the energy of the founding fathers I am sure you will agree with me The death recently of Sybil Ben- and these men were quick to take organization to keep pace with this

Sybil Bennett

petence when she got here.

once all lawyer and all lady.

Hydro Opening

made no bones about it.

Building on Main Street which

now serves the needs of the com-

munity. Incidentally, I might men-

tion here that the city fathers of

day to give everyone an opportun-

ity of inspecting these latest im-

provements. As you do so, you

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frame building on Guelph Street,

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in the Ottawa Citizen

nett, MP for Halton County remo- advantage of it. ved a lovely lady from Parliament You must remember that at that commended. And I would like also and a fine personality from public time the river really had not been to add that, in opening this buildlife. Her courage in coming to Ot-cleared, and the flow of the Credit, ing we should bear in mind that a tawa was only matched by her com- even in the summer, was many ti- building in itself - no matter how Her blond hair matched her light was cleared, and with our lack of how fine an impression it creates blue eyes and to me her delicacy foresight (conservation was not ev- on the passers-by — is still but a of coloring suggested a doll, she en thought of) the river became structure of brick and concrete, never demurred, stern and serious what it is today - a torrent in the glass and steel.

just smiled, for if ever we had a a month or so later. Portia in parliament it was Miss I am not here to preach conser- who work within that building -Bennett. I heard her once talking vation, but in passing let us say from the chairman of the commison some legal subject. She was at that we as citizens of Ontario sion down to the humblest member should give our whole-hearted sup- of the staff. And I know, from the Maybe I am prejudiced, but I port to those bodies who are trying record of the past, that Georgetown thought she was the finest of all to remedy a disgraceful condition. | may rest assured that the spirit of

king she was learned without be- then, when confronted with the will continue to be of dedication ing highbrow, she was intelligent loss of local cources of power, couwithout seeming a blue stocking. pled with an ever expanding in-Her gestures were graciousness it- dustry that Ontario turned to Niaself. An arden Conservative (as gara and the formation of the Hy- now cut the ribbon to declare this any relative of Prime Minister Ben- dro Electric Power Commission.

nett should be) she had nothing but Yes, indeed, Georgetown has friends on any side of the house. | come a long way since those days, Her malady was inevitably fatal, not only as regards the many fine yet she courageously came to Otta- buildings it now possesses, but also wa just the same. My wife and I in the prosperity of its citizens and persuaded her to drive out with us the excellent standard of living to our Alta Vista home, on the un- they enjoy. And yet I wonder how derstanding we would drive her many of those citizens realize just back to the hotel early. It was a how much of Georgetown's prorelaxing evening on a soft summer gress over the past years has been night, sipping a pop under the due directly to those who have serstars and making a chit chat. Then ved so loyally and so unselfishly on drove her back to the Chateau their local HydroElectric Commisearly since she wanted to get ab- sion to ensure that there will aloard her train early to make a ways be available an abundant and speech on the morow in Halton dependable supply of electricity to county. I bade her goodnight not light the homes and streets of knowing I was bidding her good Georgetown and to power the maoye. For, from her home in Geor- chines of its growing industries.

It might be well at this point to Small wonder she had in Halton review the whole hydro setup. The County converted a sure thing Lab- Ontario Hydro Commission admineral victory into a Conservative isters three separate bodies: For triumph. Sybil Bennett had an m-the Province of Ontario, the Northfinite capacity for making friends, ern Properties and the rural Hy-Indeed the harassed Conservative dro. For the municipalities, the party might well study Miss Ben- southern system. The southern synet's sure thing formula for mak-stem is operated in the same maning friends - and keeping them, | ner as any co-operative. Member Something fine, something love municipalities are billed for power

ely, something good went from The at an interim yearly rate, and at Hill when Sybil Bennett, died pre- the end of the year if this rate is higher than the actual cost of pow-"For this to man was lovely woman er, the municipality receives a rebate. If, on the other hand, it is The last, the best, the noblest gift lower, the municipality must pay the difference. Thus you see each municipality has a great stake in hydro and amongst themselves have formed an organization called the Ontario Municipal Electric Association which discusses munici-1877 Georgetown had progressed so pal problems and also acts as a consultant to the Ontario Commis-

,500 inhabitants, a large brick A third organization --- the assoschool house employing five teacheration of Municipal Electric Utiliers, six churches, a curling and a ties - consists of superintendents skating rink and several of the and managers of local commissions most prosperous factories in westwho, in addition to discussing their ern Ontario, turning out a variety own management problems, also of goods ranging from boots and act as advisers to Ontario Hydro shoes to door frames and enveland the Ontario Municipal Electric The accent in those days, of

When I describe this to outsidcourse, was on utility, rather than ers f am often told that such a setarchitectural beauty. Although up is impossible to work. The only Georgetown still held its fair, each answer to this is that it does work month, to which the farmers would and works so well that it is probflock from miles around for the ably the most efficient publicly owhorse and stock sales, the town had ned utility in the world. I think it become one of Western Ontario's will always remain so if it can be busiest industrial centres - and it kept out of party politics, a view that the present government and A description of the city hall; the OMEA heartily support.

as it appeared in the 1800's makes I do no think it is at all necesamusing reading when compared to sary to quote a lot of statistics to the newly-remodelled Municipal show what the Georgetown Hydro-Electric Commission has accomplished. I believe you will be able to form your own assessment of this if I content myself with tell-Georgetown are also holding open ing you that the number of custohouse at the Municipal Building tomers served by the Commission within this municipality has increased since 1913, when Georgetown received its first power from Ontamight bear in mind the words of a rio Hydro, from 354 to 2,007, or some six times at the end of ed in 1877 which described the city last year. Some idea of the way hall as a "rather shabbly looking in which Georgetown's Commission has been called upon to increase its transmission facilities may like-

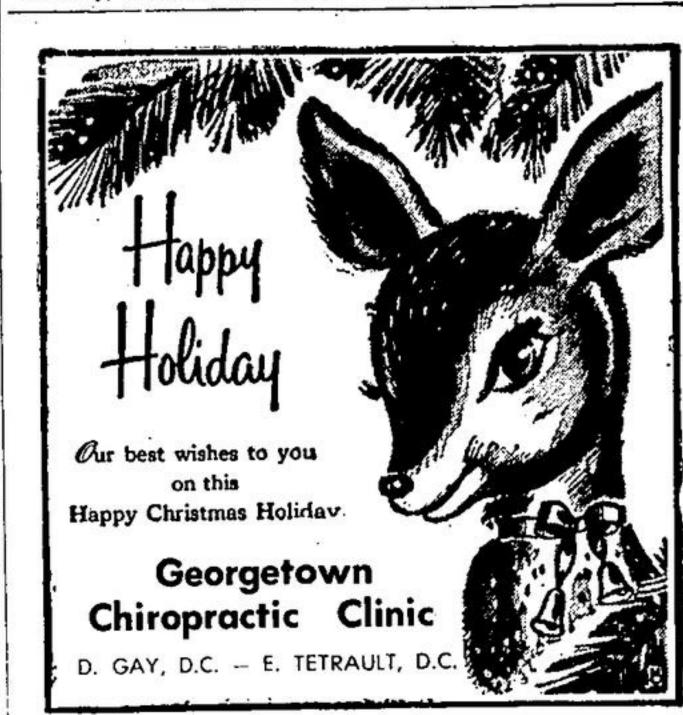
[wise be gauged from the fact that nearly sixty five times the original

but it was also the site of cheap when I say that achievements of power - the swift flowing Credit the Commission's members, past River was waiting to be harnessed, and present, in expanding their impressive growth are to be greatly mes what it is today. As the land striking its architecture, no matter

lawyer though she might be, she spring, dwindling to almost nothing | What counts in service to the community is the spirit of those our nice women MP's. In her spea- It was at the turn of the century all who serve within these walls to the ideals of public service and loyalty and courtesy.

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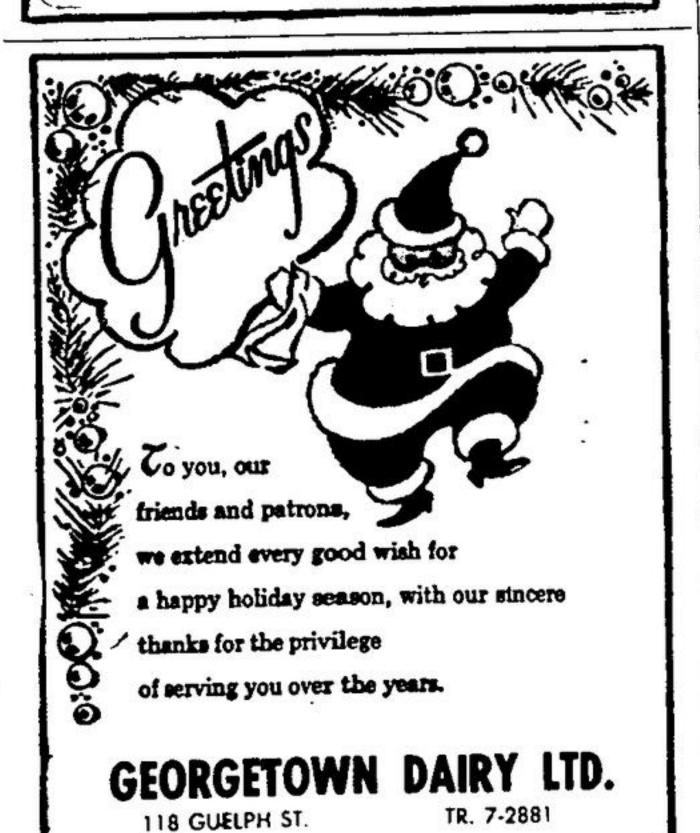
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