

J. A. Bradette, M.P., Tells of Work at Parliament

Averages Three Calls a Day During Session on Departments. Entertains Visitors from the North. Many Pleasant Associations with Members of All Parties.

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To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins, Ont.
Dear Sir: How time flies when Parliament is in session. It seems to me to be almost impossible to catch up with my work, and sometimes that means delayed replies to some of my correspondents and nothing pleases me more than when I am able to answer immediately, when possible.

I left Ottawa last Thursday night, to go to London, Ontario, to speak the following day at the Kiwanis luncheon. The subject of my address was: "The problems of Northern Ontario." I received good attention from a fine audience, which seemed, to some extent, to be familiar with our situation. I told them that our heritage was also theirs, and that we must avoid at all costs any wastage of our natural resources, which are great but not unlimited. In travelling one realizes the vastness of our land and even the diversity of its climate. When I left Ottawa on this occasion, it was snowing hard and when I reached London the next morning, there wasn't a speck of snow on the ground. I have no doubt that there is quite a bit of it in Northern Ontario.

To a person visiting the House of Commons during a session he is sometimes surprised at the small atten-

dance of the members. This is not so pronounced during the first three weeks of a session, but after that period of time there are several reasons for that slim attendance, and one of the main ones, is that now the different committees are formed. Many are the days when these committees have to sit while the House is in session, and as they must have a quorum, it draws quite a number from Parliament. This does not apply however, generally speaking, to night sittings, although there are times more particularly towards the end of a session, when several committees function that late. Some over-reach a whole session as the now famous Price Spread Committee worked most of the year 1933.

Another reason for small attendance is due to visits to several governmental departments that an M.P. must necessarily make so as to deal directly with problems which are placed before him for solution. As far as I am concerned, which must be typical of all other members, I have an average of three departments to visit every day.

There is also the reception of our visitors. I receive many of them during a session and I appreciate their coming to the Capital. I always find them very keen about the procedures in the House of Commons and the Senate. There are also interesting points to visit in

the Parliamentary buildings; for instance, the Library, the Peace Tower, the Memorial Chamber which is a thing of beauty expressed in stone. The main entrance and the beautiful corridor leading to the Gallery, with all their symbolism, the worthy of admiration and study. I always want to bring my guests to the Parliamentary restaurant for a meal. There one is allowed to see at close range men well known in public life. This dining room is located on the top floor of the main building, facing the Ottawa River, Hall and the Laurentians. It is one of the prettiest sights to see.

These visits are one of the best ways of being kept posted with first-hand information, which I cannot personally get during a session on account of distances of the affairs and conditions in the riding.

I will now give you an idea of the routine that we go through each day. So as to get a reasonable start, we must be in our office not later than 9 a.m. We have already read the morning paper during breakfast. Now we are going through the letters received, which average forty a day. Dictation is given as promptly as possible in order to be present for Committee work, which starts at 11 a.m. and adjourns at 1 p.m. Now for lunch and that we generally take outside the building as we need the outing. Back in the office the bells call us to the House for the afternoon sitting that will last until 6 p.m. During the adjournment, we take our evening meal and generally open our recent mail. We are called again at 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. The House does not sit Wednesday and Saturday evenings except towards the end of the session when for the last week, we sit practically all the time. As you can see the day is well filled and we have to hustle up to reach our lodging place around 12.30 a.m.

It has been a great honor for me to represent our constituency, and its people have always been most kind to me. It has allowed me to know most of its population and making a large number of personal friends, of all parties' affiliations, which opportunities could not have been given to me in private life.

There is also another factor that I will always cherish. It is the friendships that I have made among the M.P.'s. From the very first, they have always been most friendly, and this from every section of the House, regardless of their politics. I found them upright, willing to help and to encourage. In the office that I occupy in the building, on account of seniority, Room 586 is a meeting place of a large number of Parliamentarians. I highly appreciate this confidence. As all parties are generally represented in these instances, we have some very fine discussions on national topics, and I always find these exchanges of viewpoints most beneficial. At times party cleavages seem to be very deep, but I don't believe that more than twelve members will carry these differences in their personal attitude and actions.

I have dealt at greater length than I expected on what I may call the human everyday factors of Parliament, although I don't feel that it has been wasted time in giving these details which are seldom given to the public.

In my next letter, I will deal mostly with resolutions brought forward by private members and which in many instances have their repercussions throughout the Country. In these discussions a member makes an open forum of Parliament to bring forward his viewpoints on certain questions, which he feels are very important.

Tribute Paid to Geo. Brown, Iroquois Falls

Meeting Horticultural Society. Other News Iroquois Falls and Ansonville.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Feb. 27, 1933.—(Special to The Advance)—Many intimate friends and relatives of the late George Brown assembled at his late residence on Buckingham avenue, on Monday morning, to pay a last fitting tribute to this well-known resident of Iroquois Falls.

Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Local Union No. 90, turned out in full strength to escort the remains from his home to the St. Arme's Roman Catholic Church, where funeral services were held.

Floral tributes, and messages of sympathy to the survivors, were sent from many points in Northern Ontario, Mr. Brown having made many friends throughout the North.

With solemn rites, the body was laid to rest in the Iroquois Falls cemetery.

Canadian Legion Holds Ladies' Night.

A most enjoyable evening was had by the members of the Canadian Legion and their wives, in the Orange hall on Monday evening, when the Legion put on a "Ladies' Night."

With a good turnout of the members, the evening proved most successful, and was in charge of a committee headed by Mr. R. McKay, chairman, who was ably assisted by Mr. W. Braid, Mr. J. Burton and Mr. P. Nelson.

Games of bridge were played during the early part of the evening, the winners of this highly contested game being ladies' first, Mrs. J. Armstrong, and second Mrs. G. L. Whiting. These two ladies received a beautiful manicure set each as their award. Gentlemen's first, Mr. H. Powers, who received playing cards for his prize, and Mr. H. Doyle, who was the recipient of a box of cigarettes for his efforts.

Later in the evening's entertainment, the gathering joined in round and square dances, Mrs. L. McDonald and Mr. G. Wilkes being responsible for the fine music. Mr. H. Jack did an excellent job of calling the squares. During the evening fine refresh-

ments were served, and greatly enjoyed by the attendants.

The evening proved such a success that many voiced their hopes that duplications would be held from time to time.

A delightful shower was held in honour of Miss Helen Hogg on Friday evening, at the home of Miss B. Hogg, where many of Helen's intimate friends and associates had gathered together to bid her farewell.

Coming as a complete surprise, Helen was showered with many lovely and useful gifts by the girls, and these will be cherished by her during her married life.

The evening was spent in singing popular songs, and chatting of bygone days.

On conclusion of an enjoyable evening a tempting lunch was served, all joining in with enthusiasm.

Horticultural Society Hold Meeting.

A meeting of directors of the Iroquois Falls and District Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday evening in the court house, to discuss plans for the coming season.

After due discussion on the various points that were brought to mind, it was decided that the Horticultural Society would purchase a sufficient quantity of well-known and highly recommended variety of gladioli bulbs, to be given as premiums to each member.

Committees for the Domestic Science and Fancy Work, Vegetable section and Flower division, were appointed, and will take care of the arrangements for their sections.

It was noted at this meeting that the Papermakers', Pulp and Sulphite Workers' and Machinists' Unions had all contributed this year to special prizes for flower exhibitions, and will undoubtedly be well worth trying for.

After the necessary arrangements had been made for the coming year's prize list, the meeting was adjourned.

Disqualified Hollinger Juniors

Hollinger Juniors have been disqualified from further competition in the N.O.H.A. playdowns after winning their home-and-home series with South Porcupine.

Over the week-end it was announced that Hollinger had been playing Alfred Marinacci all season who has been found to be two years over age and playing under his younger brother's name. In disqualifying the club Marinacci will be barred under the C.A.H.A. rules for the next two years at least.

Automatically South Porcupine will proceed in the playdowns and to-night will play the first game of their series with Noranda in the latter town, the N.O.H.A. has ruled.

South Porcupine Fire Dept.'s Annual Meeting

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year. Presentation Made to Fireman Emerson Bowes, Accidents at Hallnor and Pamour Mines. Other South Porcupine and Dome News

South Porcupine, Ont., Feb. 26, 1933.—(Special to The Advance)—The South Porcupine Fire Department held their annual meeting on Thursday evening. Matters of interest during the year were reported and discussed—and the financial report presented and accepted.

Mr. Emerson Bowes, the latest Benefactor in the department, was presented with a lovely floor lamp from the boys as a wedding present.

Election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, the following being now the order of the Brigade:
Chief—F. Maxwell-Smith,
Captain—George Starling,
1st Lieut.—Ronald Mansfield,
2nd Lieut.—William Parren,
Sec.—Treasurer—W. G. Skinner.

Clarence Young, employed at the Hallnor Mine, met with a nasty accident at the mine on Wednesday last. A rock fall caused multiple fractures of both legs, and he was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Timmins. A similar accident, although not so serious occurred at the Pamour Mine on Friday night, when a man was taken to the Porcupine General hospital with one foot badly crushed from a fall of rock.

Mrs. Campbell, of Noranda, is visiting her son-in-law and grandchildren at the Hansberry home on Moore street.

Mrs. Dewar, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. Proulx, left on Thursday for her home in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Sauriol, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Aitken, left for her home in Fort Coulonge on Monday. She will stay over in New Liskeard for some days.

Our sympathies are extended to our local hockey player, Ollie Proulx, whose father died in the Toronto General hospital last week, and who was buried in Timmins last Monday morning. The deceased Mr. Proulx had lived in Sudbury before being taken to Toronto.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Evan McLeod, of 81 William street, a daughter, on Feb. 23rd.

We are sorry to learn that Margaret Burton, of the Dome, is sick with rheumatic fever, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Sky, who were away on a buying trip, returned home on Thursday upon hearing of the Bucovetsky fire in Timmins.

Porcupine Juniors (hockey) play-off on Tuesday next with Noranda in the South Porcupine arena, the Hollinger Juniors having been disqualified because of playing two men over age.

A meeting of the senior branch of the Catholic Women's League was held on Friday night at the home of Miss Anna Sullivan, at which Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Burnett of Timmins were present. The object of the meeting was to elect leaders for the Study Club under the conensorship of Mrs. James Burns.

Mr. Norman Sullivan, who has been visiting his family, returned to Cochran to-day.

Mrs. Dowe, the first patient in the Porcupine General hospital, returned home to-day.

Born—in the P. G. hospital on Feb. 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley of South Porcupine—a son.

Lake Shore Wins in First Play-off 4-2

Score Three Goals in Last Period Friday Night to Defeat Hargreaves.

Coming from behind and scoring three goals in the last period, Lake Shore defeated Wright-Hargreaves in Kirkland Lake Friday night in the first game of the finals of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association Golden Group by a score of 4-2. Neither team scored in the first and at the end of the second Hargreaves were ahead 2-1. The last period saw the Blue Devils in brilliant form and when the smoke cleared away three goals had been scored and Hargreaves were on the short end of a 4-2 count.

Lions Club Talk on General Business

Two Young Entertainers Included at Regular Weekly Dinner.

The regular meeting of the Lions Club Thursday night was mainly devoted to a discussion of general business. President Dr. Ray Hughes occupied the chair. There was no speaker for the occasion but the programme included two talented young entertainers. Dominic Berlinger rendered several popular selections on a piano accordion that were much enjoyed while Calvin May showed more than ordinary ability in giving a number of humorous imitations.

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