

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—Within the next fortnight the federal cabinet is faced with making known its decision whether another parliamentary session will proceed a general election, but meantime it appears that Prime Minister Mackenzie King is giving careful thought to the matter and will announce the government's stand only after some deliberation.

Two cabinet meetings were held last week, but it was stated that the defeat Monday of Defence Minister McNaughton in the Grey North by-election was not discussed at the first meeting.

While no official word has been forthcoming, it is reported that while several cabinet ministers consider an immediate general election advisable, others feel the wise course would be to hold a short session of parliament in March, dissolve it before its life expires April 17 and delay an election until even as late as September or October.

Several factors are expected to influence the government in making a decision. One is that a late general election would permit the Eighth Victory Loan drive to be completed before an election campaign got well under way. Another is that the war might end in time for troops overseas to return to participate and perhaps run as candidates in a new parliament if a late election were held.

However, opposition groups have speculated on the possibility that the King administration might go to the country in April or May, and it now is expected that the earliest date for the election would be the middle of April.

Reconstruction Aims

Meantime, a warning that Canada will emerge from this war poorer than she was before it and that to maintain a national income as large as it now is Canadians must decide which ideal they wish to achieve was voiced by Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, in an address to the 39th annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Surveying in Ottawa last week.

Dr. James said he considered the provision of jobs at stable incomes and suitable homes the "primary object" of reconstruction. There was no propaganda more dangerous than that of the school of thought which suggested that after the war Canada will enter upon an "Elysian paradise" able to attain all the dreams and achieve all the ideals of the citizenry.

Though the cost of food in Canada to-day is 31 per cent. above August 1939, it actually is lower now than it was in the so-called "normal" period of 1926-1929, K. W. Taylor, co-ordinator of the foods administration for the Prices Board, said last week in addressing the Saskatchewan Dairy Association convention at Regina.

"On the average," he added, "the prices now being paid by consumers in Canada for food are not too high even when judged by peace time standards."

Food prices when war broke out were "undeniably and undesirably low." The consumers of Canada had no right to expect farmers to continue to supply them with "20-cent butter, 10-cent cheese, 50-cent wheat, eggs at 15 cents a dozen or steers at five cents a pound."

Since the outbreak of war, prices received by farmers for the foods they are producing have advanced 76 per cent. and prices paid by consumers for the foods they buy have advanced about 31 per cent. Of these increases, 50 points of the farm price

WHEN YOUNG LIVES ARE IN THE BALANCE

This is the story of two young Ontario women, are studying to be a doctor of medicine, the other a member of the C.W.A.C. It will be particularly interesting to readers of this paper who last year followed the series of articles telling of the work being done by the Children's Aid Societies throughout this province.

For this is the story of the two little girls whom life knocked down and two Children's Aid Societies picked up. All that Children's Aid stands for, what it is allowed to do to protect children under our ONTARIO laws, what lies behind the policy of carefully selected foster home care, what can be the far reaching influence of some thoughtful inspiring personality working year after year on a Society's staff is exemplified by these two young women today.

Nine years ago a little girl, whom we shall call PEGGY, was made a ward of a Children's Aid Society of Ontario which shall be nameless for obvious reasons. Peggy was one of seven children born of European parents in Canada. The father deserted his family 12 or 14 years ago to return to his native country. The mother failed utterly in her responsibilities and in 1935 the children were made wards of the local Society. Peggy, always under the careful supervision and kindly guidance of the Society, went to live with an aunt where she had a good clean home and did well at school. She passed her entrance at 13 and the following year stood highest in her class, at the same time making her own clothes. By 1943 Peggy had completed her collegiate course with honors and was planning to go through for pharmacy. She won a \$450 scholarship, but did not learn of this in time to register for the university year.

The obstacle only provoked Peggy into a more ambitious step than she had yet contemplated. She decided to wait another year, earn and save every possible cent, avail herself of the scholarship at the end of the year, and study medicine. Last summer many people in her community became interested in this clever and plucky girl and gifts of money and clothing came in so generously that Peggy, now at University, began her first year with a suitable wardrobe, a little extra money and the knowledge that she had many interested friends back of her.

Hats off to the Society—probably to some dynamic personality on its staff—to that scholarship donor, to some nameless teachers, to many good people and not least to that worthy woman—the aunt! All were potters "moulding the wet clay".

The second story concerns another little girl who spent nearly all her life in the care of a Society. That Society because of circumstances which are repeated in thousands of cases which come to the attention of Children's Aid every year, applied through the courts for "wardship action".

"Wardship action"—a cold, precise legal term! What does it really mean—what can it be made to mean when a Society lives up to every responsibility vested in it? It means the Society has the responsibility of being as a parent to the children committed to its charge — of providing through its staff and foster homes the love and affection which the children have missed in their own homes and of striving by every means to create and sustain in the children that sense of security which is so essential to their normal development and which has either been seriously shak-

increase have occurred since the price ceiling came into effect late in 1941 and eight points of the retail food price increased since that date.

en or missing altogether in their lives."

Many years after the Courts had committed a little homeless, friendless girl to her local Children's Aid Society, that little girl, now a young woman holding a responsible position in the C.W.A.C., could write this letter to the superintendent:

"Dear Sir: For many years now you and your co-workers have been father and mother to me and I know it has been no easy task. You have been helping me for so long I would like to show you in a small way that I do appreciate everything you have done. I know of no better way for a Victory Bond to be used than to have it help some other boy or girl have some opportunities you offered me. Will you accept this little token of my gratitude with my best wishes to you and your staff?"

Enclosed was a Victory Bond for \$50.

Only that superintendent knows the history that lies behind this wardship, but this is apparent to all. At some time a little girl was left quite alone in the world. She had neither parents, nor relatives, nor friends to care for her and her whole life lay before her—to be made or marred!

There can be statutes, there can be the cautious Court, spelling out the last letter of the law. But these are the mere bones of the responsibility vested in Children's Aid Societies and their officials. The love, the patience, the vision that guided, helped and influenced, this young life were the heart and life blood of a superintendent and his staff and some fond, conscientious foster mother.

Can you open your home to some little girl or boy needing love and care and a chance to be a good citizen? If so will you get in touch with your local Children's Aid Society?

Association of Children's Aid Societies of Ontario.

Masculine Kisses Swell War Funds

Elderly Cattle Dealer Osculates to Raise Money for Red Cross

IPSWICH, England (CP)—He does not look like a lady's man but 65-year-old Barney Wyratt has raised \$9,000 for the Red Cross Society through osculation.

The 250-pound cattle dealer who stands six feet in his farm boots claims to be the only man in the world to be made an honorary life member of the Society through kissing.

This romantic business started when Wyratt whose first job was killing pigs at 10 cents each, was auctioning some goods when a woman bet him £5 (\$22.50) he wouldn't ask her for a kiss.

"That's how I started my kissing fund," Wyratt explained. Since then I have kissed hundreds of ladies, great and small, in all parts of the country. They all realize, of course, that it's for the Red Cross. During one evening I visited three local dances and kissed 345 girls and each gave me a shilling."

Wyratt doesn't confine his off-cattle hours to kissing. He will give \$475 "to any hospital named" if anyone in Britain can find another man bearing the name Barney Wyratt and half that if there is another person with the same surname who is not related to him.

PACIFIC FLIGHT RECORD

MONTREAL (CP) — A Montreal-based Liberator of the R.A.F. Transport Command, on a special mission from Guam to Australia, made the longest non-stop Pacific flight on record into Sydney when it flew 3,310 statute miles in 15 hours and 25 minutes.

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1 Milton	Friday	5	9	4	20	7	9	11
2 Oakville	Tuesday	9	6	1	26	11	6	8
3 Georgetown	Wednesday	3	7	2	27	5	7	9
4 Acton	Thursday	4	8	3	28	6	8	10
6 Burlington	Monday	8	5	7	25	10	5	7

All Division Courts Open at 10 a.m. Daylight Saving Time

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