

# Queen's Park Report

by George S. Kerr M.L.A.

The budget of Ontario for 1967 was submitted to the Legislature last week. Most readers are aware of the general contents of the statement. However, in view of the fact that the Provincial Treasurer said that there would be no increase in taxes or any new taxes, I will deal with the highlights on this happy note.

1. Total budget expenditures for the year are forecast at \$2 billion \$193 million, an increase of \$361 million over the current year.
2. Total revenues are expected to rise by 14 per cent this year to \$2 billion \$31 million, an increase of 250 million.
3. Financial aid to municipalities will be raised substantially to reach a level of almost 1.2 billion, an increase of 27 per cent over last year. This means that 44 per cent of the provinces revenues are being turned over to municipalities to help finance local services.
4. Spending on education and training programs will rise by 35 per cent to reach almost 1.1 billion. The province intends to increase legislative grants to school boards by \$60 million by basing

the amount to be paid on enrolment in elementary and secondary schools rather than on average day attendance.

5. The Ontario Housing Corporation budget will be expanded by nearly 63 per cent. This is in line with the previous announcement of a new Home Program for Ontario whereby the Province will actually get in the housing construction business and the sale and rental of homes.

6. The first step of a 12 year, \$129 million program of capital grants to farmers will be undertaken through a \$10 million outlay in 1967 to 68. A new Crop Insurance Commission will be in full operation this year. It intends to build up a complete umbrella of policies covering a broad range of major crops, including forages. Rates will be reasonable. Increased grants will cover wells, drainage and certain types of buildings.

I am sure all readers were happy to learn that Prime Minister Roberts is recovering satisfactorily and speedily from his illness. Queen's Park had an aura of gloom and suspense last week. Small groups of members from all political parties could be seen in the buildings discussing the P.M.'s illness, hoping to hear at some time that it was not serious. Members of all parties in the legislature offered best wishes. This indicates the respect and affection held by the members of the Legislature for Mr. Roberts.

The latest announcement is that the Prime Minister is expected back in the Legislature before Easter.



# Harley to Halton

by Harry Harley M.P.

The Mini-Budget debate has now concluded with a non-confidence motion opposed by the Opposition and supported by all Opposition Parties. Despite this, however, the Government defeated the motion and debate on the Budget resolutions themselves has begun.

Application forms for the Guaranteed Income Supplement are now being mailed to Old Age Security pensioners by Old Age Security regional offices. The application forms are accompanied by booklets explaining the Guaranteed Income Supplement and containing a guide for filling out applications.

Over one million application forms are involved. There will be approximately 1.3 million people in Canada receiving Old Age Security in 1967 and it is expected that about 900,000 of these will qualify for benefits under the new Guaranteed Income Supplement Program. Of these, it is estimated that between 500,000 to 600,000 will be eligible for full Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits, ensuring them a monthly income of at least \$105.

Old Age Security pensioners who feel they are eligible for the supplement are urged to fill out their applications and return them as soon as possible to the Old Age Security regional offices in their provinces.

Many who qualify for the supplement will receive their payments, dated back to January, 1967, with their March

Old Age Security cheques. The remainder will get their payments, including retroactive benefits, in April.

This means that those receiving first Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits in March and who qualify for the full supplement, will get a cheque for \$165 made up of \$75 in Old Age Security plus \$90 a month supplement for each of the months of January, February and March. Those being paid in April, and qualifying for full Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits, will get a cheque for \$195 including \$75 in Old Age Security and \$120 in supplements retroactive to January.

Assistance in filling out the application forms is available to pensioners through the regional offices of Old Age Security, at Canada Pension Plan offices and Income Tax offices throughout Canada.

Those husbands and wives who are both Old Age Security pensioners (those who are or will be 68 or older in 1967) should return their applications in one envelope. Otherwise, there may be a delay in making their payments.

The Guaranteed Income Supplement, which came into effect January 1, 1967, guarantees Old Age Security pensioners a minimum income of \$105 a month. The maximum supplementary benefit is \$30 monthly and reduced benefits are available for those with modest incomes over and above their Old Age Security pensions.

# 50th anniversary highlight for Duke of Devonshire chapter

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.O.F.E. has presented its annual report for publication.

This year, it is my honor to present the 50th anniversary report of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

Nine regular meetings and six executive meetings were held in the homes of members. One special meeting, the 50th anniversary, was held in Stewart Memorial Hall, Knox Presbyterian Church.

The regent, Mrs. H. R. Force, presided at all meetings with the exception of one, when the first vice-regent Mrs. E. Lidka was in charge.

There are 23 members on the roll; two new members have been accepted into the chapter; average attendance is 15, one member with perfect attendance.

The standard was carried at all regular meetings, the anniversary dinner, Decoration and Remembrance Day services, and also was displayed at the Treasurer's sale.

Miss Ruby Clark, Echoes secretary, reported all members receiving the magazine. The October issue portrayed a picture taken at the anniversary of the charter members and regent.

Mrs. A. Newton, card and gift convener, sent cards and flowers to the ill and bereaved. Gifts were presented to speakers and others taking part at special meetings.

Mrs. J. McGeachie, citizenship and immigration secretary, read excerpts from the provincial annual report relating to that work.

Topics discussed and given relative to empire and world affairs were "A History of the late Prime Minister Shastri of India, The History of Founder's Day, and an article by Lister Sinclair, The Ignorance of the Heart."

Several members participated in the annual visit to the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools on Empire Day. Educational films were presented to both schools.

Another event of educational interest was the presentation of pens to two Grade 8 students making the most progress by Mrs. B. Mowat at their graduation banquet.

Mrs. J. Whitman presented the High School scholarships at Commencement to Tom McKeown and Stephen Coles, co-winners in Grade 13.

A High School student was sponsored at the United Nations Seminar at Waterloo University in June.

Miss Verity McIntosh, a native of Newcastle, Australia, now teaching at Robert Little public school, gave an informative talk about her country, its customs, people, educational facilities etc., and also displayed several articles native to Australia.

Highlight of one meeting was the showing of films and commentary by Mrs. Wyman

Little about her brother and his family while he taught for a year in Japan.

Mrs. Gordon, liaison officer of the Arthritis and Rheumatoid Society, told of their work at a combined meeting of the Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire chapters, and guests of the Golden Age Club. Films were shown pertaining to the subject.

Notices of monthly and special events, and accounts of all regular meetings appeared in the local paper. The chapter's annual report was also published.

A summary of the activities of Services at Home and Abroad including members attending Holy Week and Remembrance Day services when the regent placed a wreath at the cenotaph, and Decoration Day. At the conclusion of the latter, a special service was held by the members and Rev. A. McKenzie and Rev. R. McMurray dedicated a tree which had been planted previously in memory of deceased members.

Mrs. Holmes, convener, packed a large bale of new and used clothing which was sent to provincial headquarters.

The regent and secretary attended the meetings in the school regarding the Centennial plans for the community. Members canvassed for the Blood Donor Clinic and the C.N.I.B. A pair of blankets was given to a needy family through the Community Services Council. Members attended a Hydro Cooking School "Quick Tricks" sponsored by the Lakeside chapter, held in the Legion Hall.

Miss Esther Taylor, librarian, was present at the November meeting and gave a history of the inception of the first Acton library. She also reported on the progress of the new Centennial library. Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, a charter member of the chapter, was the first librarian.

Funds to carry on the work of the chapter were raised by the annual tag days at the Acton Fall Fair, the "Treasure Mart" (a bake, rummage and penny sale), and an auction of small articles to offset the expenses of the Christmas party.

Local donations were given to the Halton Children's Aid, Halton Music Festival, Decoration Day Committee, Acton Legion. Donations to national and provincial projects included Lucy Morrison Fund, Commonwealth Fund, Korean Project, Peace Garden, Second War Memorial Fund, Centenary Fund, Film Fund and Shipping Fund.

On June 7, 1966, the chapter celebrated their 50th anniversary. Over 60 guests were present including past and present members and honored guests. Among these were three charter members of the Lakeside chapter. We were privileged to have as guest speaker, Mrs. Morley Keegan, Oakville, provincial educational secretary. As the greater portion of the chapter's funds are devoted to educational projects, this subject was of particular interest to the members.

Mrs. W. Beatty opened her home for a delightful buffet dinner and Christmas party. Special thanks was given to the hostess, who with her committee convened the party, and who also convened the table decorations for the anniversary.

Several of the members were dressed in old-fashioned costumes at the January meeting in keeping with the Centennial theme.

Having given 50 years of loyalty and service to the same chapter, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Mrs. G. A. Dills and Mrs. R. M. MacDonald were presented with their 50 year pins — a wonderful achievement. Congratulations!

We wish to express our gratitude to Mrs. H. R. Force as she terminates her three years' leadership as regent, and for her many hours spent in the work of the chapter. 1966 was an especially busy year for her; when she opened her home numerous times for regular and special meetings.

We are indebted to the treasurer, Mrs. W. McLeod, whose books are always in perfect order.

We appreciate the services of secretaries and conveners of committees, and the councilors, who always give so freely of their good advice, and to all other members in the past months who gave the use of

—Manning Electric store has an attractive new outdoor sign.

—A W.I. centennial pageant is being planned for Brookville Hall in June.

—Some of the men have begun sprouting already for the Y's Men's beard growing contest.

—Following instructions from the recreation committee, the arena staff is repainting curling and hockey lines today (Wednesday).

—Upcoming at the arena are the public school carnival and then the figure skating carnival. After that, the ice will likely go out.

—Esqueing Agricultural Society has changed its name to Georgetown Agricultural Society. It was felt the new name better identifies the fair for the public.

—A standing room only crowd attended Milton Figure skating carnival Saturday evening. Their club professional is Mary Jane (Force) Robinson. Close to 100 skaters took part.

—A reader writes in to suggest "if fellow citizens when clearing their sidewalks would throw the snow on their lawns (where possible) it would improve their lawns and help make parking easier and may be we could have more sand on the sidewalks where it is needed."

—R. L. teacher Miss Titan designed the striking poster for the operetta in the Home Furnishings store window. People are peering through the pane trying to figure out how it's done.

—Six big bright centennial flags, centred by a maple leaf flag, are snapping in the breeze right across the wide front of the JGA store. They were mounted on Monday. The supermarket's centennial flags apparently come in six delicious flavors! This brings the number of centennial flags flying in town up to seven. The first is flying on the Legion flagpole.

**Car hits gas pump firefighters called**

A car skidded into a gas pump at Little Motors Saturday afternoon, overturning it and causing the spilled gas to burst into flames.

Jacob van der Kooy, 65 Main St. N., the driver of the car, had his hair and eyebrows singed in the sudden fire.

Acton Firefighters were called and fire extinguishers at the garage used.

The overturned pump was damaged to the extent of \$900 and Mr. van der Kooy's car received \$250 damage, police said.

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## OBITUARY Active in community groups G. L. Thompson widely mourned

The community was shocked to learn of the sudden and tragic death of Gordon Leroy Thompson, 44, of R.R. 1, Acton, in a train-car accident on the fourth line of Esqueping last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Thompson, a resident of Acton for 11 years, was alone in his northbound car when it collided with the Toronto-bound freight train at 11:35 a.m. Police theorized from skid marks at the crossing that Mr. Thompson, a popular and well liked figure around this community and district must have seen the train too late to brake.

Identification was withheld several hours until Mrs. Thompson, the former Dorothy E. Gifford, was notified. Two daughters, Dorothy 20 and Heather, 15, attend Acton district high school.

Mr. Thompson also leaves two brothers to mourn his loss, Charles of Wasaga Beach and John of Atlanta, Georgia, and two sisters, Mrs. Clara Breen and Mrs. Hazel Reaney, both of Toronto.

The Thompson family moved from 71 Longfield Rd. in Acton last summer following completion of a new home close to Limehouse. Mr. Thompson was a machinist at Orenda Ltd., Malton.

Liked by all who knew him, Gord Thompson was born in Toronto on April 26, 1922, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson. He attended public school and Humber College in Toronto. He married

his bereaved wife at Newcastle, N.B., on July 15, 1944, and the couple lived in Toronto before moving to Acton.

He enlisted in the army in 1941 and served overseas with the 1st Canadian division until 1945. For the next two years he was stationed in Canada.

Gord Thompson was very active in community organizations. He was a member of the Legion and a former sports officer. He played in Acton Citizens' Band, bowled in the Acton Mixed league, sang with the Georgetown SPEBSQSA barbershop group and danced with the Acton Pairs and Squares.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Funeral was held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 18 from the Rumley - Shoemaker Funeral Home and was conducted by Rev. Dwight Engel of Trinity United church. Members of the Legion and Acton Citizens' Band attended in a body. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

## No Siren

The fire siren was out of commission last Thursday due to phone line repairs, but a system for phoning firefighters individually was worked out in case there was a fire. Luckily there wasn't, and the repairs were completed without complications.

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