

# EDITORIAL

## Forecasts Come True

Just after completing last week's editorials your editor went to Ottawa to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. We warned you last week that in all probability these columns would largely be devoted to this trip to the Dominion capital. After all, one can only write on the things that we come in touch with.

Frankly, we don't know much about the country between Ottawa and Toronto. Crawling into a sleeping car compartment at Toronto Union Station before 11 o'clock and being awakened at 7.30 the following morning for an arrival in Ottawa at 8.10 just gives you an opportunity to pass through two stations and land at the Chateau Laurier.

Just a word of warning if you are planning a visit and making this hotel your headquarters in Ottawa during the time parliament is in session. Better to go on the day train because never yet in spite of assurances regarding reservations, have we been able to get our room before 4.30 in the afternoon. It seems the guests just don't check out until late afternoon. Perhaps that's the reason for the slept-on appearance of the easy chairs in the lounges of the hotel rotunda. At any rate there are plenty of them and they are well occupied most of the time.

## Busy on Business

The two days in Ottawa were the busiest in minding our business of the details of weekly newspapers we have ever had. Usually there's some little time when one can get away and view the nation's business on Parliament Hill. Not, of course, that there are sufficient folk in Ottawa to do the job, but you know how everybody likes at some time or other to be a sidewalk superintendent and watch the other fellow being busy.

We did go up to the House of Commons on Tuesday evening. The member who was addressing the Speaker (he seemed to be the only one paying any attention) was speaking in French and our knowledge of that language having been limited to that taught in the high schools of 40 years ago we didn't know a word he uttered. We wondered if any of the members in the House knew it very well by the unrupt attention they gave to the address.

Mrs. Dills was more fortunate, for on the day following on her visit to the House of Commons she reported quite enthusiastically on the debate. We read part of it in Hansard on the week-end and we failed to share the enthusiasm. But perhaps it's like TV—you have to see and hear to get the full import.

## On Being a Member

You readers wouldn't be interested in the least about knowing about the concerns of problems affecting the publishing of weekly newspapers across Canada. It's like comparing notes on operations when the illnesses are diversely different. But when editors from every province get together it's surprising how much one can hear if one is a good listener. The wonders of the Okanagan Valley have a task keeping up with the western oil developments, and Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes often have to interrupt to get attention.

Tuesday evening the group had as guest speaker, R. O. Campney, Associate Minister, Department of National Defence. His subject gave some inside information on the process of becoming and the duties devolving on a Member of Parliament. It was humorous and informative. It didn't divulge any government secrets on national defense and perhaps on a night away from parliament Mr. Campney enjoyed talking on the lighter side. We thoroughly enjoyed it, too, because we were pretty well filled with discussions pertaining to newspaper management.

Mr. Campney said it was easy to become a Member of Parliament. All one had to do was become elected. Of course, it was also necessary to get nominated and many a political aspiration was wrecked even before the electors had an opportunity to toss it aside. His description of the maiden speech in parliament and its reception was enlightening as well as humorous.

It was an address that was perhaps not so im-

portant as the weighty ones given in the House of Commons but one that was revealing to many who have never looked on public life from Mr. Campney's viewpoint.

## Farm Forum ?

On Wednesday the Directors were guests of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture with Mr. H. H. Hannam and Mr. Colin Groff as hosts. In addressing the group Mr. Hannam led off with extracts from the brief C.W.N.A. had presented to the Government of Canada in 1951. The quotations drew attention to the production problems of agriculture and city or town-produced goods.

"There is a very large measure of free competition within agriculture today as the brief said, but there is little, if any, free competition between industries in our modern economy," said Mr. Hannam. "Government's subsidize most industries in one way or another. So much government legislation today interferes with the competitive position of various industries that government policies largely decide just what our competitive position is. For example, a certain act may strengthen or weaken the competitive position of any industry. In other words, free competition can no longer be relied upon to provide any reasonable equality for agriculture within our national economy."

There was much more that Mr. Hannam elaborated on his viewpoint and then he asked the editors for the benefit of their thinking in respect to the type of program organized agriculture should formulate and promote in order to achieve the proper balance and stability for the farm family within our society.

If the thinking of the editors had been up to this point on newspaper matters only, it showed almost immediately that editors could give some thoughts in other directions. From off Georgian Bay, from the Nova Scotia coal mining district, from the oily west and from the Okanagan Valley came the expressions which editors so freely give.

It was good. In fact, the viewpoints were so numerous and varied that the discussion ran nearly an hour into time arranged for business sessions. Not all of it favored the Federation of Agriculture and our farm marketing. We know Mr. Hannam didn't get the benefit of all the thinking of all the editors, but we know he realizes they are doing some thinking on our complex problems of distribution, production, free enterprise and many other things—too numerous to mention (as they say on the auction sale posters).

Mr. Hannam's idea of after dinner speaking was original, informative and one of the highlights of a gathering that had many top features.

## Baked Alaska

Sandwiched into the business/sessions, too, was a discussion with representatives of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in which viewpoints of editors and this community service organization were exchanged with mutual benefits.

Concluding dinner was by the Canadian National Railways with Mr. Herbert Lash as master of ceremonies. Knowing something of oratory that can develop in such gatherings Mr. Lash had versatility in his program of music provided by fellows who are railway employees by day and quite accomplished musicians in the evenings.

We haven't said anything about food, but you who have visited the Chateau in Ottawa know of its excellence and we have in later years lost some of our enthusiasm through no choice of our own. If you are ever dining at the Chateau in Ottawa, no matter what the condition of your digestive apparatus may be, you shouldn't pass up the dessert of "Baked Alaska." It was the dessert on our final meal in Ottawa.

The next morning we had ginger ale and a sandwich eaten on the bus enroute from Toronto. That was the last food that day but don't ever neglect to take Baked Alaska at the Chateau Laurier and be sure and take all of the generous portion you are served.

Just to top off our newspaper week away from home, we attended a district press meeting at Hamilton on Saturday. This week you'll find us at home.



## Mixed Mushrooms

E. R. Reed of Glenapey Farms on the highway between Acton and Milton, spoke at the last meeting of the Milton and District Horticultural Society on mushrooms. There is only one variety grown and sold in North America, he said, while in Europe as many as 78 kinds are raised. We pass so many good types because we don't know about them, he explained. He likely had the Milton mushroom fanciers' mouths watering!

## New Start Nearby

The classified column of the Elm Advocate had a strange ad last week "Farmers In three or four weeks people from the flooded areas of the Netherlands will arrive in Canada around Elm and Oshrope. Would you like to help or do you need help on your farm? Apply." Local Dutch residents have arranged to bring their farm or countrymen who have lost everything here, for a new start.

## Paging Mr. Brice

"Are you acquainted with a tall, thin man in his late 40's named William E. Brice?" the Oakville Trafalgar Journal wants to know. "If so, he may be the man named Brice who has \$4,000,000 coming to him from an inheritance. He is the nearest relative of a million air who left no will. He is on top of the list of missing heirs." There might just as likely be some one in this district known to him, as in the Oakville area. It would be nice to have the money.

## Warning

Trafalgar has ordered warning signals for the dangerous S. rail road crossing which not long ago claimed its sixth victim in four months. A watchman is on 24 hour duty until the installation is completed.

## Big Shot

Halton gets some distinguished visitors. Sgt. H. Lee was spotted eating in the heart's content in a highway restaurant last week.

## Ref Gets Penalty

Ever hear of a hockey game when the referee got a penalty for interference? That's what happened in Georgetown during a game between Elm and Georgetown Lions clubs at the Lions Jubilee. O.H.A. referee Pat Patterson, well known here, was the referee partially hidden behind a phony nose.

## Some Highlights

Some highlights the doctor flying out onto the ice, complete with his veterinarian's kit; Elm player's goal with the puck attached to his stick; goalie Dick Licata with an outside stick.

## In one six months' period in 1952

Red Cross volunteers worked with funds and materials provided by Canadian contributors assisted in 210 disasters.

## Reading Between The Lines

# STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT? WHY NOT ELIMINATE THE UNNECESSARY TALK?

by Jim Dills

There is often a great deal of talk about streamlining our democratic system of government. For example some suggest it might be better to have fewer members being paid more and making provincial and federal representatives full time employees in a sense.

It is commonly known that democracy is not the most efficient type of government but it is the most equitable. We certainly do abuse our privileges though. For example this is the season when members will be speaking on the budget or the speech from the throne.

I used to think they had to speak on these things but from a few days in the house, a glance at the verbatim reports that cross the desk daily and a look at the actual speeches members are giving in the houses of government, I find the subject spoken on gives no light on the words that may be uttered.

Having read some of them and noticed how the speech can include anything, I don't wonder that the time taken for the government of the province and country has increased.

In Britain they have a stipulation that no speeches can be read in the House and it seems to me that would be a wise rule to include in this country's parliamentary procedure.

From a prepared speech everything can be included without any risk of forgetting some of the little unimportant points I always felt disappointed when I noticed how empty the house would be when a speech was being delivered and when some of the members were reading the current edition of Star Weekly funnies.

Blaming the individual members for not paying attention to the long winded orators was the easiest way out of a poor conception of democracy in action. But looking a little deeper it seems the blame should go to the representatives who needlessly monopolize valuable time just to get their name in the record as having spoken in the House.

Here's an example of what Mr. R. Fair (Battle Creek) said, as reported in Hansard, for February 28. "Mr. Speaker, when the house rose for dinner at six o'clock I had just placed the Liberals, the Progressive Conservatives and the C.C.F. all in one bed, and have not heard a squawk out of any of them since that time. I presume they are getting along all right."

## AT THE Churches

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
Rev. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., B.D., Minister  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1953  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning 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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Dwight L. Patterson, Pastor  
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Thursday, March 5, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8th, 1953  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
A representative of the Ontario Temperance Federation will be speaking  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship  
8:30 p.m.—Young People

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Thought for the Week  
VOICE OF GOD  
"If ye keep watch over your hearts and listen for the voice of God and learn of Him, in one short hour ye can learn more from Him than ye could learn from man in a thousand years."  
Johannes Tauler, Strasbourg 1290-1360 A.D.

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(Anglican)  
Rev. Ralph E. Price, B.A., B.D., Rector  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 8th, 1953  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Beginners Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sunday Wednesday, March 11, 8 p.m.—M.D. Area Centre service. Address: Rev. Thomas Harris, Secretary, Board of Religious Education.  
"For though our sins be as scarlet they shall be made white as snow, and though they be as purple, yet shall they be made white as wool." Isa. 1: 18

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

## Back in 1903

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 5, 1903

The last week in September Ana Hall, J.P. went to Pennington to spend the winter in the home of his son, Z. A. Hall, Esq. He enjoyed his stay and his facilities were generally nice. Although in his 83rd year, since he left Acton he twice read through the book of Psalms without spectacles. He peacefully passed away on Tuesday, 24th February. A very impressive memorial service was conducted in the Methodist church which was tastefully draped in black for the occasion. A large congregation was present.

## Back in 1933

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 2, 1933

The entries are getting some splendid games these evenings. Trainers accommodated at the Town Hall these nights run as high as 22 some nights while one or two appear on other occasions.

A week end conference open to all teen age girls and their leaders of Peel and Halton Counties was held at Georgetown last week end. Quite a number attended from Acton.

The Midget Hockey teams have played the final games of the season and the Crescents stand in first place with the Parkviews in second place and Three Stars third. Conditions permitting, next week games will be played next week.

Charles Lauby, Kramoa Township farmer, who with two others was injured in a level crossing accident at Rockwood on February 21, died at the Guelph Hospital on Thursday.

The classes of the Three Month school held a closing banquet in the Town Hall. J. Lachie Wilson was the speaker for the evening. Awards were made for honours in the work of the course.

## DIED

MOORE At the residence, 28 Crombie Street, Galt, Friday, February 27, 1933 Robert Moore in his 77th year.

This week Mrs. Thomas Perryman Sr. is added to the list. March came in with quite little like attitude.

Josee James books which are read by the younger boys were stored in town this week.

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