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Defence Purchasing Board Bill on Way Through Commons

Sixty-Three Million Appropriated for Defence—Board and Independent Body of Four Members.

By Spectator
Ottawa, March 21st.—One of the most important bills on the government's legislative program for this session is now on its way through the House of Commons. This bill which provides for the establishment of a defence purchasing board, is the expansion of the machinery for the expansion of Canada's defence. The department of National Defence has this year appropriated 63 million dollars to maintain and increase the country's means of defence against aggression. The bill provides for an independent body of four members which will have exclusive power to negotiate, recommend and subject to the approval of the cabinet, execute contracts for all kinds of defence equipment. All contracts of a value over \$500,000 will come under the control of the board. The way the board will work is that the Minister of National Defence will give particulars of equipment required to the board; the board will negotiate the contracts, but no contracts will be made without the approval of the cabinet. The recommendations from the board will go to the Minister of Finance who will pass on these recommendations to the cabinet. There the final word will be given.

An extremely important section of the bill provides that on contracts awarded through competitive tender, the maximum profit allowed the manufacturer will be five per cent on the capital actually used in the operation of the contract. The amount of profit in excess of five per cent will be taken in taxes by the government. This is a very important provision in the manufacture of war materials which is so repugnant to everybody.

There has been a good deal of discussion on the question whether all munitions should be made in government arsenals. At the present time government arsenals are turning out much greater quantity of munitions than in former years, but the country is depending on both public and private manufacture. Members of the C.C.F. party have been strong advocates of nationalization, and practically all members of the house seem to hold the opinion that government arsenals should be used to the fullest extent that is practicable. At the same time it is felt that the most efficient means of creating the armaments for defence needed by Canada in these days when the philosophy "might is right" has taken such a firm hold on some European and Asiatic nations, is through the utilization of both public and private manufacture.

Members Visit Munitions Plant

When the public accounts committee of the House of Commons meets again this week to discuss the Bren Gun contract, several members will have had the benefit of an actual survey of the plant in Toronto where the guns are being manufactured. There was quite a lively debate in the house when this trip was in contemplation. It was branded as "unnecessary" and a "waste of public money." It was claimed that the point raised in the committee was the condition of the plant when the contract was made, not its present condition. Those in favor of the inspection of the plant contended that it would aid the committee in its decision on the value of the contract to see what progress has been really made in the manufacture of Bren guns.

A proposal will be discussed in parliament for the reduction of radio license fees from \$2.50 to \$2.00. In the house committee on radio broadcasting Mr. Gladstone Murray, general manager of the C.B.C. gave a report of revenues and expenditures of the corporation to enable the committee to provide parliament with an interim report when the question of reducing license fees was being discussed. The fifty cent reduction in license would mean an aggregate reduction of about \$600,000 in receipts and this would mean that the committee would be forced to consider elimination or curtailment of certain services. First consideration would be given to suspension of operation of two new power stations established at Watrous, Saskatchewan, and Sackville, N.B., the development of a station in Ebrington, Columbia, and at Windsor, Ontario, new farm home and children's programs, and an improved news service from the Canadian press. It might be necessary to have a six hour broadcasting day instead of a twelve hour one, and expenses might be further curtailed through elimination of the orchestra broadcasts, through substitution recorded programs for artists, speakers, instrumentalists and musicians. The general manager remarked that during the present fiscal year the broadcasting company had obtained \$480,000 from commercial broadcast. About \$225,000 worth of commercial advertising had been refused by the C.B.C. in the same period.

Unemployment Relief

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Rogers, speaking in the house on the onerous problem of unemployment, said he believed the country could look forward to an expansion of employment in 1939. He did not seek to belittle the difficulties presented by the most serious of the economic and social problems which confront so many nations. Though as minister of labour he was always in an atmosphere of distress, "neither the government nor

the minister of labour has ever adopted an attitude of defeat and despair." He protested against articles which had appeared in some newspapers and periodicals which had grossly exaggerated the number of those receiving relief in Canada. A sense of responsibility should go hand in hand with the freedom of the press. He did not object to, but welcomes fair press criticism. He said the constitutional division of powers on matters relating to unemployment still lies in the hands of the federal government. He reviewed many of the measures that have been taken by the government in its task of relieving unemployment, the grants to the provinces, the stimulation to the building trade, aids to mining through opening new roads, land settlement, farm placement, youth training movements, etc. Virtually all the recommendations of the National Employment Commission had been carried out in spirit if not in the letter.

REGULAR MEETING OF I.O.D.E. HELD AT HOME OF MRS. DANN

A regular meeting of the I. O. D. E. Chapter was held at the home of Mrs. L. W. Dann, Monday evening, March 20th, with twenty-six members present.

The usual business of the meeting was conducted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. K. M. Langdon, secretary, and the treasurer's report given by Mrs. W. Thompson. Mrs. K. D. Barber welcomed the new members.

Mrs. C. R. Brown, provincial organizing secretary, of Toronto, was present and gave an inspiring and instructive talk on the aims and objectives of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Mrs. Brown stressed the need of working together to strengthen the feelings of patriotism and unity among the women of the Empire. She expressed her pleasure that the women of Georgetown had applied for a charter to become a chapter in this great organization.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Brown for coming to the meeting and for her very interesting talk.

Refreshments were served and a vote of thanks given Mrs. Dann for the use of her home.

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

Players at the Men's Bridge Club Monday night were well rewarded with prizes. Pair winners of the first prize were Messrs. H. Lillio and D. Wallace; second prizes were awarded to Messrs. Ed. Hoare and H. Wright, whose score was very close to that of first prize winners. Third prize went to F. Spies and I. Wright. There will be extra prizes next Monday night also.

Citizens of Georgetown You Pay Taxes; Why?

Through the auspices of the Georgetown Lions Club, Captain W. C. C. Innes will speak at 8:15 p.m. on April 3rd at the public library, concerning this all absorbing and important topic of the day.

Captain Innes has, as his ultimate motive the formation of a local unit of the Taxpayers' Association of Canada, and through his manifold experience with our national problems gained from the delivery of some seven hundred addresses, from coast to coast, will reveal to the ratepayers of Georgetown the need of immediate action in this field. Captain Innes is an intensely interesting and dynamic speaker and the realization of the citizens of Georgetown of the extreme importance of this topic will cause them to benefit greatly through this address by an authority on the subject.

The Taxpayers' Association of Canada wishes, above all, to interest the individual Canadian in the vital problems of his Government, whether federal, provincial or municipal, in that every citizen contributes in taxes to the support of these bodies. Yet does the average individual intelligently comprehend the trend of taxation toward a crisis in which the whole economic future of the Dominion is jeopardized? It wishes to make him tax conscious so that he may be made familiar with the explanation of how larger proportions of taxes are concealed, or indirect, and are included in all the necessities of life, so that they are borne by every class of citizen.

The Association realizes that the taxpayers themselves, through their lack of information concerning the basic facts of governmental administration and taxation are responsible for present conditions. It is only through an intelligent and informed electorate that the lightening of the tax burden, through the practice of sound economics and removal of overlapping services in the government, can be accomplished. This electorate will create a force of public opinion that will be recognized by governmental bodies, thus assisting them in their proper functioning by efficient economy and consequent reduction in the ever rising trend of government costs.

Captain Innes is an extensively travelled and well informed speaker and as an authority on taxation and other public problems of the times his interesting address on the vital subject should prove to be of the greatest benefit to all.

A WISE MOVE

In abandoning the idea of a municipal building in Georgetown this year, the present Council are consistently pursuing the policy of debt reduction.

Although we understand the members of the Council considered building a suitable public building on the site formerly owned by Creelman's Ltd., they, at the last meeting of Council on Thursday evening, disposed of the property to Mrs. W. Preston and Mr. H. Silver, whom we believe intend erecting business buildings which will be credit to the town and also revenue producing for the Municipality. It was a good move.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

The Georgetown Lions Club met on Monday evening at 8:30 at the McGibbon Hotel for their regular dinner and meeting. Chief H. C. McClure in the chair. An excellent dinner was served. After the minutes were read, the National Anthem was sung, and his Majesty's health drunk.

It was announced that at the next regular meeting Captain Innes, of the Taxpayers Association of Canada, would be the guest of the club, and his address would be given in the auditorium of the public library at 8:15, when the public would be invited to be present.

The meeting of April 17th will be District Governor's night, and will also be a Ladies' Night. Lion Bob Gray was appointed chairman.

A letter from the Minister of Fisheries was referred to, in which he requested that April 29th be a fish day. It was decided to ask the Minister of address, the club on some occasion in future.

The Midland Boys' Camp was discussed.

Lion Ballantine reported that progress would soon be under way for a Civic Holiday fete. He also invited the club to the Leadership League meeting on Friday evening next.

Chief McClure, reporting on midweek hockey, urged the members to boost the game with Stratford here on Tuesday, Mar. 21st, and be sure to attend. If Georgetown is successful there would follow a trip to Copper Cliff in the Easter holidays.

A report on the sale of tickets on the car was made.

Tailorster Bob Gray held an auction sale of small articles for the Sunshine Fund.

The club then adjourned, with the singing of The Maple Leaf.

Town Sewage System By-law To be Voted On Dec. 4th

Council so Decided at Meeting Thursday Night—Creelman Factory Property Sold—Housing Act Discussed.

NORVAL RIFLE CLUB A CLOSE COMPETITION

On Monday night ten men and their ladies of the C.N.R. Rifle Club of Toronto competed against Norval on the Norval Rifle Range. As six members of the Norval Club (all high scoring men) were unable to attend through illness and other causes, it was decided to take the eight high scores of each team. The result: C. N. R. 785 out of 800, Norval 787 out of 800. Mrs. Wreford of the C.N.R. made the possible 100 points.

The scores in the aggregate event of the Norval Club were: E. W. Hall 100, C. Meredith 100, W. Lisk 100, M. Atkinson 99, E. Walker 99, Dr. Stevenson 99, E. McKinley 98, A. W. Wilson 94, P. Stark 94.

The Norval Rifle Club will visit the C.A.C. Rifle Club at Guelph on Monday, March 27th.

PROPERTY DEALS IN TOWN

Mrs. W. Preston has purchased from the Corporation of Georgetown the Creelman block on Main street. After making alterations Mrs. Preston will open a high-class restaurant in the building. Mr. H. Silver has purchased the land between his Department Store property and the Creelman Block.

ASHGROVE

Quite a number of the ladies attended the St. Patrick tea on Friday afternoon, March 17th, in Norval United Church. Piano duets were played by Mrs. R. H. Wright, Georgetown, and Mrs. F. Wilson, Ashgrove. A thought-provoking address on "St. Patrick" was ably given by Mrs. Sutcliffe of Georgetown; solos by Mrs. Howard Wigglesworth, Georgetown, and vocal duets by Misses Ethel and Doris Hyatt, accompanied by Miss A. Sinclair, Norval. This very fine Irish programme was fully enjoyed by all; then, a most delightful tea followed.

Mrs. R. Kerr and son, Ernest, of Vancouver are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wright.

The Young People's Union held their citizenship meeting on Sunday night, March 19th, with Mr. Jack Ruddell, president, in the chair, for the opening part, then Miss Marion Dick presided. The roll call was "You're Hobby," and some real interesting ones were revealed. The scriptures were explained by Miss Zeta Graham, after the responsive reading. Miss Joy Ruddell contributed a piano solo. A paper on "Canadian Citizenship" was well prepared and given by Mrs. Frank Wilson. A boys' chorus added new features to the program, as well as a contest on how to improve citizenship. Miss Marie Allen of Weston, and Miss Bessie Nattress of Toronto were welcome visitors at the Y.P.U.

Messrs. Roy and Sherman Blake of Woodbridge were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wilson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ruddell and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. Laidlaw of Norval on Sunday.

We are glad to know Miss Ruth Dierlam has recovered from an attack of the flu, and is back at school this week. There are a number sick with the flu at present.

The crokinole social under the auspices of the W.A. of the United Church was postponed on account of weather conditions, and will be held on Thursday, March 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Wigglesworth celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on March 19th.

Georgetown Midgets Win First Game of Southern Ontario Play-off

Defeat Stratford 4 - 3 in Hectic Affair—Come from Behind in Third Period Rally when Visitors Receive Penalty—Go to Stratford Friday Night.

Georgetown Lions stayed in the running for the Southern Ontario championship of the Midget N. H. L. hockey, when they out-scored the strong Stratford team 4 - 3 in a hectic struggle here last night.

The teams were very evenly matched and some fine hockey was displayed as these two old rivals again set out to conquer one another. Two years ago Georgetown midgets had won the Howie Morenz Trophy over the Western City midgets, and feeling ran high as the boys invaded the town again last night. However, after the fray, the Georgetown team were well on top with a single goal lead to take to Stratford for the return game on Friday night.

The first period opened with Georgetown Lions pushing the play to the Stratford end, but about halfway through the period, Flannagan broke away to put the visitors in the lead. This lead was short-lived however, as Beaumont rounded the visitors' net and scored on a neat play.

It was in this period that excitement reigned, when Schenk started a near doodlebug when he was cross-checked by Montgomery, a Stratford defenseman. Fists flew and the players piled up in front of the Stratford goal before the referees could separate them. Both players were given penalties and all was quiet on the western front.

The teams started short-handed at the beginning of the second frame, but there was no scoring until about the five-minute mark, when K. Dale of Stratford scored on a solo rush. This was soon followed by another counter by Rohfritsch from a scramble, making the score 3 to 1 at the end of the second period for Stratford.

Georgetown fought hard in the third stanza to get on even terms, but it looked hopeless until about the fifteen minute mark when Bauk drew a penalty for holding and Stratford were left short-handed when Georgetown was attacking desperately. Coffel started the fireworks on a rush from the blue line to score, only to be followed by a goal from Beaumont to tie up the score. The rest of the rally and gave the local boys confidence enough to score again and make the count 3 to 3 at the end of the game. Beaumont scored on a pass from Sargent at the goal mouth. Flannagan drew another penalty as the gong went to end the game.

Whether the Georgetown team can hold the lead they now have when they go to Stratford remains to be seen. But at best they will give a good account of themselves, and we hope, earn the trip to Copper Cliff to play the best there for the Ontario Midget N.H.L. championship.

The outstanding players of the game were Flannagan and Rohfritsch for the visitors and Beaumont and Coffel for the winners. Flannagan and Beaumont for their clever stick-handling and Coffel for his dangerous rushes. The rest of the boys on both teams played well and turned in some good efforts.

Stratford—Goal, B. Dale; defence, K. Dale, Menzies; centre, Flannagan; wings, Bauk, Feeney; subs, Montgomery, Rohfritsch, Landers, Kressler, Kane, Tier.

Georgetown—Goal, Kemmhead; defence, Coffel, Carter; centre, Beaumont; wings, Schenk, Sargent; subs, Early, Yates, James, Fricker.

ACTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Gurney of Wingham visited Mrs. George Murray during the week.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of Waterloo, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Rumley.

Miss Marjorie Near, nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, was home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Williamson of Toronto, were at the home of Mrs. W. A. Murray over the week end.

Ethel Franklin received word from the Toronto Conservatory of Music that she has passed her fifth examinations with honours. She is a pupil of Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, Lamehouse.

Mr. W. Jones had the misfortune to damage his car badly on Saturday when the front wheel struck a hole in the roadway in Brampton and the car turned over. Fortunately no one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McKechnie and Flora Jean, of Jamestown, Pa., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Soper over the week end.

Mr. Geo. Soper Jr., returned with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thomas announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Olga Allen, to Mr. Louis Robert William Brownlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Brownlow, Acton. Marriage to take place early in April.

Miss Tess Burdod

The funeral of Miss Alice Trust, who died in Guelph General Hospital, on Monday morning, took place from McClure's Undertaking Parlor, Georgetown, on Tuesday. The service was conducted by Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, and the pallbearers were six nephews. Interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery.

Tea In Canadian Pacific History



Half an ounce of tea, carried across the Dominion 52 years ago as part of the first transcontinental freight shipment by the newly-completed Canadian Pacific Railway, made history in London, England, recently.

In a small phial, the tea was displayed in the Canadian Pacific office in Trafalgar Square, as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of Empire Tea. Just enough to provide "tea for two." The sample was traced to the shipment that inaugurated the "All Red Route."

Photos show: (top left) the barque, "W. B. Flint", whose entire cargo of tea formed the first west to east freight train in 1886; (top right) an early Canadian Pacific freight train crossing Sur-

prise Creek bridge; (right) London celebrates the Centenary of Empire-grown tea by transporting a symbolic shipment from the East India Docks to Mining Lane by elephants and (left) the sample of tea preserved by Mary E. Bacon, Lanxoville, P.Q., mounted upon an exploratory map in the Canadian Pacific window on Trafalgar Square.

To Meet June 20th

The district annual meeting of Halton Women's Institute was set for June 20th at Norval, at the annual meeting of the board of directors of Halton W. I. held at Milton on Tuesday. Those in attendance included the county executive and representatives of the 13 branches of the W. I. in Halton.

Many Enjoyed Dance

Georgetown Choral Society held a delightful dance in the Arena last Friday evening, March 17th. There was a large attendance and excellent music was supplied by Harbie Royal and his Orchestra of Kitchener. Delicious refreshments were served and every patron was delighted with the splendid evening provided by the Choral Society.

In New Hamburg on Monday last the ratepayers defeated a by-law to spend \$68,000 on the erection of a new high school.