

Editorial Report

What Does a Member Do

By Sandy Best, M.P.

Spring seems to be the time of year when students from schools across Canada generally plan trips to Ottawa. Major points of interest are the parliament buildings, the House of Commons in session, the Royal Mint and the National Gallery.

Many pointed and thoughtful questions are directed by high school students to the members of parliament who represent them in Ottawa. In my own case, for instance, the question is often raised about what a member does at Ottawa and why the House of Commons frequently seems so deserted. Other questions may concern the operation of the House itself, and the vigorous interjections of members across the floor. It is often asked why members read newspapers write letters and carry on private discussions while someone else is talking.

Admittedly, much of the latter may be bad manners. Nevertheless, there is some justification because of the tremendously wide variety of topics that are discussed in the House. Many are frequently of particular interest only to certain sections of the country, or even to a smaller area. Because of this, it may seem more efficient for members present to be doing some other work at that moment.

Variable as Sea

I often think of the House of Commons as practically a living body or institution as variable as the sea, with a frequent rise and ebb of excitement and interest. Sometimes major international problems are discussed, controversial domestic issues are raised, or again, matters of interest only to a local area.

A member's time may be divided into several sections. Those from the busier and more populous ridings, such as Halton, may receive 10, 20 or more personal letters a day which require detailed research and answers. Frequently, such answers may be found only through much additional correspondence, telephone calls and extensive trips to government departments around the capital.

Committees Busy

Then, there are the committees of the House of Commons, some 23 in number, with members varying from 15 to 20, sometimes much more. A good deal of the detailed research and examination of various problems are carried out in these committees. The External Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, frequently examines in detail Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan or negotiations with the Americans on the Columbia River development project.

The Agricultural Committee may look into prices of farm machinery, sales and distribution of feed grains and other related problems. Committees on veterans' affairs, broadcasting and other important topics occupy a great deal of a member's time.

All in all, the life of a member of parliament is a full one with much excitement and many opportunities for creative work. Truly in fact, however, it is sometimes a luxury to sit in the House of Commons for an extended period of the day. It just isn't that easy!

Notes on Nature

By WES FOUNTAIN

In fields near forest margins, there are great numbers of small caterpillars, often referred to as inchworms. These delicate, highly colored caterpillars lead their bodies into a hump, then extend themselves out as far as possible before taking hold with their forefeet.

When frightened, an inchworm will drop from its perch but remain suspended by a silken thread spun from glands in its mouth. It swings in an arc until it either grasps a plant or reaches the ground. The inchworm caterpillars are leaf-eaters and can be serious pests in forests and orchards.

Tent Caterpillar

Another caterpillar of serious economic consequence is the tent caterpillar. Its familiar webbed masses can be seen in the forks of field shrubs such as wild cherries, as well as in bushes and trees along the margins of forests.

The female moths of the tent caterpillar lay their eggs in early summer but do not hatch until the following spring. During fair days, they roam about the tree but at night and during rainy weather, they remain within the tough, water-resistant web which they spin. When fully grown, they spin cocoons from which the adult moths later hatch.

Attracted to Goldenrod

When the goldenrod blooms, a variety of insects is attracted to its dense cluster of flowers. One such insect is a large beetle. The locust borer commonly feeds on goldenrod in open fields. The locust borer is best known for its destructive habits as larvae, when it bores through the wood of the black locust tree, often causes their destruction.

One of the many remarkable sights that can be seen during summer evenings in fields are the flashing lights of the fireflies. The fireflies in Canada are all beetles and, none are true flies. In certain areas of their bodies, a substance called luciferin is found close to the breathing tubes. When air is drawn into these tubes, luciferin combines with oxygen, but this is possible only when another substance, luciferase, is also present. This light is without heat or ultraviolet rays and is nearly 100 per cent light energy. The light organ in most fireflies is located in the last three or four segments of the abdomen.

HYPERWOOD

23 at Family Party For 77th Birthday

Mrs. Jennie Foster of Toronto visited at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Burt on Sunday when 23 members of her family gathered to wish her well on her 77th birthday. A buffet supper was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Len Walker on the birth of their son in Milton hospital.

Weekend Visitors

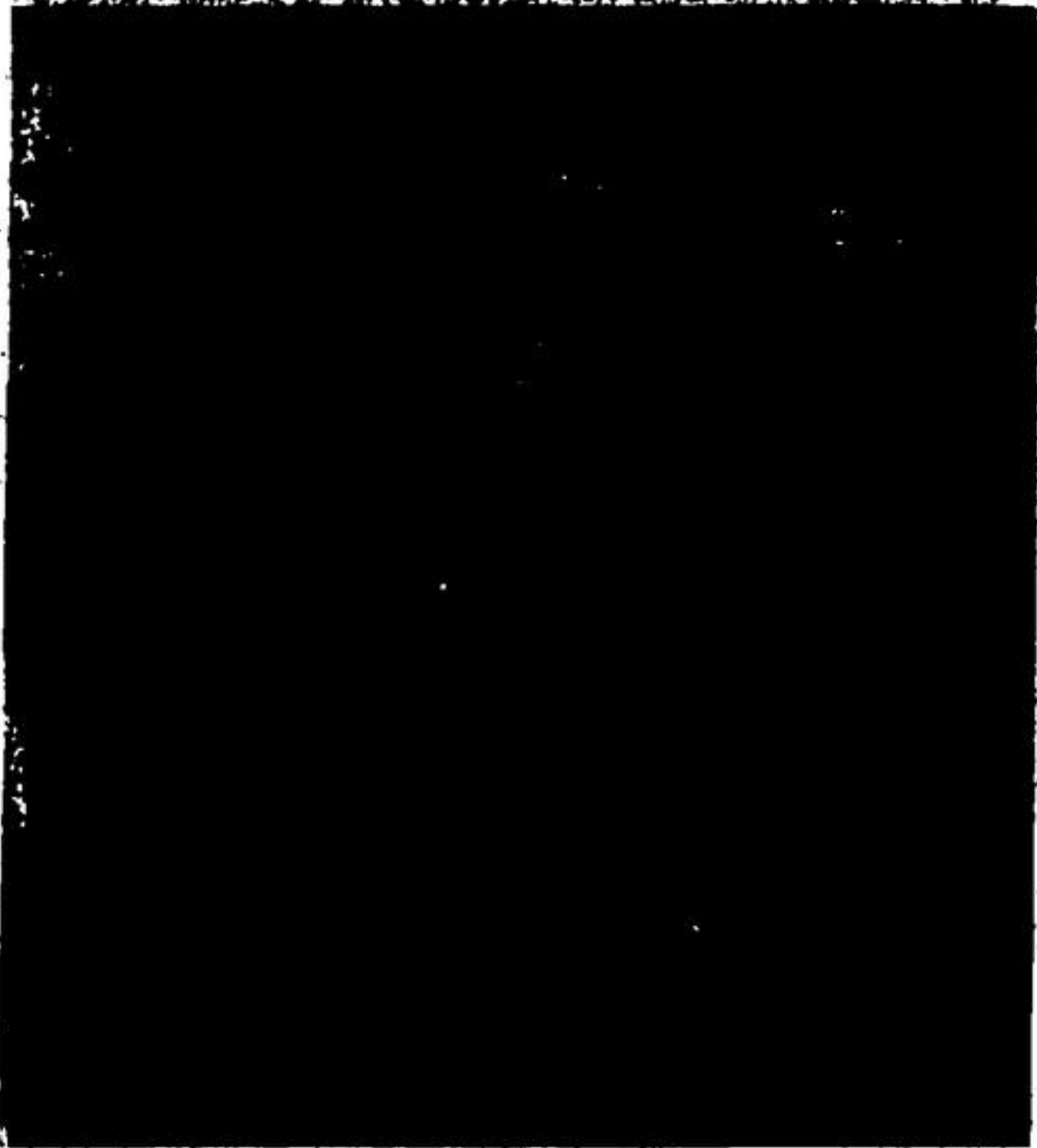
Weekend visitors with the Harry Scott's were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Whitfield from Woodlands, Etobicoke; Mr. and Miss Lena Whitfield from London, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Whitfield and children of London.

Mr. Frank Miller of Clinton spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. E. R. Miller and Mrs. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller and family spent the weekend at their cottage at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. David Williamson spent the weekend in Fenelon Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr and family at the Kerr cottage.

Thomas, Edmondson, station master of Lancaster, England, invented the railroad ticket in 1836.



THREE NEWCOMERS were welcomed to the Acton Scout Troop Monday evening when they were invested. The three young boys had learned their scout laws prior to the ceremony and Monday night repeated the scout promise. Pictured left to right are Etienne Vanvlenderen, David Watson and Jim McDowell.

EDEN MILLS

Christening, Banquet, Visitors Highlight Community Events

(Intended for last week)

A christening party was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cunniff for their son, Andrew. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cunniff and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. George Rockola and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips and Martha, Mrs. Samuel Martin, all of Guelph; Mrs. S. Cunniff, Bayfield; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Phillips and family, Humber Summit and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flannery, Ferris.

Sunday Service

A Mother and Daughter Banquet was held Saturday noon in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church of the Brownies. Commissioner Atkinson of Guelph brought greetings and complimented their leaders on their progress.

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Mother's Day service was well attended in Eden Mills Presbyterian church Sunday with three young people taking part in the service, Eloise Watson, Patsy Wright and Ivan Buchan. Jack Birch preached the sermon.

Guests with Mr. and Mrs. H. Heyink were the Misses J. and G. Garland of Toronto.

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4-H Girls' Club Members Take Part in W.I. Meet

G.A.D. About

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The presence of the 4-H Girls' Club lent color to the meeting of the Dublin Women's Institute this month. The event took place at the home of Mrs. E. Wilson, Nassagawaya. After the usual opening, the new president, Mrs. C. McIntyre, led discussion on business pertaining to the Institute.

Letters from grateful receivers of gifts were read. A decision was made to change the style of the printed program. Other institutes are joining in a group to have programs printed together, making it possible for branches to learn and appreciate each other's activities.

Delegates Appointed

Delegates appointed for the District Annual on May 23 were Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. Horace Blyth, Mrs. Duncan Moffat and Mrs. Alex Near.

A donation of \$10 towards Decoration Day in Acton was approved and help arranged for on June 4.

The next regular meeting has been postponed until June 22 because of the invitation from Bannockburn Institute to attend a meeting of that branch on June 15, which is Dublin's regular meeting date.

A bus trip is being planned by Mrs. Mansell Nellis. It will take place on June 7.

Officers' Conference

A report by Mrs. C. McIntyre of the Officers' Conference in Guelph was very good indeed.

Much information was gleaned from it and will be useful in furthering the aims of our institute. The evening was lifted out of the ordinary by the demonstration of the making of a fruit salad by two of the 4-H club girls, Mary Moffat and Jean Britton. It was a delight to watch their capable handling of everything.

The rest of the girls served an unusual and very appetizing lunch. Emphasis was on fruits and the breads had all been baked by the girls themselves. A hearty round of applause let them know how the institute appreciated all of it.

WATCH FOR GAS

"Unsolved murder" could be the verdict on many people found dead in crashed automobiles, says the Ontario Safety League. The undetected killer—carbon monoxide. A defective exhaust system that allows carbon monoxide to seep into the car can gradually stupefy a driver without his becoming aware that he is being slowly poisoned. If he loses control, crashes and dies, no clue to indicate the killer is left behind. There are two rules to help protect you from the invisible murderer: first, have your exhaust system checked regularly; second, never drive your car, or sit in it with the engine running, with windows completely shut.

rhymes from school books and he was busy from five in the morning until nine in the evening and no sleeping pills were needed for a good night's sleep. No wonder he didn't have time to tell me about culture.

So when census time comes around, there are questions I cannot answer. I am a Canadian and I do object to spending \$100,000 on foolish questions.

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THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN

Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokreef, 185 Jeffrey St., phone 265

TRINITY SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 1961

8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Church School

11:00 a.m.—Matins

All Are Welcome!

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Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister

Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 1961

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Minister's Bible Class

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

Three Attitudes That Never Die

Junior Congregation (ages 3-7) meets during sermon.

8:00 p.m.—Ecumenical Missions Service Speaker, the Rev. Inya Ude, Presbyterian Church of Nigeria. Question period following address.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. J. Nutma, B.A., B.D., Minister 301 Queen St. Box 46, Phone 658

SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 1961

10:00 a.m.—English

2:30 p.m.—Dutch

The Church of the Back to God Hour

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario

Rev. Dwight Engel, B.A. Minister

Mr. George Elliott Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 1961

9:30 a.m.—Church School, Senior Dept., grade 4 and up

11:00 a.m.—Junior School, infants to grade 3

9:30 a.m.—Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

Sermon subject: "The Ordinances of the Christian Church V. Ordination"

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON

Pastor: James M. Rudd 39 Nelson Court, phone 206

SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 1961

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship

Monday—7:30, Baptist High Fellowship

Wednesday—4:00, Mission Band

7:30, Prayer, Praise and Bible Study

Friday—8:30, Explorers; 8:00, Junior Choir

All Are Welcome

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

33 Churchhill Road P.A.O.C.

Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor 75 Cook St., phone 848-W

SUNDAY, MAY 28th, 1961

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

7:00 p.m.—Evangelist

Special Services with Rev. B. H. Hartwell of Banbury, England, will begin on Tuesday, May 23 and will continue nightly at 8 p.m. except Monday and Saturday until Sunday, June 4. Sunday Service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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