

Ontario Report

Eskimo Conditions Improving

By Sandy Best, M.P.

Debate in the House of Commons varies a great deal depending on the subject and perhaps even more on the formality of the occasion. When the House is in Committee, Members address a Chairman rather than the Speaker and speeches can tend to be short and more informal. A good deal of such informal debate occurs on the Estimates of the various Government Departments, which forecast their spending for the coming fiscal year. At present, Estimates of several Departments have been passed by the House but some what over one-half remain to be dealt with.

One recent example was the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, presided over by its vigorous, young Minister, the Honourable Walter Dinsdale, who has spoken in Halton County. This Department has a wide range of interests and responsibilities.

The Canadian Government Travel Bureau, the National Museum of Canada, and the administration of our national parks, historic sites and various wildlife problems come under its jurisdiction. The Water Resources Branch of the Department conducts extensive surveys and studies of such areas as the Columbia and Fraser Rivers and during 1961-62 it will make contributions of nearly two million dollars to the provinces towards construction of dams and water conservation projects.

Eskimo Problems
One of the most interesting aspects of this Department is its Northern Administration Branch under which come the offices of the Administrator of the Mackenzie District and the Administrator of the Arctic. These offices administer such widely varying fields as education, forests, engineering, mining and wildlife through the vast areas

Offer \$250 Reward

Valuable Heifer Slaughtered

A reward of \$250 cash has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the parties responsible for the slaughter of a valuable heifer at Norval last week. Owner Pat Patterson has put up the reward money. The black Angus heifer, valued at \$1,000, was found slaughtered and partly butchered in a field near his farm. The heifer had been bred to a prize bull at London, and the unborn calf would have been worth as much as its mother.

At 4-H Parents' Night

Emphasize Accident, Fire Prevention

Farm safety and fire prevention were emphasized Friday night when 200 Halton 4-H club members and parents attended the annual 4-H parents' night at the Agricultural Grounds in Milton. Freighting equipment displays, messages on general farm safety measures, a quiz on traffic and machinery hazards, photos of fire hazards and a film on rural life were highlights of the evening.

4-H club leader John Willmott, who was chairman, said the evening was planned to emphasize safety precautions around the farm, and this evening provided a good opportunity for adults and teenagers to learn accident prevention.

Rain Falls Display
For the first part of the program, the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau gave a demonstration of various fire extinguishers and explained the types of fires on which water, foam and chemical extinguishers should be used. Unfortunately, a heavy spring rainstorm arrived midway through the demonstration, and

Wedding Saturday, June 3 Followed by Trip to States

A marriage of interest here took place on Saturday afternoon, June 3, in Lisbon Evangelical Church when Joyce K. Milbrandt of Kitchener and George H. Cook of Galt were married in a double ceremony conducted by the Rev. T. H. Losch. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Milbrandt of R. R. 3, New Hamburg, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Albert Robinson and the late T. H. Cook of R. R. 1, Georgetown.

Norma Lingback played the organ; Mrs. T. Losch was soloist.

Carries Roses
The bride wore a long white gown of soft-flow material with embroidered flowers falling into a train. Her crown headdress was trimmed with pearls. She carried a crescent of white sweet-heart roses.

Her attendants were her sister, Betty Milbrandt of Kitchener as maid of honor; Marilyn Owens of Kitchener, Sophie of Avlmer as bridesmaids and Jean Louise Bower, the groom's niece, as flower girl. The senior attendants wore ballroom length gowns in cotton blue nylon organza with silk taffeta with shimmering cummerbunds and back bows, the pleated skirts worn over hoops and crinolines. Their flowered half hats with organza bows had matching veils.

Reception Held
Groomsmen were Len Ziems, R. R. 2, Acton; ushers were Jim

the exhibit was cancelled when the 200 guests did an "un-scheduled 150 yard dash" for cover. Jack Taylor, chairman of the Halton Farm Safety Council, spoke on the work of his organization. Mr. Taylor said the 1959 farm accident survey had shown the need for some stricter safety measures, and the farm safety council had been organized to educate farmers in accident prevention. During the winter, the safety group had sponsored two first aid courses, and 35 residents had passed the St. John first aid tests.

Accidents "Serious"
Harold Wright of the Department of Engineering Science of Ontario Agricultural College, also spoke on the recent accident survey. He said the 111 farm accidents in Halton over the past year presented "a pretty serious situation." Mr. Wright conducted a short quiz on farm safety as it affects the younger people.

Colored slides of actual fire hazards found on local farms were shown by Don Cherrington, president of the Halton Mut-

ual Aid Fire Prevention Bureau. During his narration, he pointed out the importance of having a farm pond, the proper way to wire outbuildings, the necessity of firefighting equipment, the amount of heat generated by ordinary light bulbs, proper use of lightning rods, gas storage precautions, and many other facets of fire prevention on the farm.

Pictures Available
Mr. Cherrington announced that the film strip and Bureau speakers are available for any farm organization meetings. Ontario Hydro's film "The Land is Mine" concluded the evening. This was filmed in Halton and Peel Counties.

High School Staff Picnics at Kleinburg

The spacious gardens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevan, Kleinburg, were the pleasant setting for barbecue supper for staff members of the high school and their guests last Saturday afternoon. While chickens were barbecued, salads, rolls and cake were set on tables for supper.

Gifts were presented to several staff members who are leaving. Mrs. M. Reed received a brunch coat; Phil Caddick a green shirt and Ross Lambourn, who is returning to university, a comic gift. In appreciation for her work during the year with the student council, Mrs. J. Galloway was given bath towels and cologne.

Those who enjoyed the supper together were principal and Mrs. Ted Hansen, Mrs. J. Galloway, Mrs. and Mrs. F. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourn, Mr. Phil Caddick, Mrs. M. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spiekvoort, Mr. Keny McKinnon, Mr. Oscar Van Binsbergen, Miss J. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Moh Blow, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roppsvaldson, Mr. and Mrs. William Coats, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coyle.

BROKE IN
Magistrate: This seems such a simple case that I think it should have been settled out of court. Plaintiff: That's what we were doing until the cops broke it up.

Baptist Explorers Plan Activities

The Baptist Church Explorers held their weekly expedition on Friday evening with Mrs. Dunk, chief counsellor, presiding. The meeting opened with the purpose and a hymn, "This is My Father's World". All repeated the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the last expedition were read by Linda Ralston. She gave an account of the visit to Hillsburgh Baptist church missionary fair last Friday evening, where members took part in the service. The missionary chorists were sung that had been learned at Acton's fair in March.

Plan Hike, Supper
Mrs. Dunk conducted the business. Plans were made for a hike on Saturday, June 10, with a picnic supper after at the Gordon home on Churchill Road. Jaanus Landsborough was in charge of the devotions. All took part in reading a portion from the Bible; then favorite choruses were sung. Mrs. Dunk showed slides of India called "Bamilli by the Sea".

Judy Gordon conducted a Bible quiz, with Jean Bulmer and Heather McGeachie as captains. Jean Bulmer's team won. All went to the kitchen and had a piece of Mary Freuler's birthday cake, made by Mrs. Freuler. The meeting closed with all singing "Children Who Walk in Jesus' Way" and the Explorer prayer, after which there was junior choir practice, conducted by Mrs. Rudd.

Notes on Nature

By WES FOUNTAIN

FIELDS AND FORESTS

Except for butterflies, the grasshoppers are the most commonly found insect in a field. All grasshoppers are plant eaters and have well developed hind legs with which they hop great distances.

Probably the most familiar type is the short-horned grasshopper. This insect is representative of a great many species found throughout Canada. The shield-back grasshopper is less common and its wings function only for making a singing noise. Unlike the busy vegetarians, the mantis stalks insect prey.

Grasshoppers are world-wide in distribution and can become serious pests. It has been shown that when there are 15 or 20 of these insects to each square yard in a field, about one ton of vegetation will be consumed in each 40-acre field per day.

The mantis, often called a praying mantis, differs from most other insects in its ability to turn its head on an agile neck. Unlike the busy vegetarians, the mantis stalks insect prey. The front legs of the mantis are effective tools for gripping. Part of the lower leg, the tibia, is spiny with a sharp claw. The tibia closes like a knife blade against part of the upper leg

that is also spiny. The eggs of the mantis are laid in frothy masses about an inch long which harden into dried foam. The young are miniature replicas of their parents. Once mated, the female often captures the male and devours him. In the daytime, the eyes of the mantis and of many other insects are brown or green but at night this pigment is withdrawn to allow for a greater light absorption and the eyes are black.

One of the oddest relationships to be found is that of gall insects and plants in which they make their galls. A gall is an abnormal growth of plant tissue which results from insect activity and which usually shelters the immature stages of these insects. A variety of insects form galls, the chief ones being certain wasps and gall midges. Despite being abnormal growths, galls do not seem to cause the death of plants.

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