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**Something Fine,
 Lovely, Gone With
 Sybil Bennett**

by Austin F. Cross
 in the Ottawa Citizen

The death recently of Sybil Bennett, MP for Halton County removed a lovely lady from Parliament and a fine personality from public life. Her courage in coming to Ottawa was only matched by her competence when she got here.

Her blond hair matched her light blue eyes and to me her delicacy of coloring suggested a doll, she never demurred, stern and serious lawyer though she might be, she just smiled, for if ever we had a Portia in parliament it was Miss Bennett. I heard her once talking on some legal subject. She was at once all lawyer and all lady.

Maybe I am prejudiced, but I thought she was the finest of all our nice women MP's. In her speaking she was learned without being highbrow, she was intelligent without seeming a blue stocking. Her gestures were graciousness itself. An ardent Conservative (as any relative of Prime Minister Bennett should be) she had nothing but friends on any side of the house.

Her malady was inevitably fatal, yet she courageously came to Ottawa just the same. My wife and I persuaded her to drive out with us to our Alta Vista home, on the understanding we would drive her back to the hotel early. It was a relaxing evening on a soft summer night, sipping a pop under the stars and making a chat. Then I drove her back to the Chateau early since she wanted to get aboard her train early to make a speech on the morrow in Halton County. I bade her goodnight not knowing I was bidding her goodbye. For, from her home in Georgetown, she never returned.

Small wonder she had in Halton County converted a sure thing Liberal victory into a Conservative triumph. Sybil Bennett had an infinite capacity for making friends. Indeed the harassed Conservative party might well study Miss Bennett's sure thing formula for making friends — and keeping them.

Something fine, something lovely, something good went from The Hill when Sybil Bennett, died prematurely.

"For this to man was lovely woman given.
 The last, the best, the noblest gift of heaven"

Hydro Opening

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1877 Georgetown had progressed so far since the opening of its first store in 1840 that it could boast 1,500 inhabitants, a large brick school house employing five teachers, six churches, a curling and a skating rink and several of the most prosperous factories in western Ontario, turning out a variety of goods ranging from boots and shoes to door frames and envelopes.

The accent in those days, of course, was on utility, rather than architectural beauty. Although Georgetown still held its fair, each month, to which the farmers would flock from miles around for the horse and stock sales, the town had become one of Western Ontario's busiest industrial centres — and it made no bones about it.

A description of the city hall as it appeared in the 1880's makes an amusing reading when compared to the newly-remodelled Municipal Building on Main Street which now serves the needs of the community. Incidentally, I might mention here that the city fathers of Georgetown are also holding open house at the Municipal Building today to give everyone an opportunity of inspecting these latest improvements. As you do so, you might bear in mind the words of a Halton County guide book published in 1877 which described the city hall as a "rather shabby looking frame building on Guelph Street, with a lock-up in the basement, principally used for housing vag-

ants. What was the reason for Georgetown's growth as an established town in the last century?

Certainly it was the calibre and the energy of the founding fathers but it was also the site of cheap power — the swift flowing Credit River was waiting to be harnessed, and these men were quick to take advantage of it.

You must remember that at that time the river really had not been cleared, and the flow of the Credit, even in the summer, was many times what it is today. As the land was cleared, and with our lack of foresight (conservation was not even thought of) the river became what it is today — a torrent in the spring, dwindling to almost nothing a month or so later.

I am not here to preach conservation, but in passing let us say that we as citizens of Ontario should give our whole-hearted support to those bodies who are trying to remedy a disgraceful condition.

It was at the turn of the century then, when confronted with the loss of local sources of power, coupled with an ever expanding industry that Ontario turned to Niagara and the formation of the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

Yes, indeed, Georgetown has come a long way since those days, not only as regards the many fine buildings it now possesses, but also in the prosperity of its citizens and the excellent standard of living they enjoy. And yet I wonder how many of those citizens realize just how much of Georgetown's progress over the past years has been due directly to those who have served so loyally and so unselfishly on their local HydroElectric Commission to ensure that there will always be available an abundant and dependable supply of electricity to light the homes and streets of Georgetown and to power the machines of its growing industries.

It might be well at this point to review the whole hydro setup. The Ontario Hydro Commission administers three separate bodies: For the Province of Ontario, the Northern Properties and the rural Hydro. For the municipalities, the southern system. The southern system is operated in the same manner as any co-operative. Member municipalities are billed for power at an interim yearly rate, and at the end of the year if this rate is higher than the actual cost of power, the municipality receives a rebate. If, on the other hand, it is 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 municipal problems and also acts as a consultant to the Ontario Commission.

A third organization — the association of Municipal Electric Utilities — consists of superintendents and managers of local commissions who, in addition to discussing their own management problems, also act as advisers to Ontario Hydro and the Ontario Municipal Electric Association.

When I describe this to outsiders I am often told that such a setup is impossible to work. The only answer to this is that it does work and works so well that it is probably the most efficient publicly owned utility in the world. I think it will always remain so if it can be kept out of party politics, a view that the present government and the OMEA heartily support.

I do not think it is at all necessary to quote a lot of statistics to 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 telling you that the number of customers served by the Commission within this municipality has increased since 1913, when Georgetown received its first power from Ontario Hydro, from 354 to 2,007, or some six times at the end of last year. Some idea of the way in which Georgetown's Commission has been called upon to increase its transmission facilities may like-

wise be gauged from the fact that the power demand has grown since 1913 from 72 to 4,607 kilowatts, or nearly sixty five times the original load.

I am sure you will agree with me when I say that achievements of the Commission's members, past and present, in expanding their organization to keep pace with this impressive growth are to be greatly commended. And I would like also to add that, in opening this building we should bear in mind that a building in itself — no matter how striking its architecture, no matter how fine an impression it creates on the passers-by — is still but a structure of brick and concrete, glass and steel.

What counts in service to the community is the spirit of those who work within that building — from the chairman of the commission down to the humblest member of the staff. And I know, from the record of the past, that Georgetown may rest assured that the spirit of all who serve within these walls will continue to be of dedication to the ideals of public service and loyalty and courtesy.

Without further preamble I will now cut the ribbon to declare this building officially open.

Happy
 Holiday

Our best wishes to you
 on this
 Happy Christmas Holiday.

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 Christmas bring you the most precious
 gift of all... peace and contentment. And may the
 spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate abide with you now and
 throughout the coming year. May all the true joys of Christmas be yours.

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