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Dominion Government Kept fully Informed of European Crisis

High Court Judge to Inquire into Bren Machine Gun Contract — Wheat Situation and St. Lawrence Waterway Being Discussed.

Ottawa, Sept. 6th.—The Czechoslovakian crisis and the unrelenting efforts of the British government to pour oil on the troubled waters and to keep a check rein on aggressive powers have overshadowed all subjects of domestic interest in the capital. The Dominion government has been kept fully informed of every shifting phase of the profoundly serious negotiations that revolve about the central European republic with its Sveden-German minority and on which the peace of the world depends. Naturally the government makes no comment; it watches anxiously and fervently hopes that success will crown the efforts of those striving to prevent the outbreak of war.

The Bren Machine Gun Contract Inquiry
This does not mean that there have been no other questions stirring the council chamber and other authorities on parliament hill. The department of national defence has been very much in the public eye. The recent magazine article attack on a machine gun contract with a firm in Toronto, alleging "excessive" profits to the manufacturers, and the replies of the department relating the charges have been given wide publicity. "On account of the critical world situation and the extreme importance of keeping public confidence in the vitally necessary work being carried on by my department" the minister, with the approval of his colleagues has decided to set up a judicial inquiry at once into the contract. The inquiry will be directed by a judge of one of the higher courts "whose name will command universal confidence." He will be empowered to examine into every phase and feature of the contract. The minister, Judge Mackenzie, gives his unqualified opinion that the contract is fair and reasonable and in the public interest.

Wheat Situation
Some concern is felt here in regard to the way the United States will administer its bonus on wheat export. With the object of ensuring the sale of 100 million bushels of the country's wheat to foreign markets, the government at Washington has adopted a policy of "absorbing the difference between the domestic and foreign prices" on wheat to be exported. That is the way it has been described. It parallels the Canadian wheat guarantee to the United States. Officials here do not think that this policy means that the Washington government will dump the wheat on the market. When speaking before the international convention of agricultural economists at St. Anne de Bellevue, the secretary of agriculture in the United States government said that the United States would work in a cooperative spirit with the Canadian trade in marketing wheat. It is believed here that this means in effect there will be no dumping. The United States government will finance its bonus plan through money appropriated by act of congress from customs receipts. This act provides that thirty per cent of these receipts may be set aside for the removal of agricultural surpluses from regular markets. With the carryover of about 200 million bushels from last year the United States will have a total surplus of about 400 million bushels. This year's crop of winter and spring wheat has been about 956 million bushels and the domestic consumption is about 750 million bushels.

St. Lawrence Waterway
In a letter written by Prime Minister Mackenzie King to Premier Hespburn of Ontario, Mr. King has invited the province of Ontario to join in a joint technical examination and discussion of the St. Lawrence seaway project with federal officials. These discussions would not obligate either the province or the Dominion government. They would be simply for the guidance of the governments. The proposals of the United States, Mr. King stated, "suggest a plan for the many outstanding phases of the development of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes system which are of interest to both Canada and the United States." The questions include the development of the international section of the St. Lawrence, the preservation of the scenic beauties of Niagara, with increased use of its power resources, the diversion of water from the Hudson River into Lake Superior with recognition that this additional water could be used by Canada for power purposes, the inter-connection of power and the permanent solution of the Chicago drainage canal question. In the cost of the international section of the St. Lawrence Canada will be credited with \$125,000,000 which Canada has spent on the Welland canal. In relation to the main objection which Mr. Hespburn has advanced, Mr. King stated that "no final conclusion can be reached until the feasibility of the whole project as set forth in the draft treaty until a feasibility of a solution of the power problems involved have been explored." Mr. King's letter further stated that "the treaty was signed and ratified by the two governments and that the power to be generated on the international section for the use of Canada could be made available." "In addition there would be the possibility of some

further postponement of the actual utilization of some of the power developments and the financial arrangements to be made." At the opening of the Thousand Island bridge President Roosevelt strongly advocated the construction of the seaway. In a letter to Mr. King, Mr. Hespburn reiterated his opposition to the project. The main feature of Ontario had, he said, surplus power on its hands, and it would be many years before it could utilize the million horse power which would be Canada's one half share of the power to be generated at the international section. The main feature of the proposed plan is deepening the section of the St. Lawrence East of Lake Ontario and the construction of dams which would generate two million horsepower of electric energy.

Rural Boys and Girls Prepare for School Fairs

The high light of the year for the boys and girls of the rural public schools is the annual School Fair which is held during the month of September. Six such fairs will be held in Halton as follows:—
Brookville Sept. 9th
Esqueving Sept. 13th
Hornby Sept. 14th
Mt. Nemo Sept. 15th
Traillgar Sept. 16th
Appleby Sept. 22nd
We understand from Mr. J. E. Whitelock, Agricultural Representative for Halton, that prize lists were issued early in the year and already the exhibits of writing, art and note books have been judged by J. M. Denyes, former Inspector of Public Schools for the County. On many farms calves and lambs are receiving the finishing touches and plans for exhibits of grain, vegetables, nature study collections etc. are well forward. This year's school fairs have come in for a good deal of criticism from some on the ground that the parents played too prominent a part. In order to eliminate this feature those in charge have in recent years had the boys and girls arrange their flower bouquets, concrete some of their seedlings, do their farm mechanics and prepare other exhibits at the Fair under supervision. This forward step has not only added interest from the standpoint of the spectators but has more educational value and today many of those who formerly criticized are today strong supporters. With farm work well advanced parents will be out in full force to encourage the boys and girls in their efforts and thus "learn to do by doing."

Teacher: "Yes, go on, Tommy. After the horse comes the motor car, and (prompting) after the motor car comes the—"
Tommy (whose father has a car): "Installment man, miss."

Bill Collier Defeats U. S. Ace Miler at Toronto Exhibition

100-Yard Handicap Enables Georgetown Runner to Win Over Glenn Cunningham—Dave Crichton First in Mile in Monday's Race—Johnny Emmerson Third

Georgetown was well represented at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto over the week end, when the best Canadian and American track stars gathered for the annual events. The feature race on the program was the mile event in which Glenn Cunningham, champion miler of the United States, took part. This runner allowed Bill Collier, Georgetown, running under the Gladstone A.C. colors, a 100-yr. handicap, but found it a little too much for him in his speciality and had to take second place. Collier needed him by the tape by 20 yards. Gene Venke of the New York A.C. was third, and Dave Crichton, Georgetown, running for West End Y. came in fourth to finish in front of Art Clarke of Achilles Club, who is the Canadian champion.

BOB GOLDHAM GOES TO NORTHERN VOCATIONAL

With the opening of school yesterday, Georgetown lost one of their star junior hockey players, when Robert "Bob" Goldham decided to toss his cap in with Northern Vocational school in Toronto. Bob has every possibility of becoming a member of that school's rugby and hockey teams and will no doubt be a valuable asset to their teams. While we wish Bob every success in his sport activities there, we also wish him the best in his studies.

Celebrated 106th Birthday

MRS. AGNES YOUNG OF BALLINAFAD WAS 106 YEARS OLD SEPTEMBER 1ST

One of the oldest living Canadians, Mrs. Agnes Young, celebrated her 106th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 1st. During the past year she has been ill and inactive for the first time in her life.

After more than a century of activity and health, Mrs. Young finds the restricting tendencies of illness rather irksome. Born on a farm in Chinguacousy Township, Peel County, only a few miles from her present home, she is one of the few Canadians surviving who can remember pioneer life from the first hand experience. After marriage she aided her husband in the clearing of their new home, and the cultivation of the land. Until after she did her share of heavy work around the farm. After that, she devoted her time to the lighter tasks and even continued to climb stairs unassisted until she was 102. She remained active until the spring of last year, when she suffered an attack of influenza.

Some of the memories of middle age are fading but the rebellion of 1837, breaking out when she was a child of 5, is still vivid in her mind. The entire community was in a condition of fear, unrest and uncertainty during those "terrible days," she remembers. "Rumors and the most extravagant reports sufficed to turn the entire countryside into a bedlam. In an effort to bring the terror to an end the authorities finally ordered the general seizure of firearms. My father, whose sympathies lay with the Government, concealed his musket in the old log barn, so that the rebels would be unable to find it and make use of it."

It is the outdoors which Mrs. Young misses most, she says. She can remember clearly the days when Halton and Peel Counties were nothing but great wooded areas dotted with tiny settlements of pioneer adventurers. In those days, although wolves, bears and wildcats were common, the long winters were lightened by jolly sleigh-rides to Toronto. A few times each fall the fruits of the harvest was taken there, where it found a ready market. Eggs, at the time, sold for eight cents a dozen, and butter for ten cents a pound, she recalls.

In those days the schools had pupils only during the winter time. Mrs. Young recalls the frame school which she attended with her brothers and sisters around the walls, and its hard pine seats, behind them. Although its furnishings were almost primitive, the school "served its purpose well," Mrs. Young says. With pioneer ingenuity the large stove in the centre of the room was placed on a bed of sand and stoves to lessen the fire hazard.

For longevity, Mrs. Young offers a simple formula—good health. Health can be maintained at its peak, if certain simple rules are followed, she believes. "These regulations include hard work, fresh air, plenty of exercise, plenty of sleep and a rough, simple diet. She frowns on heavy meals as "absolutely unnecessary and unhealthy," and prefers two small meals to one big one. As for a chatty type of tea, well... "It is an indulgence which any one at any age can enjoy at any time."

J. A. WELDON DIES AT 84

Thomas Andrew Weldon, prominent paper manufacturing executive, died at his home in Thorold Saturday afternoon, following an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Weldon was born in Cartwright Township, West Durham, eighty-four years ago, but had lived for many years in Thorold where one of his early paper making ventures was launched, and where two of the existing companies with which he was identified are located.

Since the formation of the Provincial Paper Company, which operates a plant in Thorold, he had held the office of Vice-President. He was also a director of the Inter-Lake Tissue Mill, the plant of which is located near Thorold.

A farmer in his early life, he later became Ontario representative of the E. B. Eddy Company, and subsequently with his brother, I. H. Weldon, and a group of one purchased the Montrose Paper Mills, Thorold, of which he became President. That mill was later taken over by Provincial Paper Ltd.

His wife, Mary Jane Davis, of Norwich, predeceased him several years. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Holland, Thorold; one brother, and three sisters: William, London; Miss Mary Weldon and Miss Alice Weldon, London, and Mrs. Bruce Brown, Montreal.

Mrs. "Ho, hum... least said soonest mended!"
Mr.: "Ho! I haven't referred to the top button being off my shirt for three months—and it isn't on yet!"

GROWING TOBACCO IN HALTON COUNTY

Twenty-three broad acres of fine Virginia leaf tobacco are being harvested these days, harvested and flue-cured on the farm of John Gillie Robertson, situated three miles east of Oakville on the Lakeshore Highway. It is a fine looking crop, as fine, Kentucky experts say, as one might wish to find in a long day's travel.

This, the second successive crop to be taken from the district, definitely places Halton County in a position to compete with the six older tobacco growing counties of southern Ontario, and opens up a new industry that should go far towards absorbing surplus labor in the surrounding municipalities.

Heretofore, the growing of fine Virginia leaf tobacco has not been considered practicable in Halton, because of the prevalence of late spring and early autumn frosts. Success of Mr. Robertson's crop, however, is direct refutation of this theory, since frosts this spring lasted as late as May, yet his tobacco is already ready more than half cured and with any reasonable break in weather, will be completely harvested before autumn frosts set in.

The importance of tobacco to Halton municipalities is pointed out by Mr. Robertson, who advises that 15 hands are employed daily in harvesting his 23-acre crop alone. This labor is in addition to the men employed steadily during the growing period of the curing expert imported from the southern States.

Mr. Robertson estimates a yield of approximately 35,000 pounds of better-than-average tobacco from his farm this year, but there are still from 12 to 14 kilns of leaf left and favorable weather will boost the total to within striking distance of 50,000 pounds.

Georgetown Band, regimental band of the Lorne Scots Regiment received its first award for their return from Toronto Exhibition last Thursday after having been awarded second prize in Class "A," and came within half a point of winning first honors.

Our citizens recognized and appreciated the hard work that had been put into the test piece on the part of the bandmen under the able leadership of A. H. Perrott.

A cheering crowd, headed by the Lions Club, met the members of the band on their return at the High School, where a torchlight procession headed by the Georgetown Killie Band, and including Municipal Officials headed by Mayor Gibbons, members of the Fire Department, Georgetown Post Canadian Legion, the Lions Club and citizens marched to the club where a civic reception was tendered the band.

President H. C. McClure introduced W. H. Long of the Lions Club, who was the capable chairman of the evening, and introduced the following speakers: Mayor Joseph Gibbons, who officially welcomed the band and expressed the appreciation of the honor conferred on the town by this splendid musical organization, under the very capable leadership of A. H. Perrott.

Other speakers were: Lieut.-Col. G. M. Fitzgerald of Orangeville, officiating commander of the Lorne Scots, and Prof. Thiele, of Waterloo, President of the Amateur Bandmen's Association. Both praised the work of the band in the day's competition and in preceding contests.

After a delightful musical program the members of the band and their guests were entertained by the Lions Club, at a banquet in the Armories.

CORRESPONDENCE

GEORGETOWN BAND AT CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
Thursday, Sept. 1, 1938.
Editor Georgetown Herald.
Dear Sir:
Georgetown band has once again shown its musical stature in competition at Canadian National Exhibition. It was an achievement for the little band of a little community to slip in amongst far bigger and better (instrumentally) equipped organizations and win second prize.

August Relief Account Higher Building By-law Discussed

Some Dissatisfaction Expressed Regarding New Pavement on John and Emery Streets—Street Drainage to Receive Attention—Accounts Passed.

FRACTURED SKULL CAUSED DEATH

STEWART MILLER OF HORNBAY FATALLY INJURED BY SWINGING BARN DOOR

Struck on the head by a heavy swinging barn door during a storm last Wednesday, Stewart Miller, 65, of Hornby, died on Friday, Sept. 2nd, of a fractured skull.
Mr. Miller was assisting in threshing operations at the farm of Mr. E. Alexander, 10th Line, Esqueving township, Halton County, when a severe wind and electric storm started. While getting things under cover, the heavy barn door swung shut, striking Miller on the head.

The injured man was taken to his home at Hornby where he was attended by Dr. C. E. Stevenson of Milton. He is survived by his widow.

Lorne Scots Band, Georgetown Again Victorious at Exhibition

Won Second Place in Class "A" and Within Half a Point of Obtaining First Honors—Welcomed Home by Citizens and Tendered Banquet by Lions Club.

There is a musical literature to be read and studied and loved by them. What are they doing about that? In the test piece today, played resolutely by them, there were sections and phrases that they didn't realize as they might have done. They were what musicians call fugacious sections—and fugues might be called the discipline of music, the tonic aspertent alternative and diaphoretic of the player who can carry his line through a fugue clearly, impressively and expressively, is well on the way to the kingdom of musical heaven.

Captain O'Neill told the crowd listening to his adjudication that none of the bands in Class "A" were really fit for that position! Of course he was right—the work they played was his own composition, and he is possibly the finest judge of band music on the American continent today—certainly the most scholarly.

Georgetown band doesn't work hard enough at the right sort of stuff. It could become Canada's champion contest winner if it liked, but there is something better than that.

It could—if it liked—become the best little band in Canada bar none, but the road to that excellence is not along the band contest highway. It must make the choice—and make it now. It cannot have it both ways.

Therefore, I beg of my friends in the band to forget band contests today, henceforth and forever and get down to perfecting a fine technique and a musically understanding. The future is all theirs.
Good luck Georgetown.
Edward W. Wodson.

384 Runnymede Rd., Toronto, September 3rd, 1938.
Editor Georgetown Herald.
Dear Sir:
Being at the Exhibition "Music Day" resting, when we see the name Georgetown posted, and surely we were delighted to hear your boys make such a grand success of the selection. And greatly delighted when we heard such a gentleman, fair play judge, give the boys the deserving credit—second place.

The boys were noticeably younger in age, less powerful in build, calm and collected during an interruption of a very powerful band on parade—drowning the sounds for a period—but they continued undisturbed—much to their credit. However, let us say as musically as we can, we were proud of, and delighted to hear the boys make such a grand success.

With a most deserving compliment, we remain
Miss Emily Benham,
Mrs. Edith S. McWilliams,
and Miss Madeline.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION STATEMENT

There were 5,728 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during August, this being the highest number during any month this year, and compares with 4,993 during July, and 6,799 during August a year ago.

The regular monthly meeting of Town Council was held on Tuesday evening with Mayor Joseph Gibbons in the chair, Reeve George Davis and Councillors Joseph Hall, Thos. Lyons, James Costigan, A. E. Cripps and W. P. Smith, present.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed on motion of Cripps and Costigan.
The question of surface drainage of certain streets in town, causing damage to property was discussed. Mr. Licata complained of water running off Main Street and damaging his property at the foot of the hill. Council decided to repair and improve drainage.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Cripps, that the following accounts be paid by the Treasurer:—
J. Oliver, sts. \$1.20
O. Herrington, sts. 5.70
O. Herrington, sts. 4.80
Jas. Blair, sts. 2.40
F. Vary, sts. .80
O. Herrington, sts. 3.80
H. Watkins, John st. 2.10
Jno. Emmerson, John st. 10.95
O. Herrington, John st. .80
F. King, John st. 8.55
R. Barclay, John st. 8.55
Alex. Hawes, sts. 1.20
Ed. Saunders, John st. 10.95
John Emmerson, w.w. 9.15
Thos. Grieve, sts. 3.00
E. L. Webster, repair adding machine 3.00
K. M. Langdon, legal fees 5.00
F. Sinclair, town truck 5.38
Engineering & Contract Record Advertising 8.00
Canadian Brass Co., w.w. 17.37
R. W. Robb, stationery 1.35
Dominion Wheel & Foundries Ltd., John st. 38.88
J. Schulz, sts. 35.00
G. R. Muckart, w.w., sts. 7.65
Canadian Engine, advancing 5.60
Richardson's Hardware, paint for grandstand 33.30
Bell Telephone Co. 8.03
J. H. Smith, fence at park 51.44
E. C. Thompson, insurance Housing Comm. 12.50
Geo. Adams, Public Library repair 143.00
Jas. Kennedy, painting grandstand and fence 24.20
Hydro Electric Comm. 106.78
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, sts. .90
R. H. Thompson & Co. 1.40
Hydro Electric Comm., w.w. 13.95
W. T. Evans, Housing Comm. insurance 13.50
R. H. Thompson & Co., Housing Comm. repairs 1.15
Speight's Garage, w.w. 23.15
S. Walker, sts. 303.90
M. McErdon, refund over-paid taxes 10.00
F. I. McMillan, work on torches 5.00
W. G. Marshall, postage 1.45
W. Whitmore, trip to Milton 3.00
F. C. Whitmore, sts. 36.25
Hydro Commission, lower share moving wires on John st. 104.91
S. Walker, sidewalks, John and McNab sts. 404.87
Georgetown Herald, printing and advertising 206.48
J. H. Smith, guard rail on John st. 27.40
H. C. McClure, torches 23.04
S. H. McErdon, meals for band 27.00

The August relief account as presented by the Mayor amounted to \$149.77. This is an increase of \$43.13 over 1937.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Davis, that we pay the Relief Commission the sum of \$138.92 to pay August account, less the medical fee—Carried.

The Corporation received a cheque from the Hydro Commission for 68c refund on street lighting for 1937.

A synopsis of the proposed building by-law as prepared by Kenneth M. Langdon was presented and read by Mayor Gibbons, and was the subject of considerable discussion.

Communication was read from St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph; Hydro Electric Power Commission, re audit of Hydro Electric accounts; St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto; Kenneth M. Langdon, re building by-law; Provincial Fire Marshal of Ontario; Toronto General Hospital, re incident of 1937; Workmen's Compensation Board, re employees of Corporation; Hospital for Sick Children.

Complaint was made that too many trees on a portion of Charles street shaded the street lights and made the street very dark for pedestrians using the walk.

The matter of widening the roadway on Mill street east to allow more room for parking opposite the Post Office was again discussed, and it was decided to proceed with the work to provide space between signs for temporary parking only.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the new pavement just completed on John and Emery streets, and it was decided to have the engineer examine the same and report to Council.
Council adjourned at 10.30.
Mrs. Junebride (tearfully): "By the way you treat me, anyone would think I am nothing but the cook in this family."
Ebbey: "Not after the first meal, they wouldn't."