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Parliament opens January 12th Trade Treaty to be Discussed

Report of Dominion-Provincial Relations Commission— Form of Social Insurance will be up for Consideration.

Ottawa, December 6th.—On January 12th the houses of parliament will assemble here for what may probably be the final session of the present parliament. Of course there is nothing at all definite about this being the last session; the term of this parliament will not legally expire until the autumn of 1940, but there is a predisposition that almost amounts to a superstition not to let the life of parliament come to its constitutional end before making the appeal to the electorate. The decision will rest of course with the government.

The new trade treaty with the United States will play a large part in the early discussions of parliament. There will be lots of fuel for debate in the 90 cent wheat guarantee with its effect on the West and on getting treasury by the commission on Dominion Provincial Relations some time during the session, in the foreign situation, in defence measures, and many other national questions, some of which are hardly perennial like the railway problem but which with the passage of time always present some new phase each session.

Before parliament opens the Government will have prepared its program for the session, and there is likely to be very little delay in getting down to work. It will probably be some time before the session opens whether it will be possible for it to come to an end before the King and Queen arrive on May 15th. If not the session will be adjourned during the time of the visit and will resume work later.

There is no doubt an earnest attempt will be made this session to bring in a form of social insurance. Last session unemployment insurance was discussed frequently in parliament but the government's efforts to inaugurate a system for the Dominion could not be brought to a head because three of the provinces did not agree to an amendment to the constitution which would give the Dominion parliament the right to legislate on the subject. It is now clear whether the provinces will agree to the required amendment or that the government will bring in its bill which would not have validity in itself until the various provinces pass enabling legislation. If this course were followed in some provinces might be in effect in some provinces and not in some others until they decided to adopt it. In regard to unemployment insurance, it is held by a great many people that this particular form of social legislation is no longer in anything like an experimental stage as has been seen in operation in Great Britain for a great many years and experience has shown that it is workable. In Canada, however, there is the constitutional hurdle which has to be leaped in some way before the legislation can be put into effect.

It would be a mistake to hazard a guess on what will be the ultimate fate of the findings and recommendations of the Dominion Provincial Relations Commission. It may be late in the session before the report is published. It will be studied by Dominion and provincial authorities and a conference will later be called to discuss its findings. All this will take time. It is therefore unlikely that anything concrete will result from the study of the report during the session of parliament. It is unlikely also that the report could play any part in platform discussions if the election is held next autumn. Despite its sometimes rather stormy course, there is no question that the report of the commission will reflect a profound earnest and scientific study of the financial relations of the different governments in Canada. It is expected that in one specific regard, the question of taxation, the report will give valuable suggestions on the simplification of taxation systems with the removal of duplication, waste and inefficiency. There is a vast and fertile field in this taxation branch of the inquiry which in itself might justify the extensive investigation. It is unfortunate that in making out the report the members of the commission will not have the advantage of Judge Rowell's masterly judgment. The report, however, is certain to be a document of historic importance.

The public hearings of the commission are now finished. There were 85 days of public hearings covering from first to last slightly over a year. Sitings began in Winnipeg and from there the commission visited all provinces. The voice of Manitoba happened to be the last as well as the first to be heard by the commission. At the close of the sessions Premier Bracken of Manitoba said his government were appreciative from the first but at the final sittings were even more appreciative of the efforts being made by the commission to come to grips with the problems tending to keep Canada apart. A suggestion urged in a final brief by the provincial treasurer of Manitoba was that the Dominion government should assist in a general refunding of provincial debt.

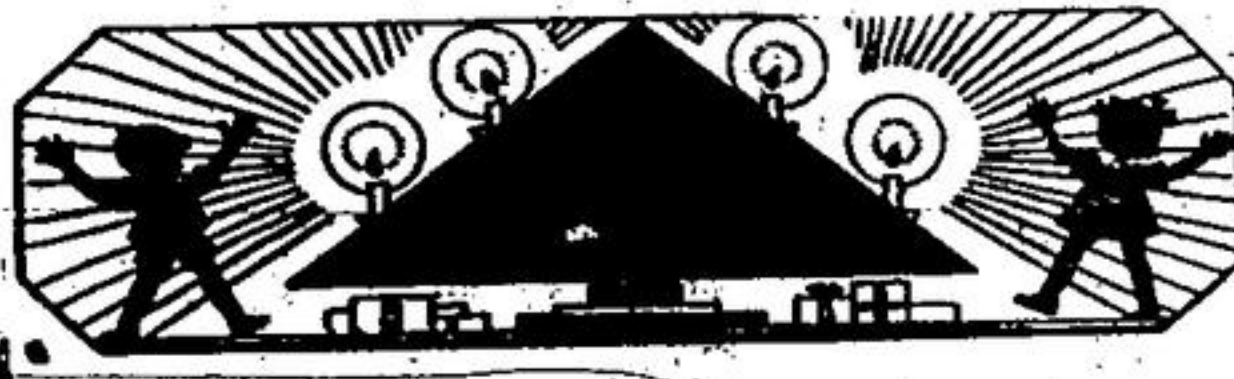
Mr. Aberhart, premier of Alberta, has been in Ottawa consulting with the Minister of Finance and other members of the cabinet on the question of the scaling down of the interest rates on the provincial debt.

which amounts to about 160 million and bears an average rate of nearly 5%. There has been no official statement of the result of the interviews, but the atmosphere in which they have been held has been auspicious and Mr. Aberhart says he is assured of Dominion assistance. A silver lining has appeared in the cloudy relations between the Alberta and Dominion governments. Mr. Aberhart has asserted that the people of Alberta are loyal, that they have no desire to secede from confederation and that in case of war the British Admiralty would have first call on the Turner Valley Oil. It has become increasingly apparent in recent weeks that any fear that may have existed anywhere of the loyalty of any particular province should be discarded. No province wishes to secede from confederation. There is the assurance of provincial leaders to that effect.

HALTON EXHIBITORS PROMINENT AT WINTER FAIRS

The Winter Fairs are over for another year. Those of 1938 were well up to the standard and as usual Halton Livestock men and the Fruit, Vegetable and Grain Growers and also the Junior Farmers, brought many honours back to the county. At the Royal fruit exhibit of W. L. and Colin Smith was most attractive as were their exhibits in the open classes. In the poultry wing, the exhibit from Fisher Orchards under the personal direction of Murray Fisher attracted much interest.

In this brief resume it would be impossible to list all the awards won by exhibitors from the county, but the following cross section will indicate the prominence of Halton Exhibitors and also the diversification of Halton agriculture. The winning award of a grand championship at any show is a real achievement but to win such an award at the Chicago International is one which is most gratifying to all Canadians no matter in what province or county they may reside, and therefore the grand championship won by Campbell's Command, owned and exhibited by Grant Campbell of Moffat, is indeed worthy of special mention. The Berkshire female championship at the Royal was won by a sow owned and exhibited by Rae Scott of Acton. Other livestock winners at the Royal included: Hugh Rodney, Milton, with Percherons; Valley Crest Farms, Palermo, with Clydesdales, saddle horses and Guernseys; Dr. C. Lindsay and Son, Limehouse, N. G. Lindsay and Son, Kerr and Son, G. Lindsay and Son, and J. E. McKinnon, both of Milton. The Agricultural Society class at Guelph brought out 15 entries with Esqueping Society in second and Acton Society in 7th place. Prominent amongst the winners in the Seed Division at both the Royal and Guelph were T. J. Brownridge, Jas. Cunningham, Bruce Bridgen, F. Wilson, all of



Let Us Keep Christmas

Whatever else be lost among the years,
Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing;
Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears,
Let us hold close one day, remembering
Its poignant meaning for hearts of men.
Let us get back our childlike faith again.

Wealth may have taken wings, yet still there
are
Clear windowpanes to glow with candlelight;
There are boughs for garlands, and a tinsel
star
To tip some little fir tree's lifted height.
There is no heart too heavy nor too sad,
But some small gift of love can make it glad.

And there are home-sweet rooms where
laughter rings,
And we can sing the carols as of old.
Above the eastern hills a white star swings;
There is an ancient story to be told;
There are kind words and cheering words to
say.

Let us be happy on the Christ Child's Day.
—By Grace Noll Crowell.

Georgetown, J. H. McLean, Milton; John VanSickle, Palermo; Woodlands Orchards, Bronte; S. E. Griffen and Son and Hugh Reid of Acton. In the section open to members of Buys Grain Clubs, Wm. Bradley, Hornby; Bruce Reid, Geo. and Allan Simpson, Campbellville, was 4th, 5th and 8th, respectively, in the early oat class while in late oats, Geo. Fisher, Georgetown was 4th, Ward Brown, Georgetown was 5th, Chas. Barber, Acton, 7th, and Smith Griffen of Acton was 8th. In the inter-grain club judging competition for the year brought out 18 teams, the Acton team composed of Jack Van Goozen and James McNabb was third and the Georgetown team of Joe Milton and Robt. Alexander was fifth.

NORVAL RIFLE CLUB

Fifteen members of the North Toronto Rifle Club visited the Norval Rifle Club on Monday night, Dec. 5th, in competition with the Norval Rifle Club and defeated the Norval team by a narrow margin of six points. The scores—North Toronto 1470 points out of 1500; Norval 1464 points out of 1500. A return match will be shot in Toronto on Friday, Dec. 16th.

During a lull in the shooting, Dr. Stevenson called the competitors to order, asking them to stand at attention to observe a silence of one minute in honor of our late President, Mr. W. G. M. Browne, who recently passed to the Great Beyond.

The Hillsburg Rifle team expect to visit our range in competition on Monday night, Dec. 12th.

The individual scores made on Monday night are as follows: North Toronto—W. J. Young 100, K. Brooks 98, W. V. Thompson 100, W. Sturman 99, O. Ballard 99, E. Fairbairn 96, L. Young 99, W. Sinclair 96, J. Kaylor 98, J. Pescoe 99, M. Watson 98, B. Kaylor 97, H. Tyers 93, W. Barclay 99, W. Goodwell 97, total 1470 out of 1500. Norval—H. Nurse 100, R. W. Hall 98, F. Johnson 98, W. Wilson 97, E. McKinney 98, M. Atkinson 100, F. Hustler 94, C. Meredith 98, Dr. Stevenson 99, G. H. Hall 99, W. Robinson 97, W. Lisk 99, F. Stark 93, A. W. Wilson 96, extra man 98, total 1464 out of 1500.

Exports of gold bullion other than monetary from Canada during September last had a value of \$34,738,000 compared with \$11,165,000 in September, 1937.

Remuneration for Councillors By-Law Passed Last Night

Grant to Hockey Club—Protest Against Compulsory Pasteurization—M.H.O. Report Received—Accounts Passed.

W.C.T.U. ORATORICAL CONTEST

PRIZES PRESENTED TO WINNERS

Friday evening, Dec. 2nd, in the Sunday School room of Knox church, an appreciative audience listened with delight to the sixteen contestants from Georgetown and vicinity, who took part in the annual temperance oratorical contest conducted by the W.C.T.U.

The president of the local Union, Mrs. A. E. Vannatter, occupied the chair, while the arrangements for the program were in charge of Mrs. W. G. Marshall, Supt. of Medal Contest work both of Georgetown and county organizations. The committee of judges, Mrs. J. F. Sutcliffe, Miss Susan Campbell and Rev. D. D. Davidson, in making their report, congratulated all upon the good work done, and mentioned the difficulty they had experienced in some cases in determining the winner. Special commendation was given to Miss Ruth Smith, winner of the medal in the Intermediate grade. Presentation of the awards, which was made by the president, were as follows:

Junior Grade I (7 to 9 years)—1st, George Cousins, Limehouse; 2nd, Augusta Hauptmann, Georgetown; Junior Grade II (9 to 12 years)—1st, Jean Roney, Georgetown; 2nd, Pamela Cousins, Limehouse.

Intermediate Grade (12 to 15 years)—1st, Ruth Smith, Silvercreek; 2nd, Shirley Wright, Limehouse. Varying the program supplied by the contestants, were several delightful vocal duets, rendered by Misses Mary and Alma Tost of Georgetown, and by Misses Ethel and Doris Hyatt, festival singers of Brampton. To the pleasing and generous help of these young singers, and their accompanists, Miss Janet McDougall and Miss A. Sinclair, much of the pleasure of a delighted audience was due.

During the interval of the judges' conference, Mr. C. B. Dayfoot briefly addressed the gathering, telling something of the way in which temperance education amongst the young people of Georgetown was carried on forty or fifty years ago. In the Blue Ribbon societies of that time, was furnished a meeting place where young people, (not so plentifully provided with entertainment as is this generation) found in a wholesome companionship and entertainment as well as temperance education. The pledge of total abstinence from beverage alcohol then taken, had been adhered to by most members, bearing dividends of untold value throughout the long years since.

A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mrs. A. Reeve, was seconded by the applause of the audience and tendered to all who had contributed to the success of a very happy evening.

WAIT FOR A DOCTOR

When an automobile accident or any other accident for that matter, occurs, it is usually better to leave an injured person where he is—keep him warm and comfortable and await the arrival of a doctor or ambulance. Quite often injuries are aggravated by inexperienced persons handling people who are badly hurt.

The regular December meeting of Town Council was held on Tuesday evening with Mayor Joseph Gibbons in the chair. Reeve George Davis and Councillors A. E. Cripps, Joseph Hall, N. H. Brown, James Costigan, Thos. Lyons and W. F. Smith present. Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed on motion of Costigan and Davis.

Mr. Ern Thompson, representing the Intermediate Hockey Club, asked Council for a grant of \$50.00 toward meeting the expenses of the Club during the season.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Davis, that a grant of \$50.00 be made to the Georgetown Hockey Club.—Carried.

Communications were read re compulsory pasteurization of milk from the Natural Milk Producers and Consumers Association of Ontario; Sick Children's Hospital; County Cigar of Halton; Toronto General Hospital; Toronto Western Hospital re indigent patients.

Dr. C. V. Williams, M.O.H. for Georgetown, presented his annual report.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Lyons, that the report of Dr. C. V. Williams, M.O.H., be accepted and filed.—Carried.

Mayor Gibbons expressed his thanks to the M.O.H. for the very complete report and for the efficient manner in which he performed his duties during the year.

The complete report will be published in the Herald next issue.

Mayor Gibbons presented the relief report for November showing an expenditure of \$76.84 for the month or \$33.13 less than the same month in 1937. There are 5 families, 28 dependents and 2 single persons now on relief.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Cripps that the Treasurer pay the Relief Commission the sum of \$76.84 to pay November accounts.—Carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Costigan, whereas we believe the Compulsory Pasteurization Law which came into effect on October 1st, 1938, in the Province of Ontario, is an unwarranted invasion of personal freedom; and whereas this act will seriously impair the income of many farmers now selling milk and cream, will impose additional taxes on municipalities through loss of market fees, and will result in higher costs to consumers of dairy products. Be it therefore resolved that we go on record as opposed to this Compulsory Act and respectfully request its early repeal by the Government of Ontario. Yeas—Hall, Costigan, Gibbons, Brown, Lyons, Davis, Cripps; Nays—Smith.—Carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Cripps, that the following accounts be paid: John Emmerson, w.w. \$2.10; W. Gummer, w.w. 2.10; W. Haines, housing comm. 2.10; W. Ward, court services 4.00; E. C. Thompson, court services 4.00; J. Schulz, sts. 31.80; Jenkins & Hardy, stationery 1.06; R. H. Thompson & Co. 3.69; Snyder's Cartage, freight 1.20; E. W. Bask, stationery 1.20; Public Library Board, rent 69.00; J. B. Mackenzie & Son, sts. 1.90; K. C. McMillan, coal 30.80; Wilson, Paterson, Gifford Ltd. 32.68; Municipal World, stationery 3.36; Hagey, Gray & Plunkett, plans and estimates for sewer 185.00; P. B. Harrison, re revision voters list 36.40; W. G. Marshall, re revision voters' list 5.00; R. McMullen, water rebate 80; E. E. Young, signs for streets 7.00; Barber Floral Co. wreaths 7.25; Georgetown Lumber Co., w.w. 4.65; Hugh Lindsay, loud speaker rental 5.00; Bell Telephone Co. 9.41; Esqueping Township, w.w. taxes 18.20; E. P. Bowman, surveying 289.00; Canadian Legion, rent for firemen 25.00; Richardson's Hardware, paint for judge's stand 4.55; K. M. Langdon, legal fees 77.50; W. G. Marshall, postage 3.75; Hydro Electric 92.85; P. F. Blackburn, police caps 56.21; Georgetown Herald, printing 60.00; S. Mills, fire protection 12.85; F. Sinclair, town truck 1.50.

A by-law to provide for remuneration for members of Council was read the necessary number of times and finally passed, the amounts being fixed as follows: Mayor—\$125.00 per year. Reeve—\$100.00 per year. Councillors—\$75.00 per year. The same to take effect as of January 1st, 1938.

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS MOVIE —SUBMARINE D.1

Come to the Lions Club movie on December 12th in Gregory Theatre. There are two shows, 7 and 9 p.m. Simply bring two or more cans of fruit or vegetables as your ticket of admission. These will be collected in the lobby.

Apart from the excellent quality of the picture, your heart strings will vibrate with the music of Christmas, as you think of the cheer your attendance will give some one less fortunate. All proceeds to be used at Christmas tree celebrations.

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Do your Christmas Shopping in Georgetown! No matter what your need is, Georgetown stores are ready with an extensive array of unusual, practical and beautiful gifts for Christmas . . . all economically priced! The Christmas Season is now open — DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY!

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