



R. M. Turkington, Georgetown.

THE PROVINCIAL PAPER float was one of the highlights of the Santa Claus parade this year, and was a prizewinner for the second year in a row. It featured an elaborate Vanguard II, seen in the photo above, with some of the spacemen and women who marched alongside. The Vanguard had jet propulsion and emitted weird noises as it wended its way in the parade.

Halton M.P. Makes Parliament Speaking Debut

Making his maiden speech in parliament on December 9th, Halton M.P. Sandy Best spoke at some length on a motion presented by the CCF concerning Canada's 100th anniversary. The account, as it appeared in Hansard, is continued from last week.

If I may be pardoned for a few moments, sir, I have always felt, as I have strolled in the years past and now down that sort of philosopher's walk past the statue of Macdonald, a feeling of reverence and history, and in the light and the glow of that great picture hanging in the west end of this building, the confidence in Canada that must have been his. How came it to such a man, troubled and tried by personal problems and great burdens, to take into his hands time and time again the task of uniting this far-flung land. We are now dedicated to do the same thing.

The government may be congratulated, I feel, on a return to a policy of national unity. The measures outlined in the throne speech, and gradually implemented in succeeding weeks convey the sincerity of this approach. I think we can now see that the fascinating array, this furious play within a play from time to time on benches opposite, can be dismissed as mere auditions for a January spectacle. All parts of the country alike must share in the prosperity of Canada, and through a broad and unbiased national outlook this will be achieved. The proposed resolution and suggested committee are in exact agreement with the very things we are at present doing. The very opening day of this session, in the words of Her Majesty, this government gave notice of its intention of correcting much of the economic imbalance inherited from the previous administration. The bill we have passed effecting cash advances for farm-stored grain will go some distance in aiding the static and reduced economy of the prairie farmer. It will affect my county and bring timely employment and increased business right across the nation, but it will take some years to change, in more basic fashion, the neglectful loss of markets and the subsidized competition from neighbour countries we have experienced from time to time.

We know, sir, that bills will soon be brought down to aid the mixed agricultural areas of the east, where the farmer has not yet quite resigned himself to the position of an often forgotten figure. The notice of legislation to ensure permanent floor prices is welcomed indeed, and we know that the details will be rapidly worked out and put into effect. One of the earliest actions of this government was to take steps to regulate the importation of turkeys and fowl from the United States. This measure has been of great value to the poultry industry, and many people engaged in it in my county. Halton lays claim to some of the richest mixed farming land in eastern Canada. Our livestock industry, predominantly dairy, serves millions of people in the nearby urban centres. Choice fruit and market garden land in considerable acreage predominates the southern end of our county. For years the dumping of United States products, fast-worked great hardship on these people, and it is our sincere hope that some changes will soon be forthcoming. As mentioned in the throne speech, farmers must be assured of a fair share of the national income and means that will be brought about to provide greater price stability are awaited with keen interest.

There is another matter which might be added to the general planning program and policies, which the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre makes in his resolution. In the great meeting place of producers and consumers of agricultural products in the Toronto-Hamilton area, and the counties of Halton and Peel, there has been a long and growing demand for changes in our livestock processing methods. The humane slaughter of food animals has become general in most civilized countries of the world, but Canada and the United States lag far behind. I would call on the federal government at this time, Mr. Speaker, to enact or enforce legislation, to co-operate in every way with the provincial governments whose chief responsibility it is, to remedy this difficult and unnecessary situation. I realize a study of this matter is now taking place, and we can only hope that it will be effective in the near future. The proposed resolution mentions the need for planning in the fields of conservation, irrigation and power projects. These have long been objectives of the Conservative party as well, and definite steps have been taken to put these plans into practice. It is hoped that the royal commission on energy will give us long-range recommendations for charting our future plans. The announcement of financial assistance for the maritimes through aid for construction of the Beechwood pro-

ject in New Brunswick, and the intention to proceed as soon as possible, as the Prime Minister has said from time to time, with the Columbia river and South Saskatchewan dam projects, all show the intent and broad planning of this government.

My hon. friend mentioned the need for both federal and provincial representatives on the proposed committee. There has been, perhaps, no more important move of the present dominion-provincial conference which met just two weeks ago today. Meeting I would suggest, sir, under that great map of Canada and that long, greying picture of the fathers of confederation, a spirit of co-operation and mutual interest that had not been displayed for a long, long time. This government listened; it did not tell. This was just the beginning.

Mr. Pickersgill: That is quite true.

Mr. Best: Yes, it listened; it did not tell.

Mr. Pickersgill: No one learned anything.

Mr. Best: This was just the beginning of a fairer and more just plan for each and every province, a beginning of a more unified and unitedly prosperous country. This, then, is the beginning once again, through practical and sensible channels, of the intention and spirit of that part of my hon. friend's resolution. This government, working with the provinces in normal and tested channels, is already carrying out its plans and policies.

The hon. member's resolution mentions the economic development of this country. Throughout the past year, unnecessary hardship has been caused by the so-called tight money policy. This measure brought on supposedly to curb inflation and regulate the rapid expansion of this country almost crushed many sections of our economy and has caused great hardship in my own riding. Almost overnight, the former government restricted and curbed, above all else, small businessmen, an additional burden being added to the already heavy load that these people have shouldered. I am confident that the raising of the lowest tax bracket for small businessmen from 20 to 25 thousand and announced by the Minister of Finance last Friday evening, is a step in the right direction, and should already encourage the 2,000 odd enterprises which will be affected.

(Continued next week)

CHARLES RENWICK IS CHAPTER FIRST PRINCIPAL

Charles Renwick, 18 Victoria Cresce, was elected first principal of Halton Chapter, R.A.M., No. 234 G.R.C. at the lodge elections which took place in the Masonic Hall December 18th. He succeeds Wm B Hamilton, 66 Prince Charles Dr.

Other lodge officers who will serve in 1958 are: Irwin Noble, 118 Guelph St., 2nd principal; Jack Armstrong, 23 Parkview Ave., 3rd principal; Jack Adams, Glen Williams, scribe; E. Edwin Wilson, Valleyview Rd., treasurer; Sam Penrice, Glen Williams, principal scribe; Bev Moody, Glen Williams, scribe; N. William Kinrade, 14 Ostrander Blvd., senior scribe; John Gunn, 34 Maple W., junior scribe; George Sivil, R.R. 1 Georgetown, outer guard; Ed Hall, 16 Margaret St., Gordon Harley, 33 John St. W., Bernard Dunning, 40 Shelley St., Thomas Niven, 2 John St. E., masters of the veils.

The new officers will be installed at the lodge meeting in January.

Public Schools Staffs Have Christmas Parties

Staff Christmas parties at the three public schools took varying forms last week as teachers prepared for their mid-term vacations. Principal Harold Henry and teachers at Harrison school went to the city for dinner at the Seaway Hotel one evening, and afterwards did some window shopping downtown.

Principal Val Stein and the Chapel Street school staff had a gathering after school on Wednesday when the "bachelors", Hazel Allen, Charles and Bob Pinkerton, were hosts at 9 Temple. The group had refreshments and exchanged gifts.

When school ended Friday, Principal William Kinrade and the Wriglesworth school staff gathered in the teachers' room for a social hour, with lunch and a few games. There were parties Friday too, in many of the classrooms, with pupils exchanging gifts and bringing box lunches.

FARM NEWS

ELIMINATE HURON, HALTON'S DEBATERS IN THIRD ROUND

J. E. W. Halton Junior Farmers debating quartette moved into the 3rd round of the Provincial Junior Farmers' debating schedule, when they eliminated Huron County.

Both affirmative and negative team journeyed to Stratford to meet the Huron teams.

The four Huron young men proved to be worthy opposition for the Misses Jean Ird, Barbara Cunningham, Jean Peterson, and Mildred Watson. While Halton's affirmative team of Jean Bird and Mildred Watson eked out a win over Huron's George Ribey and Murray Gaunt by a margin of four points, the decision in the second debate went to Huron's affirmative team of Lawrence Nesbitt and Larry Wheatley by a margin of two points over Barbara Cunningham and Jean Peterson.

At times of going to press no announcement had been received relative to the opponents of Halton's winning quartette in the third round, which will likely be held the week of January 27th.

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