off from a city roof and yet make speedy flights between big cities.

AT THE Churches

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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Subject, Christ's Motive for Giving (Concluded)
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Subject, Religious Symbols (2nd series)

Thought for the Week
"The time when I was converted was when religion became no longer a duty, but a pleasure."
(Lancelotti)

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Supply Minister, Archdeacon McIntosh of Hamilton

SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, 1932
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginners' Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
Lenten Service every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

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SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, 1932
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 p.m.—Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"
A Warm Welcome Awaits You

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SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, 1932
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
11:30 a.m.—"A Man Who Believes Something"
7:00 p.m.—"What You Get Out of Life"
8:30 p.m.—B. Y. P. U. Conference report by Hillsburgh group—dramatized
Thursday, "Church Night"—8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 8:30 p.m. Study Period, 9:10 p.m. Discussion Group
Friday—4 p.m. Mission Band. Welcome to All



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1932

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 3rd, 1932

March certainly came in very lamblike.

What especially did you accomplish in the extra day of 1932?

The placards for the medals are still very conspicuous in the homes about town.

Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr., 19-months-old son of the Flying Colonel was kidnapped on Tuesday night from his nursery in the Lindbergh country home near Hopewell N.J.

The sounding of the fire siren this morning was only to announce the visit to Acton of the Fire Underwriter's Inspector for an inspection of Acton's fire fighting equipment.

The Oakville puck chasers won the round by 7-2 and so Acton was eliminated. If the ice can be put into condition there are the Junior games for the Peter Smith trophy to be played between Acton and Georgetown.

President W. J. Gould, First Vice President J. M. McDonald, J. P. and Secretary F. L. Wright attended the banquet of presidents and secretaries of the Canadian Legion at Port Credit.

There are 723,244 farms in Canada, according to the official census taken in June, 1931.

DIED
CAMPBELL—At the home, lot 16, concession 1, Nassagaweya Twp., on Monday, Feb. 29, 1932, Christy Ann Smith, widow of the late Hugh Campbell in her 81st year.

Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 6th, 1902

The congregation of Knox Church, with feelings of gratitude in God's continued goodness, and with hallowed memories of the as-

sociations of past years, wended their way to the place of worship which they loved so well last Sunday, to participate in the seventh anniversary of the opening of the present church and the 57th since organization.

Mr. W. A. Russell, who was a member of the North West Mounted Police in the Yukon for some time, and who came home at the death of his mother a year ago, returned on Monday to the land of gold. He has two brothers in the gold fields and will join them in mining in preference to rejoining the Mounted Police.

Tuesday morning John Russell, Esq. of Lake Avenue, received a letter from his two sons, John and Robert, who are mining on their own claim in the Yukon. The letter contained a little buckskin bag containing beautiful specimens of nuggets and gold dust. Mr. Russell is very proud of his specimens of pure gold.

A lecture on "A Woman's Tongue" given last Monday evening by Rev. A. I. Snyder, M.A. of Freelon, in the Ebenezer Methodist church, Nassagaweya, was a pronounced success. He has given the lecture 127 times.

For some time certain customers have been imposing on town barbers by calling for a Sunday morning shave. Messrs. Warden and Kee have made a mutual agreement that their shops will remain closed on Sunday. Citizens generally will appreciate this determination and will do all in their power to aid the barbers.

Loe Kim has sold out his Chinese laundry on Willow St. to Fong Lee Hing.

The sudden death of Miss Annie McEachern in the General Hospital at Sarina last week brought sorrow to many homes in Acton and vicinity. She was taken seriously ill with lung trouble.

The balmy spring-like weather of last week has been replaced by old-fashioned winter weather again.

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6:28 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 2:08 p.m., 5:03 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:32 p.m., 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:37 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:27 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:32 p.m., 1:12 a.m. Sun to Kitchener only.
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