

# The Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, June 23rd.—The session just concluded was more eventful than first sessions following elections usually are. It sat for nearly five months, and placed several score measures on the statutes of Canada. Critics of the government say that the achievements of the Liberal party to date have been slight, measured against the plight of the people and the stagnation of business. Supporters of it maintain that a splendid beginning has already been made toward better times; and that a large number of the government's pre-election pledges have already been implemented.

Without passing judgment one way or the other, here is a list of the major achievements of the session:

(Major Achievements)

Abolition of the Canadian Radio Commission; and substitution of a Canadian Broadcasting Commission based on the British system.

Passing of legislation to give parliament majority ownership and control of the Bank of Canada. Critics of the government protest that complete control and ownership should have been seized; and that the Liberals in this respect have ignored their pre-election pledges.

Ratification of the United States trade agreement.

Reduction of duties on cotton textiles, machinery, glassware, farm implements, gasoline, fruits and vegetables.

Increase of the sales tax from six to eight per cent; and a number of minor changes in the income and excise taxes. Reduction of automobile duties. Exemption of young metalliferous mines from tax.

Replacement of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian National Railways by a Board of seven directors, with a closer contact than formerly with the Minister of Railways.

Authorization of a branch line to be built by the Canadian National Railways between Rouyn and Senneville, Que., to open up some rich new gold mining territory.

Formation and appointment of a National Employment Commission of nine members, which aims to provide jobs, collect statistics, and to supervise the expenditure of moneys on unemployment relief purposes.

Consolidation into one department of the former departments of railways and canals, marine, and the civil aviation branch formerly under the department of national defence.

Consolidation of immigration, colonization, mines, interior, indian affairs, N.W. territories and Yukon branch into a single department.

Creation of a central harbours board, to govern the affairs of the national ports, which were formerly under separate commissions.

Authorization of national parks in

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

A sum of nearly seven million dollars was voted to recompense farmers who delivered their grain to the 1930 pools and were adjudged to have suffered thereby, as compared with farmers who sold through other channels.

A number of amendments were made to the existing legislation governing war pensions.

(Public Works Scheme)

A public works scheme was launched to create employment, providing for work in national parks, on roads leading to mining areas, on mining explorations, the elimination of grade crossings, the Trans-Canada highway, etc.

Amendments were passed for the following Acts: Customs Act, Toronto Harbour Commissioners Act, Copyright Amendment Act, Canada Shipping Act, Dairy Industry Act, Act Regarding Carriage of Goods by Water, the Judges Act and the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Permissive legislation was brought in via the Senate which would create a system of free harbour zones in Canada, where goods could be stored and trans-shipped without payment of customs duties.

Studies were made by the several select and standing committees of the House of Commons on the following subjects:

Marketing of Wheat

Government Annuities

The Cost of Farm Implements

Elections and Franchise, proportional representation and the single alternative vote, compulsory registration and compulsory voting.

Status of a Speaker between dissolution and the convening of a new parliament.

(The Language Question)

The House spent a couple of days on what seemed to many outside observers a trivial issue, namely, whether Bank of Canada bills should be printed, some in French, some in English, as they are at present; or whether they should all carry on them some words in both English and French. The issue, small though it might appear to many, aroused the most heated and passionate debate of the session. Messrs. Bennett, Lapointe, Carvin and Gardiner made eloquent and ardent addresses, the Liberals pleading that the issue of race and language be allowed to lie where it has been sleeping. In the end two amendments failed, and the Bank of Canada bills in future will appear with both French and English on them, just as the Postage stamps do now.

The Supreme Court of Canada administered a severe jolt to the series of bills passed in 1934 and 1935, and collectively called the Bennett 'New Deal' Reform measures. The Natural Products Marketing Act was unanimously declared not to be within the competence of the federal parliament to enact. This is the act under which the marketing boards for produce of various kinds have been set up. The National Employment and Health Insurance measure under which a national scheme of insuring against unemployment and sickness were to be instituted was also declared invalid, by a majority ruling. On the question whether the measures governing an eight hour day, a weekly day of rest and minimum wages were valid, the court divided evenly.

The Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act, by which farmers were able to make a compromise with their creditors, was declared valid. Parts of the National Trade and Industry Commission act were declared valid, part invalid.

The section of the Criminal Code which permits prosecution of firms engaging in unfair trade practices, competition aimed at destroying competitors etc., was declared to be within the rights of the federal government.

(Probably Be Appealed)

There will be an appeal, it is expected, to the Privy Council. Meanwhile most of the legislation will have to remain inoperative. The Marketing Boards will probably retain a nominal existence, but it is taken for granted that they will not be able to enforce their orders or collect tolls until a favorable decision is rendered by the Privy Council, and if that should be against them, of course they cease to exist so far as the federal act is concerned. However, the provinces could probably pass enabling or separate legislation by which boards operating wholly within a province would be able to continue.

The House spent one day toward the close on the attitude of the government toward sanctions, the league of nations, and related matters.

(Asks Sanctions Be Lifted)

Mr. Mackenzie King made it quite

clear that in view of what has taken place, the Canadian government is instructing its delegates at the League of Nations Assembly that it is asking for a lifting of economic sanctions against Italy. This decision was reached by the cabinet before Britain came to an independent conclusion of the same sort.

Canada is in favor of the League idea, but it takes a realistic view of the situation, and does not mean to be drawn into a position where military force would automatically have to be applied against an offender against League orders, it was intimated.

Canada is acutely aware of its dependence on world trade and world relations generally, and it will seek to assist in maintaining world peace as situations arise, the prime minister said. Italy's action in using poison gas and other violations of its pledges were roundly condemned by the prime minister in his lengthy statement.

The session over, a contingent of ministers and officials will proceed to the United Kingdom and Europe. There will be trade discussions, and some of the cabinet will also be present at the unveiling of the Vimy memorial. R. B. Bennett will be at Vancouver for the ceremonies there on July 1st in connection with the 50th anniversary of the founding of that Pacific coast city.

Other members left at once for the political battlefields in Quebec and Manitoba.

## SLATS' DIARY

(By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: I seen in the noosepaper whair neether Pres. Rosevelt nor

Guvener: Lenden aint a going to pack moren 6 Postmaster Farley & a red-headed gent from Kan, whose name I ferget, & also whair both & neether will get the offis of Pres I dont see how all of that can be the facts.

Monday: As for I, me & Jane (I blieve I can speek for her) favers dockter Townsent & his plan. We figger 400 \$ \$ per mo. will cum in handie for us when we get to be 60 yrs. of old age.

Tuesday: Pa was out to a partie with some men last nite & this a. m. sed he had a offel hed aka. Ma sed she hopes Pa wood shake it off. What she ment i dont prectly no. Mebby her meaning was hid. Somehow.

Wednesday: Ma ast Mistress Gillem does Mister Gillem ever play cards for munny & Mister Gillemes better Ic2 replide & sed no but them as plays with him does. To deep for me to figger out in sich hot wether.

Thursday: Pa got off I on Ma that I Xpect I under stand. They are a ladie dentist in town & Ma sed why do so menney men go to her & Pa replide & sed Mebby becous they want to here a woman tell them to open there mouth insted of shet it.

Friday: It is hot & swetty & dusty out under the tree whair us kids play at & when I cum in to supper tunte Unkel Hen glant at my neck & ears & sed cud I spell sope & watter. Looks like he wants to all ways be disaggreebel & start sum thing.

Saturday: Well tomorro will be Sunday agen so the almanack says. But what do I care? They aint no skool now & evry day is Sunday. I guess it are the sweet by & by, Xcept Sunday skool.

## Province Starts Housing Scheme

A new and significant development in social welfare work took place this week when the Ontario Government announced a more active participation in an experimental housing scheme. It is significant because it indicates a growing consciousness of the need of removing working class families from the hovels they are forced to inhabit in many of the large industrial centres.

In his capacity as Minister of Welfare, Hon. David Croll long ago realized that if progress was to be made in lifting the standard of poor families, one of the first steps, if not the first, would have to be the erection of modern homes for rental at a reasonable figure. The announcement, made this week by Premier Hepburn that the Government would do more than merely act as financial backers of the project, is the realization of a hope that Mr. Croll had long cherished.

It is now proposed to erect 14 model workmen's homes, two in each of seven suburban municipalities surrounding Toronto, North York, East York, York Township, Mimico, Long Branch, New Toronto and Scarborough. Instead of putting up \$25,000 for the erection of 15 homes at \$1,500 per home, the Government now proposes to have homes constructed at a cost of \$2,500 to \$3,000. Architects will be called upon to submit designs on a competitive basis and upon selection of the winning design, an immediate start will be made with the great housing experiment.

Extension of the housing scheme to other parts of the Province depends on what degree of financial assistance Ottawa intends to give. So far the Dominion Government has declined to depart from its policy of giving assistance under the Dominion Housing Act, but if Ontario is able to prove its own particular experiment, it is felt that Ottawa will revise its attitude.

The Minister of Welfare, by reason of his position, is better able to assess the value of a housing scheme than perhaps any other member of cabinet. It was because of his knowledge, gained in two years of intimate contact with the suffering and hardships experienced by a considerable portion of Ontario's population, that caused Mr. Croll to take a determined stand on the question. The granting of \$25,000 for the erection of the homes was not considered by him to be sufficient Government participation in the project. The Welfare Minister expressed the view that \$1,500 was insufficient for a proper home and he was successful in winning over his colleagues to this point of view. He also suggested that architects' designs be called for and more municipalities included in the scheme.

Premier Hepburn is wholeheartedly behind the plan. The leader of the government intends to see to it that the experiment is given every chance. If successful, Ottawa will again be approached and asked to render financial aid. A housing scheme on the proper scale involves a tremendous expenditure and Ontario feels that the Dominion government should bear a share of the cost.

It is realized at Queen's Park that in a housing scheme something just as essential as the giving of food, and clothing is involved. No matter how many millions are spent in supplying families with relief, home conditions will not be elevated as long as the families are permitted to occupy the kind of shacks that pass for dwellings. In Europe, particularly in Denmark and Sweden, there are thousands of families living in model apartment buildings erected by the state and rented at a low figure. These community dwellings have solved the slum problem in those countries and there is no reason why the Ontario government should not show the way to the rest of the Dominion in this all-important phase of social welfare.

### VERSE FOR THE KIDDIES

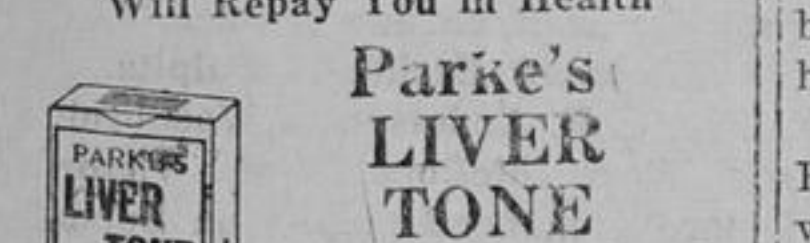
—Fairies—Fairies—  
When the fairies have a picnic, they always tidy up,  
It would be most disgraceful to leave a broken cup  
They roll up bits of paper, and hide the orange skin,  
And find a most convenient hole to put the rubbish in.  
When the fairies have a picnic, they put their fires out,  
For fear that brother wind should come and scatter it about,  
And nacking up their baskets, they softly steal away,  
And leave the place all beautiful for someone else to play.  
I. H. Jenkinson.

But it isn't especially noble to favor peace if you persist in needing a licking.

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# Wed. July 1

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## Softball Tournament open

<b>LADIES' SOFTBALL</b>	<b>MEN'S SOFTBALL</b>
1st prize \$15.00; 2nd \$10.00	1st prize \$15.00; 2nd \$10.00

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## RACES

Men's Race, 200 yards, for the A. J. H. Eckhardt Silver Tea Set. Open to Vaughan residents only. Former winners not eligible.

LADIES' RACE — 100 yards — open  
MEN'S RACE — 100 yards — open  
MARRIED LADIES' RACE — 75 yards — open  
GIRLS' RACE — 6 years and under  
GIRLS' RACE — 9 years and under  
GIRLS' RACE — 12 years and under  
GIRLS' RACE — 15 years and under  
BOYS' RACE — 6 years and under  
BOYS' RACE — 9 years and under  
BOYS' RACE — 12 years and under  
BOYS' RACE — 15 years and under

RACE 50 yds., men 60 years and over, prize, 1 smoked ham

### NOVELTY RACES

Obstacle Race — Potato Race — Egg Race — Wheelbarrow Race — Melon Race for Ladies only — Nail Race for Ladies only — Slow Bicycle Race — 3-Legged Race

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## BARREL BOXING CONTEST

### TUG-OF-WAR, 7 men each side

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## HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST

PRIZE FOR LARGEST FAMILY ON THE GROUNDS

All entries for softball must be in by 6 p.m., Tues., June 30  
Lucky Number Ticket at Gate. Draw at 4 p.m., D.S.T.  
Lucky Ticket for Bag of Sugar. Draw at 10 p.m.

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