

Queen's Park Report

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M.P.P. for Malton

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen: It is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity of bringing to you this week's highlights of your Ontario Government.

Uninsured car owners will pay an extra \$5 into the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund next year under a bill given first reading. The minimum amount of liability insurance required also will be raised: Alfred H. Cowling, P.C. Toronto to High Park, estimated the initial two-year cost of launching a proposed air pollution control commission would be \$500,000.

Bills given first reading would eliminate the \$40 ceiling on three social assistance allowances and pave the way for increasing the amounts if the Federal Government increases its share.

CFE Leader MacDonald, accused Attorney-General Roberts of using Communist smear tactics to distract public attention from the use of provincial police as strike-breakers in a recent Northern Ontario labour dispute. Mr. Roberts stood by his statement of last week when he denied the strike-breaking charge.

Liberal financial critic John J. Wintermeyer said the Government has failed to demonstrate there is a need for extra tax levies. The Liberal opposition moved a non-confidence motion in the government for imposing huge additional taxes which were out of proportion to grants and services given.

Health Minister Phillips said Canada's first treatment centre for mentally ill children will open

before the end of the year at Thistletown, west of Toronto.

Liberal Opposition Leader Oliver said the Government could have increased its revenue by not reducing the tax on pari-mutuel betting. Premier Frost said the tax was reduced gradually to discourage illegal bookmaking. Bigger pari-mutuel betting pools resulted.

Albert Wren, L-Lab. Kenora, said the Government should abolish its film censor board because it is not doing any good.

Premier Frost said he would ask the Federal Government to regulate the price of natural gas delivered by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd.

Attorney-General Roberts said the Government proposes to expand the provincial police force and increase salaries.

Mr. Frost said detailed approval by the Federal Government of the provincial hospital insurance plan later than March would jeopardize the Jan. 1, 1959, starting date of the scheme.

Grants to school boards in 1956 will be increased by \$19,000,000 from \$81,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Unconditional grants to municipalities are being increased by \$8,000,000, from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

The Province of Ontario in 1956 carried out the largest highway and road construction since the Department of Highways was formed. The Highway Department in the Province spent \$203,000,000; the municipalities spent \$46,000,000 making a total of \$249,000,000.

In 1939 out of every tax dollar collected in Ontario, the Federal Government took 30c, the Provincial Government took 26c, and the Municipal Government took 35c.

In 1949 out of every tax dollar collected in Ontario, the Federal Government took 48c, the Provincial Government took 22c, and the Municipal Government took 30c.

In 1956 out of every tax dollar collected in Ontario, the Federal Government took 77c, the Provincial Government took 12c, and the Municipal Government took 11c.

Chatting...
with M. H. B.

WHEN MRS. SAM WALKER received a letter from Mrs. A. Sachs recently, she called and told me about it, because she thought a number of people would be interested. I'm quite sure Mrs. Walker is right, for the Sachs family were at one time proprietors of the Bennett House hotel here in Georgetown, and were well-known both in town and district. It is in the neighborhood of thirty-five years since they moved from town—Mrs. Sachs is now ninety-one years of age.

THE NEWER PEOPLE in town will be interested by Mrs. Sachs' letter, too, because discussing it led to some reminiscences about what Georgetown was like four decades ago. First of all, of course, the Bennett House no longer exists today. Mr. Sachs sold the building when he retired. Part of the original building was torn down and replaced by what is now the Royal Bank.

But to go back to the time of the Bennett House. Of brick and frame construction, the property extended back to what is now the Brewers' Retail Store. The hotel had its driving sheds and stables in that area. Which brought up the interesting little point that a young "driver" in the employ of the hotel and J. A. Willoughby at that time was a chap by the name of Bill Wright. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Wright abandoned his career as a driver to seek his fortune prospecting in the north. And he found it, for that same young man became the multi-millionaire owner of the Wright-Harvey mines. Mr. Wright died four or five years ago.

THE BENNETT HOUSE was a two-storey building with big ornate wooden verandahs above and below at front. A near tragedy almost came about because of those verandahs. It happened on a sunny 24th of May when both verandahs were crowded with sight-seers for the annual "Drummers' Snac" parade. This was a big calithumpian affair sponsored by the commercial travellers of the district... something like the Orangemen's parades of a few years ago.

Commercial travellers were called "drummers"—derived no doubt from the fact that they "drummed up" business. There were a great many of them in those days, and for the annual "Drummers' Snac" the travellers in certain districts banded together and put on the big parade in a different town each year. The salesmen themselves took part, all dressed in elaborate costumes. Everyone turned out for the affair, but this particular 24th there were several too many spectators on the upper verandah of the

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be striving for too big a tone which tended to become strident. Also, at times, the melodic line was not exactly in unison. However, these are only minor criticisms when one considers the concert as a whole, and the spirituals in particular. They are a superb ensemble and one hopes to hear them again in Georgetown soon.

Alf Perrott Returns as Lorne Scots Bandmaster

Nationally known bandmaster Alfred H. Perrott has returned to lead the Lorne Scots Band after an absence of one year from the conductor's stand.

Leading the band to over 20 cups and awards in his 25-years as conductor, Mr. Perrott re-accepted the post without military connection.

The Lorne Scots, one of the country's finest martial bands has copied five firsts in the past eight years of CNE competition. During Mr. Perrott's absence the band was under the leadership of J. Dvorak of Toronto, grandson of the famous Scandinavian composer Anton Dvorak.

Bandmen include: Cornet Section—Charles Landsborough, Vic Carter, Jim Golden, Charlie Emmans, Doug Peck, Fred Armstrong, Jack Coates and E. Smellie.

Clarinet—George Elliott, Frank Carter, John Satterfield, Emery Thompson, Nino Braida and Archie Kerr.

Alto Horns—Ernie Forgrave and Dave Hastings.

Saxophones—G. Dyer, Allan Heatley, Norm Herbert and Dick Riddell.

Baritone—Fred Leace, Bill Walker, Roy Coates, Norm Long.

Trombones—Paul Delaney, Ken Allen, P. Emmans, Bill Emshie, Bruce McKerr.

Basses—Art Herbert, Fred Carter, Charlie Kinsmill, Tom Herbert, band librarian.

HELD BIRTHDAY PARTY

Douglas Penrice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, Albert Street, celebrated his sixth birthday last Saturday by entertaining several of his friends at a theatre party and then a birthday supper at his home. His guests were Charles Blehn, David Farnell, Paul Perkins, Ritchie Linton, Ole and Finn Poulstrup, Bobby Alcott and John Bradley.

Their flight was made doubly hard due to the fact that Mr. Simonyi is a semi-invalid and since there was no means of transportation they had to make the long trek by foot from their home in Saint Gotthard, Hungary to a Red Cross Camp close to Vienna in Austria.

They arrived by plane from Vienna at St. Paul's Airport, Montreal and after receiving word they had arrived John phoned his parents there and heard their voices for the first time in nine years. John's parents and family asked him to tell people how very grateful they are to everyone who has been so kind to them. Mr. Roger Vincent has made them welcome at his farm home.

The happy reunion with their son Leslie and family and their children who arrived a few weeks ago who are living at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greig, R. R. 1, and their son Joseph, Brantford, who came to Canada nine years ago with John was tinged with sadness because their sister Rose who was to have come also cannot get out of Hungary. The borders have apparently been closed fast and they feel it will be many years before they see her again.

ESQUEUING SWINE ARE FLOWN TO SOUTH AMERICA

A number of, Esqueuing-bred swine were included in a plane load of purebred Tamworths shipped by air from Malton to Caracas, Venezuela recently. The selection was made by J. E. Miller of Kitchener, livestock exporter and purchasing agent.

There were 16 gilts and 3 boars from Wright Bros., R. R. 1, Georgetown; 14 gilts from J. C. Cunningham, Hornby; and six gilts from T. J. Brownridge, R. R. 2, Georgetown.

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2.15 p.m.—Holy Confirmation Instruction
7.00 p.m.—Evensong—"Our Father"
8.00 p.m.—Film The Story of Ruth
10.00 a.m.—Thursday—Holy Communion
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9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion
10.40 a.m.—Church School

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Liquid — 10c Deal 20 oz. bottle
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THE HOTEL was given its name by a former proprietor, Robert Bennett. Later, Mr. Bennett's son-in-law, Mr. Archie Coffin took over the hotel for a number of years. Mr. Coffin sold the hotel to Mr. Albert Sachs. This I think fills in the history of ownership of the Bennett House pretty well.

It's interesting to note that Mr. P. B. Coffin, 45 Charles St. is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Archie Coffin. A daughter, Ethel, now Mrs. Vernon Smith, lives in Hamilton, and another son, Harold, makes his home in the Southern U.S.A.

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