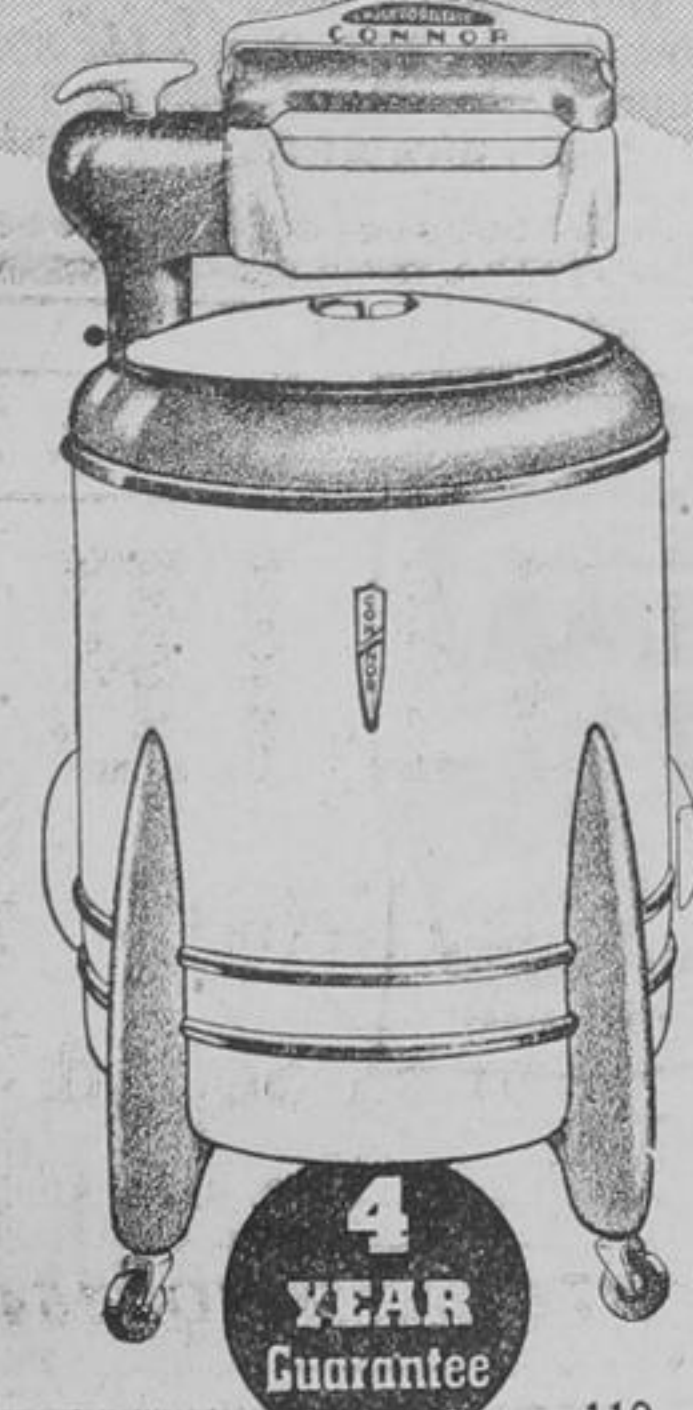


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OTTAWA LETTER

by "Jack" Smith, M.P.
North York

This was budget week, and interest here in Ottawa and throughout Canada has centred on the Tuesday night address delivered by the brilliant young Finance Minister, Hon. Douglas C. Abbott. Budget day is always an important occasion in the House, and it is one time when seats in the galleries are at a premium. This year was no exception and Tuesday night Mr. Abbott spoke to a full House and crowded galleries.

Budget contents until delivery of the speech are top ranking secrets. In order to give press representatives an opportunity to digest the contents, all members of the press gallery are closeted under close guard at 6 p.m. when the speech contents are revealed and under close guard in much the same manner as jury members at court trials until after the speech has been delivered.

This year's budget is an important one, reflecting extensive development and prosperity throughout the nation. Its many features we will discuss in future letters, but for the present I think it can safely be described as a sound budget. If tax reductions were not all hoped for, at least we are moving in the direction of lower taxation. The budget has had the most careful consideration of the government, and taking into consideration the existing conditions throughout the troubled world, I think in the long run will prove in the best interests of the Canadian people.

Need Unity Here
As the prospects of Russian co-operation for peace waxed and waned last week, there has been a great deal of serious thinking in the nation's capital on the need for a re-dedication to unity in Canada.

The clear outline by the Minister of External Affairs of Canada's position in relation to the pull of world forces has stimulated a continued discussion of our responsibilities. Defence Minister Brooke Claxton's recent speech in Montreal on the need for "a foundation of defence forces capable of expansion as rapidly as possible and suitable to enable us to

take our proper place for our security and self respect" has added cause and color to thinking here.

Experienced observers remember that Canada's most dangerous enemy after the last war was the forces that worked to divide her people by stirring up all the latent prejudices that exist in any nation made up of numerous races and creeds. The tensions built up during six years of hard and anxious war work supply a fertile field for purveyors of hatred and suspicion. It seems more dramatic and therefore easier to stress our differences rather than our similarities and common purposes.

An outstanding address was made to a religious organization in Ottawa last week asking that "The spirit of unity, regardless of race or creed, which was fashioned by Canadians on the battlefields of World War II, be preserved now for the growth and welfare of Canada."

VICTORIA SQUARE

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lyons and family of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. Caseley and family on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. Perkins and Miss Audrey Perkins of Toronto attended church service here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McIntosh and Lynda of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kinck on Sunday.

We wish all the sick in the community a speedy recovery, namely Mrs. B. Sanders, Mrs. P. Bennett and Mrs. Louis Nichols.

The Mission Band will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 d.s.t. in the Sunday School Room. All children will be welcome.

Misses Doreen and Joan Stephenson of Buttonville visited with Misses Kathleen and Betty Barber, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortson, Wayne and Bruce visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stong and Mrs. Mortson Sr., who is reported to be feeling much better, also with Mrs. S. Thomas and Mr. H. Smith and family of White Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mortson, Joy and Margaret visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. King and Jean of Newmarket on Sunday.

Messrs. Harold Forster and Norman Bracey spent the week-end at Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mortson and Allan of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortson and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brumwell and family of Newtonbrook called on Mr. and Mrs. R. Brumwell and family on Sunday evening.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortson and family took Mrs. J. Brumwell and Rev. and Mrs. Currey to Highland Creek and surrounding district to visit old friends and the homestead of Mrs. Brumwell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McRoberts and Joan visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pascoe and son of Oshawa.

The special meeting of the W.M.S. which was held in the church, Wed., May 12th, was a real success. Auxiliaries from Unionville, Headford, Melville and Richmond Hill were present, when Mrs. Ellis, vice-president of the Victor Home, Toronto, was guest speaker. The W.M.S., through the supply department, donated the sum of \$35.00 to the Victor Home Executive to assist in the furnishing of their new home which they have purchased at 1102 Broadview Ave., Toronto.

Will anyone who has good, clean used clothing, which has outgrown its usefulness in your own family, please send it to be packed in the Bale which will be shipped the first week in June. Contents to be used for Home and Overseas Relief. Please leave parcels at Mrs. Willows store or the church.

Mrs. A. Taylor, Miss Shirley Taylor and Miss Francis Shelley of Oakville, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett.

TEMPERANCEVILLE

The regular monthly meeting of the Temperanceville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. N. Thompson on Wednesday afternoon, May 12. Mrs. F. Hare who was re-elected president for this year presided at the meeting with Mrs. A. Young the new secretary.

A good attendance heard reports from the standing committees on Home Economics, Historical Research and Publicity. Mrs. Caine read an interesting and humorous article entitled "Why Leave Home" which was taken from a current magazine. In remembrance of Mother's Day, Mrs. Thompson read a beautiful piece, written in the form of a litany and dedicated to Mother and Father. Plans for the coming year and a number of business matters were discussed. Snowball W.I. will be our guests for the June meeting. At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by our hostess and lunch committee.

We were pleased to have as guests for the afternoon, a former resident Mrs. Alec Bishop and Mrs. Nelson Kerr of Vellore.

EARL HAIG HOM AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Percy Bone, president, Ontario Horticultural Association, addressed the Earl Haig Collegiate Institute Home and School Association, Willowdale, at the May meeting. He showed films and talked on "Ramblings in a garden."

Two skits were produced by the school dramatic society, under the direction of T. Paton.

Mrs. C. J. Cushnie, vice-president, Ontario Federation of Home and Schools, installed the following officers for the coming season: Honourary president, W. I. Turner; vice-president, Dr. M. Quigley; Mrs. J. N. Niblock; recording secretary, Mrs. R. M. Barnett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. W. Abernethy; treasurer, R. Love; executive members, Mrs. G. Jones, Mr. J. C. Ridpath, W. Robinson, Paul Pratt, Mrs. N. Samson; teachers, Miss J. McCallough, Glen Tennant. Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. C. Finnan and her committee.

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