

The Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, May 11th.—The debate on the budget is usually one of the full-dress discussions of the year. This session there was a disposition to cut it short for several reasons, and it very nearly died a natural death the very first evening. However, Social Credit and Conservative members kept it going, and C.C.F. members later moved a 'want of confidence' motion which prolonged it a couple of days more. The budget debate usually centres around fiscal policy; and we have already heard a good deal about that on the trade agreement. Another reason why the government is not anxious to prolong the session with a long budget debate is that there is still a very heavy program of legislation.

Last week Mr. Mackenzie King outlined the bills still to come. They include a resolution to amendment of the B.N.A. act so as to create a Loan Council; legislation arising out of the elections and franchise committee, the pensions committee, the radio committee, the wheat committee and possibly the railways and shipping committee; amendments to the criminal code, including the cancellation of the famous Section 98 dealing with free speech and assembly; amendment to the customs act. Also, as possibilities, there are amendments to the Combines Act, the Post Office Act, the Relief Act, the Patent Medicines Act, the Dry Dock Subsidies Act, the Carriage of Goods by Water Act, and a bill respecting marketing.

(A Heavy List)

Even this list does not quite exhaust the list, the premier saying that he wished to reserve the right to introduce one or two other measures should it be found necessary. Unless the House makes better time than it has so far the legislators will be sitting here until July first.

There has been some agitation to revive the cheese bonus. Farmers in Ontario and Quebec are quite keen about it, and the government members for these provinces held a meeting to discuss the matter. One difficulty is that we are now exporting quite large quantities of cheese to the United States, under the trade agreement, and they might not take kindly on that side to a bonus here, the resulting product coming then within the category of dumped exports. Another difficulty is that if the cheese farmers get a bonus, producers of a score of other commodities will want similar treatment, and taxes will go up some more. The Ontario-Quebec members accepted the decision with a pretty good grace, but they did say—some of them—that wheat bonuses ought also to be a thing of the past; that what is sauce for the goose ought to be sauce for the male bird also.

Canada has sold her fleet of Merchant vessels, ten in all, for a figure in the neighborhood of \$420,000. This does not apply to the West Indies boats, which will be continued in the usual service. The government merchant marine was an unfortunate war and post-war episode which cost the taxpayers of this country over a hundred million dollars in original costs and subsequent operating deficits.

(Further Cut on Relief)

Parliament voted \$26,000,000 during the week for 'grants in aid' to the provinces for direct relief. As they are paying \$2,606,000 a month in the early stages of the fiscal year, it is evident that they are anticipating further cuts, which the provinces, it goes without saying, won't like. But summer and autumn costs are usually lighter, and the government is still banking on a substantial upturn in business. There are still thousands of 'drought-area' fam-

ilies on the direct relief list, and good harvest in that part of the west would remove most of them from the rolls almost overnight.

The Senate turned down a bill moved by Senator J. J. Hughes which would have made it illegal for the guilty party in any divorce case to remarry anyone except his former spouse.

The Hudson Bay route once again gets the benefit of reduced insurance rates, those for the coming season being about 25 per cent lower than last year's. The season is also extended eight days, and now lasts, without surcharge of premium, from August 5th to October 10th. With additional premium the route may be used until October 15th.

Radio, Agricultural, and railway committees were sitting fairly steadily during the week.

Queen's Park Arena

By the Watchman

Toronto, May 6.—A long-considered economy move was made by the Hepburn government last week when Premier Hepburn announced the abolition of the Northern Development Branch and the transfer of the northern roads to the Department of Highways. Other governments in the past gave considerable thought to this proposal but all discarded it for various reasons, most of them political.

There is no doubt that the Liberal government, no matter what it may do that displeases sections of the public, certainly is bent on effecting lasting savings to the province. Even Conservative newspapers, while denouncing the government in bitter language for various actions, have nothing but commendation for its act of economy. The word economy in government was little heard of in the palmy days of old when money was plentiful and every man on the street had paper profits on stock transactions. Governments were spending bodies and nothing else and the patronage systems became huge and costly machines.

So when evil days came and revenues dwindled, governments of Canada, among them the Ontario administration, faced the future with depleted treasuries and the hungry patronage system to feed. Some governments decided to keep their supporters satisfied, no matter what the cost. But the Liberal administration, while taking care of many of their supporters, have not lost sight of the fact that in these times governments must face the facts and tighten up. Lavish expenditures are a thing of the past.

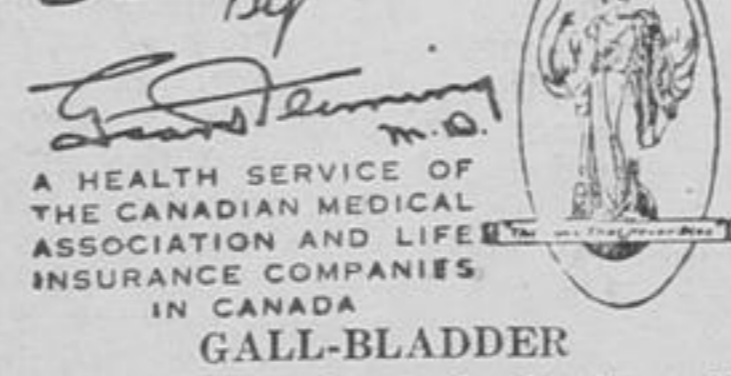
The Northern Development Branch involved a duplication of other services. It was a relic of more prosperous times. The work involved in this department, or most of it at least, should rightly come under the department of highways, and this is where Premier Hepburn has placed it. The saving to the province will total hundreds of thousands yearly. Some people wonder what effect a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars means when a total expenditure of fifty millions or more is considered. But it must not be overlooked that a saving of a few thousands here and another few thousands there make an imposing sum when added up. Add to the picture the increased revenues, particularly from succession duties and gasoline tax, and the outlook becomes much brighter.

The Hepburn government, probably more than any other government in the past, not forgetting the Drury administration, has been criticised and attacked on a big scale. This criticism may be justified in some cases. No government is infallible. No government has ever done anything worth while without committing errors. And the Liberal government is made up of human beings who are just as prone to make blunders as the Conservatives. But in matters affecting finances, the Hepburn administration has a good record. It is refreshing to note that even opponents of the Queen's Park regime are sporting enough to admit this fact.

It is to be hoped that the work of pruning down expenditures and cutting away expensive and unnecessary accessories of the service will be continued in the future. All campaign promises are not kept by those who made them, but if Premier Hepburn is able to fulfil his pledge of economy, he will have done well. So far he has kept his word. The future is another matter.

Hear York Township Boys' Band at Richmond Hill Fair.

HEALTHY



GALL-BLADDER

Close to and beneath the liver lies the gall-bladder, a thin-walled sac which holds the bile secreted by the liver. The act of eating causes the gall-bladder to contract; this discharges the bile into the intestines where it plays an important part in digestion.

Disease of the gall-bladder is the most common cause of what are thought to be stomach disorders in adult life. The gall-bladder is a part of the digestive tract, and disease anywhere along this tract may be responsible for infections of the gall-bladder.

Infection of the gall-bladder is often the last evidence of the pneumonia, influenza or typhoid fever from which the patient has recovered. The gall-bladder appears to be particularly vulnerable to the bacteria responsible for a wide variety of infectious diseases.

A woman who is "fair, fat and forty" is the most likely person to suffer from gall-bladder disease. The disease is found most frequently among pregnant women, nursing mothers and women who are overweight, although it is not restricted to these categories of individuals.

The first symptoms noted may be a sense of fullness and distension of the abdomen, with a desire to belch gas. Headache and constipation are fairly common, and the patient is not infrequently irritable and nervous.

Stones form in the gall-bladder and, once formed, they tend to increase in size; if they become too large to escape from the gall-bladder through the duct that leads into the intestine, trouble may follow.

Many persons with gall-stones are unaware of their presence as they cause no discomfort. Symptoms result from irritation and inflammation caused by the stones. When there is severe pain with nausea and vomiting, this usually means that one of the larger stones is caught in the outlet duct and is unable to escape. The most common cause of jaundice is gall-bladder disease; it is due to a blocking of the outlet duct, following which the bile is absorbed. Treatment, in some cases, may be largely through diet and hygienic living; in other cases, however, surgical care is required. The decision must be made, in each case, by the doctor who knows the condition of the patient concerned.

Most of us will go through life unaware of the presence of our gall-bladders. We have means at our disposal to keep the gall-bladder functioning in a healthy manner; these are: a balanced diet that does not contain an excess of fats, regular meals, guarding against overweight, regular moderate exercise, and good convalescent care following any infectious condition.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College St., Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

ALLAN-GOULTER

The marriage of Miss Violet Louise Goulter and Alfred Leslie Allan took place at the United Church Parsonage, Kleinburg on Saturday, April 25th with Rev. S. J. T. Fortner officiating. Miss Dorothy Goulter acted as bridesmaid and William Chamberlain as groomsmen.

Murray Boyce has been re-elected president of the Palgrave Junior Farmers and Miss Hazel Wilson president of the Palgrave Junior Institute for 1936-37.

"Ah," said the Customs officer, "thought you said there were only old clothes in that trunk." "Aye, that's ma might cap," said the Aberdonian.

Fat Man (in a movie to little boy sitting behind him) "Can't you see, little fellow?"

Little Fellow—"Not a thing." Fat Man—"Then keep your eye on me and laugh when I do."

Annie—Come in and see our new baby.

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