

Answer soon on import quotas

Herb Gray, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, told Halton MP Otto Jelinek last week in the House of Commons that the government will state its position "very soon" on the requested re-instatement of shoe import quotas.

Following are Jelinek's questions and Gray's answers:

Jelinek: Madam speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Over 6,000 jobs have been lost in the Canadian footwear industry since last November when the Liberal government lifted its quotas on leather shoe imports, despite anti-dumping tribunal recommendations to the contrary.

Notwithstanding the insensitive attitude of the minister and his cabinet colleagues, towards the growing number of unemployed Canadians, can the minister either justify his actions of last November which was totally contrary to the recommendations of the anti-dumping tribunal or indeed justify the continuing existence of the tribunal itself, the advice of which the government does not heed? Who is right,

the minister or the tribunal?
Gray: Madam speaker, I advise the honorable member to take another look at the report of the anti-dumping tribunal. We have not disregarded its advice. We have acted in a way which we believe is totally consistent with its findings which said that our industry is in the position to meet competition from developed countries, the main source of imported leather footwear. That is why we decided not only to maintain the existing quotas on non leather footwear but extend it to canvas footwear, while taking into account that conclusion of the tribunal.

This was in addition to creating special funds of \$17 million to aid our industry in modernizing and becoming more efficient and competitive. We are not insensitive to the industry; we consider it and its workers very important and I think we have read the report of the anti-dumping tribunal a lot more carefully than my honorable friend did.

Jelinek: madame speaker, according to the president of the Canadian Shoe Manu-

facturing Association, unless leather shoes are re-instated in the global quota at once, a further 10,000 Canadians will lose their jobs within the next four months.

Two months ago the minister gave an undertaking in this House that he would make a decision in that regard within 30 days. He is now one month behind schedule, and I ask the minister to stand up in this House right now, and tell us if a decision has been made. If so, what is it, if not, when can we and in particular the shoe industry which is functioning in a void out there, know when the decision will be made by this cabinet minister, who has promised it.

Gray: Madame speaker, the decision in question is that of cabinet.

Jelinek: You promised it two months ago.

Gray: We will be in a position to state very soon the results of our review of information provided to us by the industry and other elements interested in the Canadian footwear sector. I think we will be able to state the conclusion of our review before too long.



All Looyenga just couldn't decide which books to buy at the Christian Reformed Church garage sale Saturday.



Richard VanderWal inspects an electric frying pan for sale at the giant Knox church garage sale Saturday.

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary

Kathy Jansen president

by Rhona Thornhill
 The May meeting of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was held Thursday, May 6. There were no new applications for membership.

Branch president Jim Higgins and vice-president Fred Allan conducted the election of officers. New officers elected: past president Jean Earle; president Kathy Jansen; first vice Sharon Barker; second vice Lily Higgins; treasurer Fern Stultis; secretary Rhona Thornhill; sports officer Sally Smith; bingo convener Ruth Courtney; membership Marg Dunn; sick, Lily Higgins; property Doris Fitzner; recording secretary

Marg McNabb; Sgt. at Arms Helen Fowler; standard bearer Lucy Synnott; kitchen convener Ruth Courtney; Lucy Synnott, Marion Rees.

On Friday, September 24 the ladies will host a social evening.

Anyone having any ideas of where to go for the fall bus trip can bring suggestions to the June meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 3 at 6 p.m. Please note change in time. As this is the last meeting before the summer break, there will be a pot luck supper.

Ladies, let's not forget Decoration Day on June 6, parade forms at the post office at 2 p.m.

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Envoy Douglas Vale, wife Ruby and daughters Janniene and Katrina are enjoying their first posting with the Salvation Army.

Salvation Army

New leader Envoy Douglas

Being an envoy for the Salvation Army means making a commitment to dedicate yourself to God's work.

So says Envoy Douglas and Mrs. Ruby Vale, Acton's replacements for Lieutenant and Mrs. Lorne Pritchette who recently left for a posting in northern Ontario.

Envoy Vale explains that to be a lieutenant, one must go to college for two years. However, because he sought a position with the Salvation Army later in life, he was not accepted for college. Instead, he has opted to go the Envoy route. He must serve for two years as envoy, then three years as auxiliary captain before being commissioned as a full captain. He started his long haul on April 29, with Acton being his first appointment.

But Envoy Vale is not new to the Salvation Army. He worked as an addiction counsellor at Harbourlight in Toronto for a few years, after leaving the business world where he was a salesman.

Married for 23 years, the couple have three children, two of whom are living with them in Acton and attending McKenzie-Smith Middle School. A married son lives in Mississauga. Envoy Vale is from Beachville, Ontario, and Mrs. Vale is from Walsingham, near Long Point Beach, on Lake Erie.

Being in the ministry, Envoy Vale admitted, he does not have too much time for himself. But he believes in order to do a good job he must devote himself to the people he is here to serve. His only hobby in life is doing the Lord's work.

Daughters Katrina, 14 and Janniene, 12, are senior and junior soldiers in the Salvation Army, which, Envoy Vale explains, means making a deeper dedication and deeper commitment to the Salvation Army.

Square dancing weeks
 Grab a partner and dance up a storm this fall. The period September 13 to 26 has been proclaimed Modern Square Dancing Weeks in Halton Hills.

Outdoors



BY LORNE FLETCHER

It's a dilemma. Whether to go fishing or plant the garden is a rough choice to make when the fishing is tops and the economy is in such bad shape. However, I am not a vegetarian so the garden will just have to wait for another day.

The interest this spring in ultralight spinning rods and reels is amazing. Many anglers, who for many years, have fished with standard seven foot and longer rods have looked with envy at innovative anglers who are consistently taking more fish and are not wearing themselves out in the process.

Long fly rods in five and six weight categories make the best drifting and bait rods, the length to keep your line clear of the water plus the line tight for delicate handling.

Ultra-light reels need to be good quality in order to have good clutch systems. Lines should not exceed six

pounds and work better with four pounds. Few fish are lost by line breakage if clutch or drag systems are not set too tight.

Some nice Rainbow Trout have been taken in the Norval area of the Credit and Brown Trout have started to hit in the upper reaches of the river, especially around the Forks of the Credit.

This river has a proliferation of no trespassing signs in evidence. Many anglers in the past have spoiled the chances for access to many properties due to neglect of fences and strewing of garbage. Just take the time to ask for the privilege to fish and most property owners will comply.

A good way to make a new friend is to leave a fishing area cleaner than you found it and we will all benefit.

Pike are hitting in Fairy Lake as well as a few bass on their spawning areas. Bass are not open yet and few as they are they should be quickly returned to the water. The lake needs all the mature fish that are around at this time.

John Chisholm has had great luck fishing for Pickerell in the Georgian Bay area and has limited out on several occasions.

Letter

Appreciate concert

Dear Sir:
 To all choir members of the M.Z. Bennett, Robert Little, McKenzie Smith, all Band members of Acton High School and all teachers involved with these groups. I would like to express my thanks for such a lovely concert on Tuesday morning. The blending of all young voices and their enthusiasm for singing and playing instruments certainly was visible at this "Family of School Concerts." Thanks once again!

L. Johnston
 106 Acton Blvd.

Gym bag is stolen

Guelph OPP are investigating the theft of a gym bag containing all the victim's identification and a tape player.

Paul Baehner, of Cambridge, was camping at the Rockwood Conservation Area May 15 and gave a party for local youths, police say. During the evening he noticed his bag missing.

Police estimate the bag and its contents were worth \$35.

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