

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—The defeat of Premier George Drew's Progressive Conservative government in the Ontario legislature has given rise to speculation here regarding the effect which a provincial general election, possibly in May, may have upon the date of the federal election.

The life of parliament expires April 17, and it is expected the federal election will be held within a short time of the Ontario vote. There is no question that the result in Ontario will be of great interest to federal political circles and particularly as it affects the fortunes of the C.C.F. party, whose members formed the official opposition in the provincial house until the defeat of the Drew Administration.

Saskatchewan now has a C.C.F. government and in British Columbia C.C.F. members form the official opposition. E. B. Jolliffe, the party's leader in Ontario, has said he would form a government if called upon and there was no need of an election.

Amid heightened political activity parliament continued debate on world security, with John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member for Lake Centre saying the delegation chosen to represent Canada at San Francisco conference should include not only Prime Minister Mackenzie King but also M. J. Coldwell, national leader of the C.C.F. and John Bracken national Progressive Conservative leader.

Mr. King has said only members of parliament would be chosen and Mr. Bracken has no seat in the house. Mr. Diefenbaker also put forward the suggestion that the delegation to San Francisco include cabinet ministers and members of parliament who are veterans of the last war.

Meat Situation

The action of the United States in heavily reducing lend-lease supplies of meat to Britain, coupled with the fact that hog marketings have declined sharply in Canada has resulted in some agitation for the reimposition of meat rationing, lifted early in 1944 and then described as "temporary."

Canada now is exporting to Britain whatever meat supplies are surplus to domestic requirements, and Agriculture Minister Gardiner said recently it was unnecessary for United Kingdom authorities to ask Canada to increase shipments of meat products since they already have indicated they would accept whatever quantities were available above the amounts contracted for.

In discussing post-war markets for Canada's agricultural products, Dr. G. S. H. Barton, deputy minister of agriculture, said in a broadcast address that because of the "unparalleled output" of wartime agricultural production to meet the needs of an export market, Canadian farm income now was higher than it has ever been.

He warned that Canadian agriculture must export in order to prosper—and to ship foods of the kind required by the export market. The buyer decided what should be produced, and the needs of the buyer were "uppermost in the minds" of delegates attending the Dominion-provincial conference on agriculture here in December.

Unless Canada's farmers continued to plan production for export said Dr. Barton, the farm standard of income could not help but decline, and depending upon the choice it made Canadian agriculture would either gradually relinquish its export position or "choose the highway stretching out to the markets of the world."

Recreation Figures in Memorial Plans

Sports Centres, Parks and Libraries Considered in Saskatchewan

REGINA (CP)—Skating rinks, libraries, recreational centres, parks and children's playgrounds will be the memorials of Saskatchewan centres for the men who died in the Second Great War.

Many communities already are preparing plans for such projects, Premier T. C. Douglas said in a recent speech to veterans that "we are asking you not to think of cenotaphs after the war but to encourage the building in every community of a memorial recreational centre."

"There could be no finer tribute to those who lay down their lives."

Here are two samples of community planning: The town of Morse has formed a district memorial and improvement association, with a committee given the duty of planning a memorial park and children's playground. They will be established in tribute to the men and women of the town and district who have served with the forces.

A skating rink, a library or a rest and recreational room were suggested as memorial projects by residents of Hawarden at a recent meeting to discuss doing honor to those who served in the war. A public meeting is being called so that the opinions of town and district residents on these suggestions may be obtained.

To Help Veteran Help Himself

Attending McGill University this year is an ex-service man who enlisted in the Army at eighteen, back in 1939, to avoid returning to high school for his third year. Being under the age limit, he didn't realize his hopes of going overseas with the First Division, but he did make it with the Third. One very dark night, during those long months of training and waiting which was the lot of the Canadian Army for so long, the motorcycle he was riding collided with a truck and he received injuries which eventually led to him being repatriated and discharged late in 1942.

His first job, which he obtained through the assistance of the Veterans' Welfare Counsellors, was in a Government department under the law giving preference in the civil service to ex-service men and women. As a great deal of his work concerned legal documents, he became intrigued with law as a career.

His former, somewhat skeptical, high school principal agreed to arrange a curriculum enabling him to complete his junior matriculation in one year. The Department of Veterans Affairs authorized the course with maintenance grants and he proved that three years service had altered his outlook enormously by graduating with outstanding honors. His course at McGill, preparatory to entering law school, was immediately authorized.

This was an achievement few students accomplish, but this veteran achieved even more. After a short time at McGill the university authorities advanced him from first year to second year studies, which is an exceptional accomplishment for a man who joined the army to get away from school. It is also an excellent illustration of the co-operation extended by educational institutions to ex-service men and women.

Just before he entered McGill in September, 1944, he got married and the Department of Veterans Affairs raised his maintenance grant to \$80 per month, and pay, in addition, the tuition and other fees of the course. The Department will continue to pay his fees and maintenance grant, subject to continued satisfactory progress until he has graduated.

This is just one case of nearly six hundred ex-service men and women for whom the department have authorized university or professional courses. Already some of these have graduated and are re-established in suitable positions in civil life.

All vocational and professional training and higher education is authorized under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order which might be described as the backbone of the entire rehabilitation program. In addition to permitting maintenance grants of \$60 per month for single men and \$80 for a man and his wife, plus allowances for dependents, and fees for university and vocational training courses, it also authorized grants to veterans who are unemployed because no suitable work is available, who are temporarily incapacitated through casual illness or are awaiting returns from a business or agricultural enterprise. In the latter cases, the benefits are \$50 and \$70 a month respectively.

Immediately prior to discharge Welfare Counsellor who completes a Service Interview Summary, informs them of the Government's plans for rehabilitation, and gives them a copy of the Department's booklet BACK TO CIVIL LIFE, outlining this program. This booklet is also available to others upon request to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The veteran is also advised to take his rehabilitation problems to representatives of the department, whose addresses are printed on the back of the booklet. These representatives are located in all the large cities in Canada, either in or adjacent to the offices of the National Selective Service and, being ex-service men themselves as well as Veteran's Welfare Counsellors, they are able to offer advice and solutions to problems confronting newly discharged personnel.

The papers of all ex-service men or women, discharged on medical grounds, are examined by the Canadian Pension Commission automatically and a report on the decision rendered is forwarded to the veteran in due course. If the decision is adverse, the letter also includes instructions as to the method of making a formal application by the veteran for a second hearing within ninety days.

If applications for a second hearing is made, the ex-service man is furnished with all the evidence pertinent to his case in the files of the department, and he may include any additional evidence he may have. Again a decision is rendered and this decision, if unsatisfactory may be taken before an appeal board of the Pension Commission whose decision is final.

Canada's program is far-reaching and sound. It is designed to help the veteran help himself. It offers no sinecure to the ex-service man or woman simply because he or she wore a uniform, but where the Government, the veteran, and the community co-operate, the veteran's successful re-establishment in civil life is assured.

Rejected by Army After Long Flight

Young Indian Returns to Aklavik After 2,000-Mile Trip to Alberta

EDMONTON (CP)—Eighteen-year-old Albert Abraham was a disappointed Indian recently when he was rejected by the army after travelling 2,000 miles from Aklavik to Calgary. After being turned down for medical reasons, he returned home—another 2,000 miles.

Albert came to Edmonton by plane from Norman Wells. It was the first time he had ever been in a plane, a train or had even seen a street light. He didn't seem to be much impressed. First thing he asked when he arrived was to see the army chaplain.

Albert, the first of the Loucheau Indians to leave Aklavik to try and enlist, said he was keenly disappointed about his rejection. He had given the matter serious thought and then decided to come out and enlist.

"Now I'm going home, back to my family. I am coming out again this summer," he said.

Born in the Yukon, Albert has the equivalent of a public school education. He is deeply religious. And despite the fact that he has never before been away from home, he was not at all bashful.

ROUTINE MATTER

REGINA (CP)—Mrs. James Gordon of Gibbs, Sask., bade good-bye to her nephew, Pte. George Gordon, four years ago, tripped and lost the heel of her shoe. Welcoming him home recently, Mrs. Gordon tripped and lost another heel. Said Pte. Gordon: "It sure feels good to get back and find things going on in the same routine."

LITTLE LAMBS BETTER CHOPS

WASHINGTON (CP)—More succulent lamb chops and legs of lamb are an after-the-war prospect.

Cross-breeding experiments by the Bureau of Animal Husbandry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, have developed a strain of sheep which produce a high quality lamb meat in the small and medium-sized cuts so much in demand by many city consumers. The experiments are being conducted at the bureau's Morgan Horse Farm, near Middleburg, Va.

The new sheep, called Southdale, have resulted from cross-breeding Southdowns and Corriedales.

Bureau officials point out that the work is in the experimental stage and the Southdale sheep are not as yet for sale.

FOILED AGAIN

VALLEYFIELD, Que. (CP) — Two men got into Alec Gauthier's taxi here and then ordered Gauthier out of the car at gunpoint after he had driven them out of town. Gauthier strapped on his skis, got away with the car keys and returned with the police before the gunmen could get the car started.

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New Insurance Books for the fiscal year 1945-46 will be exchanged by the Local Employment and Selective Service Office in your area for expired Insurance Books upon completion of the second last page in the expired books.

Protect the benefit rights of your employees by sending in their expired books properly completed on March 31st.

There are severe penalties for failing to make Unemployment Insurance contributions for your insured employees and for failure to renew the Insurance Books as required.

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REGISTER NOW for FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Family Allowances will be paid every month for every eligible child under 16 years of age. First cheques will be mailed in July, 1945. Family Allowances are being paid to help parents in the care of their children, to help pay for medical, dental and nursing services—for better food, clothing and shelter, and to assist in equalizing opportunities for all children.

Registration forms have been mailed to every

family. Fill in your form as soon as received. It is very simple—only seven questions—and information is given below to help you complete the form accurately. Do it right away in the interests of your children, as cheques can only be mailed to those eligible families which have completed and returned the Registration Form.

If you do not receive a form through the mail, please ask for one at the nearest Post Office.

QUESTION 1. PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS (LIKE THIS) the names of your children under 16. Write out the month of birth, then give day and year. Write name of place where each child was born. Complete each line by stating your relationship to child and if father and mother are applying, fill in both "relationship" columns.

QUESTION 2. Here the father and mother must both sign if both are at home. Then give the address to which cheques should be mailed. PRINT THIS IN BLOCK TYPE (LIKE THIS) under both signatures. The mother should not sign her husband's first name. She should sign her own first name, such as Mrs. Alice, Mary, Joan, etc.

QUESTION 3. If only one person has signed under question 2, state the reason why the other signature cannot be given. Give details—don't say Father or Mother is "away"—state where and for how long.

QUESTIONS 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the other side of the form must also be answered either "Yes" or "No" on the other side of the form. If the answer is "No" to questions 4, 5 or 6, state details giving name of child, or children concerned. In the case of No. 5, if you have any children under 16 not living with you, list their names, give the reason and the complete address as to where they can be visited. If the answer to No. 7 is "Yes", give the details required.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
FAMILY ALLOWANCES REGISTRATION FORM

1. I apply for the allowances payable under the Family Allowances Act, in respect of the children listed below, all of whom are under 16 years of age and are being maintained by me.

2. I am the father or mother of the children listed below, or I am the person who is supporting them, or I am the person who is supporting them in my own name.

3. I am the father or mother of the children listed below, or I am the person who is supporting them, or I am the person who is supporting them in my own name.

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INCOME TAX: So that nobody will benefit from both Family Allowances and a full income tax deduction for their children, the income tax deductions for children will be reduced by the amount received from Family Allowances. Parents, therefore, have the choice of claiming—or not claiming—Family Allowances. Those uncertain as to whether or not they will benefit are advised to apply for the Family Allowance.



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