

OTTAWA LETTER

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Parliament this week discussed and ratified Canada's signature to the United Nations Charter. It is an ambitious charter on which mankind will pin its hope for future world peace. It is complete with many high-sounding phrases which bespeak lofty ideals but we must remember it would be difficult to outdo the old League of Nations for high-sounding phrases and lofty ideals. The ultimate hope of lasting world peace will depend not so much on charters and documents as on people and living conditions. Meat rationing for ourselves to provide food for others who are hungry, clothing donations to warm the naked of other lands, and an aggressive humanitarian foreign policy determined to restore world economy to the point where there is plenty, contentment and happiness for all the people of the world are the best guarantees of world peace. However, as has been said, the United Nations Charter provided a table under which representatives of nations can sit down to iron out their differences. This is better than providing them with guns to put over their shoulders to go out and fight every time there is a disagreement. The charter received the unanimous endorsement of the Canadian Parliament, not because anyone thinks it is perfect but because all agree it is a start in the right direction and that under existing world conditions it is an acceptable compromise—the best obtainable at the present time.

Canada is having some serious labour troubles, and in fact they constitute some of the major worries of your government here at Ottawa at the moment. Such conditions however are not peculiar to Canada alone but obtain in Britain, in United States and other countries of the world. The Minister of Labour and his departmental officials have worked untiringly to bring about a settlement but so far without success. Some may wonder why the government has not put in a controller in the Ford plant the same as was done in the packing industry. However, there is a vast difference in the two cases. The action of the government in the case of the packing plants was forced by the urgent need of food for overseas as well as at home and by the fact that the farmers' market would be very seriously affected by any tie-up in the processing industry.

It is a rare occasion in Parliament when a bill presented by a private member receives the ratification of

the House. It has always been taken for granted that while it is within a member's right to introduce any bill and have it discussed it is just talked out and ends right there. This week news was made when a resolution of the C.C.F. member for Churchill asking that the government take into immediate consideration the encouraging of the fullest possible use of the northern port came to a vote and carried 105 to 24. To me it is a good sign as otherwise private resolutions seemed pretty much a waste of time. The story of the Port of Churchill is an interesting one and some week we may devote this space to telling it. Opposition to promoting use of the port is that it is icebound for many months of the year.

The special Veterans' Affairs Committee has been set up and is down to real work. The Committee consists of some 60 members, all ex-service men of two wars. The Committee Chairman is Captain Walter Tucker, from Saskatchewan, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs. The purpose of the Committee is to review all legislation concerning veterans, and the members welcome representations from veterans organizations all across Canada. All legislation is to be reviewed, and embodied in what will be known as the Veterans' Charter. The Committee is representative of all parties and reflects the determination of Parliament and the people that our returned men get a square deal.

I hope any returned men or members of their families who have any difficulty at any time with pensions or gratuities, etc., will not hesitate to write me here at Ottawa.

The House is considering the suggestion that Canada adopt a National Flag, but did you know one of Canada's provinces has a flag of its own? Frankly, we didn't until our good friend Col. R. H. Winters, Member representing Queen's Lunenburg, presented the Parliamentary Library with the flag of Nova Scotia. The eastern province is entitled to fly its own flag. The origin of Nova Scotia's flag dates back to 1621 when it was linked with the charter of New Scotland granted by King James VI of Scotland and I of England, to his friend, Sir William Alexander. The Nova Scotia flag is a snowy sliken emblem with the bright blue St. Andrews Cross and the center shield with the royal lion, rampant. Col. Winters, in presenting the Nova Scotia flag to F. A. Hardy, parliamentary librarian, himself a Nova Scotian, observed—"In my opinion, the Nova Scotia flag is one of the finest in any country and I feel it should be viewed very carefully by the parliamentary committee to be set up to study the problem of a distinctive Canadian flag."

WEDDING

ROBSON—GILES

Yellow chrysanthemums made a pretty setting in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, when Mae, daughter of Mr. John Giles and the late Mrs. Giles became the bride of Thomas Rutherford Robson, son of Mrs. Ida Robson, London, Ont. and the late Col. Bart Robson, Rev. W. F. Wrixon officiated. Miss L. Yerex was at the organ and Mrs. C. Harding sang "O Promise Me".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a frock of silver gray crepe accented by a blue feather hat touched with fuchsia. She carried a cascade of white mum petals, red roses and bouvardia. As the bride's only attendant, Miss Mildred Hassall chose heaven blue with black and fuchsia feather hat. Her bouquet was of pink pompons and bouvardia. Mr. Hamilton Robson of Windsor attended his brother as groomsmen. Ushers were Bill and Howard White.

At the reception in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill, the bride's sister, Mrs. A. C. White, received the guests in rosewood crepe dress with black accessories. The groom's mother chose purple crepe trimmed with gold and corsage to match.

For the wedding trip to Fredonia, N.Y. the bride's travelling costume was a chartreuse frock with matching feather hat accented in black and black topcoat.

The groom recently returned from five years overseas. They will reside in Brantford.

UNIONVILLE

Miss Dorothy Burrows of Agincourt and Miss Shirley Knowles of Toronto visited their aunt Mrs. Fleming over the week-end.

Mrs. W. Elliot has returned home after spending some time with her sister in Toronto. We all hope she will soon be improved in health.

We are sorry to report Mr. J. Miller ill in hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Morrison and daughter of Penatanguishene spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Court.

Mr. Keith Connell surprised his family by arriving home from Halifax last Thursday.

Mr. J. Gibson visited friends in town on Tuesday.

We hope a goodly number of Sunday School teachers and officers will attend the Teachers Conference held at Box Grove church on Thursday evening. This conference is sponsored by the Markham Township S.S. Association and is planned to aid the teachers in their work.

The bundles of clothing have been coming in fine but let us remind you that if you still have clothing or shoes you can contribute they will be acceptable until the 31st of October.

The Fowl Supper held in the Lutheran Church as a congregational affair was a fine success. In fact it was such a success that it is thought it will be an annual affair.

VICTORIA SQUARE

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. H. F. Collard Wednesday, October 17th with an attendance of 15, under the leadership of Mrs. Collard's group. The meeting opened with prayer and singing. The scripture (23rd Psalm) was read by Mrs. Rumney. Mrs. Styromo gave a very fine address on "Our School Children" which was much appreciated, as she showed us plainly how the home life of the child affects his or her progress at school. The business part was conducted by the president and further plans were made for the bazaar which is to be held November 28th in the S.S. room of the church. Each group of the W.A. will be responsible for a different booth, i.e., miscellaneous, Miss M. Sanderson; fish pond, Mrs. Collard; food, Mrs. H. McCague; sewing, Mrs. Ross Nichols. A snack bar will be presided over by Mrs. P. Bennett, Mrs. McKav, Mrs. S. Boynton and Mrs. Earl Empringham.

Miss Mabel Sanderson left Sunday to visit with friends in Hamilton for a few days.

We are sorry to hear Mr. Jack Watson had the misfortune to lose part of one of his fingers while working at his new position in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boynton had tea Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wagg of Cashel.

A number from this community attended the anniversary services at Headford Sunday morning and evening and were well repaid by the inspiring sermons by Rev. F. A. Robinson of Toronto, and special music by the musical trio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson and Mabel were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Boynton.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Brumwell and Jean and Gordon were Sunday visitors at Richmond Hill, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blanchard and Miss Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Valin and son Kenneth and Miss Mildred Wright of Toronto called on Mr. and Miss Hopper Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton and Donald attended the reopening of Richmond Hill United Church Sunday morning and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Brumwell were guests last Saturday at the wedding of Mrs. Brumwell's cousin, Miss Marjorie Forrester of Toronto, which took place in Kimbourn Park United Church. About 50 guests were present at the reception which followed at Haddon Hall.

The Y.P.U. gathered at the home of Miss June Collard last Monday evening for their weekly meeting after which they were entertained by June and her committee, and enjoyed tremendously the program planned for the evening. A sumptuous repast was served by the hostess. Approximately 40 guests were present and all report "a swell time".

Mr. and Mrs. J. Forson spent the evening Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts.

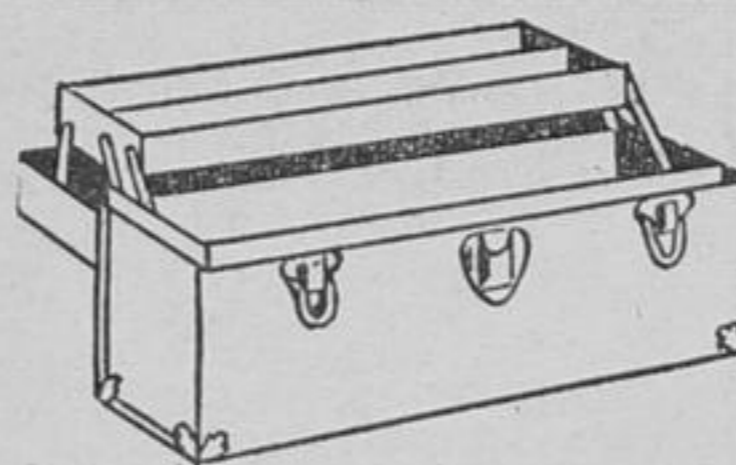
Cpl. and Mrs. James Blair spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forster. Cpl. Blair has just returned after spending three years overseas with the R.C.E.M.E.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Buchanan and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Whitaker, Downsview, and attended the anniversary services held at Elia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Egan of Huntsville, accompanied by Mrs. Jas. Mitchell of Pickering visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Burnham Monday.

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