

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

The Attack on "Rule Britannia"
The Owen Sound Sun-Times associates itself with a correspondent of the Toronto Globe who protests against "Rule Britannia" as a patriotic song.

It will be a shameful day when a Briton bows his head and says "It was wrong, Britain, to keep the seas clear. They should forget about it. John Bull made a mistake in seeing that the little nations of the world could sail their ships in safety. He should have allowed the bullies of the world to sail the seas like pirates."

From 1914 to 1918 the Globe correspondent and the Sun-Times were probably very glad that Britannia ruled the waves. So was United States and every nation in the world that had the least bit of decent Christianity and Democracy about it.

If Britannia had not ruled the waves, Germania would now be ruling them. If Britannia had not ruled the waves there would be no Canada as it is today. There would be no British Empire. The whole of Christianity rests upon foundation fact that the seas have been kept free by Britain.

Surely a song that reminds the present generation that Britannia ruled the waves is in accord with right. Peace will not come by a people "crawling". To crawl is to invite the bully to attack. The world's national songs and anthems should be encouraged.

It is not argued here that Britain has always been right or that the British navy has not been used on occasions when it should not have been. In the main the security the world has enjoyed is attributable to the fact that Britannia has ruled the waves.

Exchange Free Cheques

It is almost an offence against Canada's banking institutes to state that in United States 98% of the cheques issued in that country are cashed at par. This is a fact made public just a few days ago by the editor of the American Government's official paper at Washington.

Announcement

OUR Spring Shipment of Window Curtains and Draperies has just arrived. There is a large assortment of Marquisettes, Silk Rayons, Nets and Colored Voiles from which to make your selection.

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WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE LEGISLATURE

Acting on the instructions of Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, representatives of the department are to be sent to the United States to make a study of "cereal treat" or an 8 per cent cream, that has been placed on the market in certain cities of the Province.

Following up the splendid programme of social legislation that has been introduced by the government, Premier Ferguson has brought down in the legislature a Bill to protect widows and orphans from the action of the father and husband in failing to provide for them adequately under their wills.

Introducing his measure, the Premier stated that the principle of the bill was not unheard of as far as the Ontario Legislature was concerned. "It is pretty well recognized," he stated, "that modern methods of business have changed in such a way as to change the character of a man's estate."

The Bill, the Premier explained, provides that the widow may make application before the Surrogate Court Judge, who would take all the evidence and determine whether or not the widow was entitled to a greater amount of the estate than had been left to her under the will.

Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, has introduced legislation providing that the Minister may have power to fix the size and kind of trees and timber that may be cut on unpatented public lands and on patented lands where the timber remains the property of the Crown.

Attacks that have been made on the distribution of Hydro by Members of the Opposition Groups of the Legislature were more than met and adequately disposed of by Hon. J. R. Cooke during the course of his contribution to the Budget Debate in the House.

THE BIG CLEAN-UP SALE CONTINUES!

- LOOK OVER THIS LIST OF BARGAINS:
1/2 doz. White Cups and Saucers
1/2 doz. White Plates
18 pieces for \$1.25
Glass Tumblers, 6 for .25c.
Ladies Suede Gloves, fancy cuffs, SPECIAL, pr. 59c.
Stampel Pillow Cases, pr. 75c.
1/4 inch Elastic, 4 yards for 10c.
23 piece China Tea Set fancy patterns, per set \$3.49
Portable Phonographs, with 10 Records for \$15.00
Fancy China Cups and Saucers 6 for .89c.

The Variety Store
R. L. SAUNDERS, Prop.

bers of the Hydro enterprise. The government, he stated, was moving as rapidly as was humanly possible toward supplying power to the rural districts of the Province. As an instance of this, he pointed out that the sum of \$6,000 per day had been expended on rural installations and extensions during the past year and drew the hearty applause of the House when he declared that \$8,000 per day would be the amount to be expended in the same direction this year.

The government, stated Mr. Cooke, had no apologies to make for the purchase of power from the Gattineau development. It was, he contended, the best contract that could be secured on the North American continent. He pointed out very strongly that within 20 years, despite the three great sources of power at Niagara, Ottawa and the St. Lawrence, that the power resources of the Province would be overtaxed if the loadings increased at the present yearly rate.

J. A. Pinard, Liberal Member for Ottawa East, was loud in his congratulations in connection with the government's administration of the Hydro question. While he admitted that personally he was a supporter of private ownership, he felt that the Ontario Hydro was doing a great work which should have the support of the people of the Province at large.

Protection for Ontario grown fruit has been promised by the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature that is dealing with the Hawkers and Pedlars Bill. Expressions of opinion during the course of the Committee's deliberations indicated that as far as Ontario fruit products were concerned the measure should not be allowed to affect their sale.

Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, has introduced in the Legislature amendments to the Highways Traffic Act, which will prohibit the use of the spotlight on motor cars when the law becomes operative.

Of particular interest to rural localities is the announcement of Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, made during the course of his contribution to the budget Debate, that the government is prepared to provide additional relief to the townships and counties from taxation for provincial and other highways. Relief will be in proportion to the increase in traffic that is not of a local nature.

Mr. Henry pointed out that for the Province to assume the entire burden of all provincial highways that it would mean, in fairness to

Normanby Council

The Municipal Council of the Township of Normanby met in the Clerk's office in Ayton on Monday, March 12, after being postponed from the previous Monday, March 5. The reeve in the chair; all other members present.

Ovens-Seim: That the minutes of the last regular meeting, as read and amended, be adopted.—Carried.
Ovens-Seim: That By-law No. 6 of 1928 be given first and second readings.—Carried.

Widmeyer-Baetz: That By-law No. 6 of 1928 be given third reading signed by the Reeve and Clerk and filed in the By-law Book.—Carried.

The above by-law appoints the following Patrolmen, whose duty commences at this date:
No. 1—T. L. Minto and Normanby, Leslie Reddall.

- 2—Cons. 5-6 W.—Chas. Damm
3—Cons. 7-8 W.—Christian Hill
4—Cons. 9-10 W.—John Seip
5—Cons. 11-12 W.—Wm. Bender
6—Cons. 13-14 W.—John Rehkopf
7—Cons. 15-16 W.—John Becker
8—Cons. 17-18 W.—John Miller
9—Cons. 19-20 W.—Fred Nuhn
10—Cons. 21-22 W.—John Smith
11—Cons. 23-24 W.—J. K. Fischer
12—Cons. 25-26 W.—Val. Kraft
13—Cons. 27-28 W.—A. Wettlaufer
14—Cons. 29-30 W.—A. McMeans
15—Cons. 31-32 W.—W. McNaughton

16—Con. 2 N.—D. McIlvrde
17—Con. 2 S.—Elwood Taylor
18—Con. B.—Norman Hopkins
19—Con. 2—Henry Braun
20—Con. 2—Herman Halliday.

Seim—Widmeyer: That this Council buy from the Sawyer-Massey Co. of Hamilton, 14 road grags at \$18 each delivered F. O. B. Ayton.—Carried.
The Council adjourned to meet on Monday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in township hall for general business.

all, the taking over of the entire road system of the Province. This would mean that the highways would have to be supported by direct taxation and suggestion that did not meet with the approval of the government.

With all the Progressive members of the House, with the exception of three, adding their voices of approval to the government's Budget the motion to go into Committee of Supply was carried in the Legislature by a record vote of 67 to 16. Something in the nature of history was made in the passing of the Budget. For weeks the issue had weathered a storm of debate, but not on a single occasion was the financial status of the province subjected to question.

Not one member of the Opposition groups had any criticism to make on the government's system of bookkeeping. Action of the government in following out a system laid down by a special committee of independent financial experts precluded any suggestion that certain items should have been charged to capital expenditure rather than ordinary or vice versa. J. G. Lethbridge, Progressive Leader, addressing himself to the Budget, expressed the view of his party when he stated that there was a general expression of satisfaction among the members of the Progressive Group that the Budget had been balanced. Liberal amendment that the Province should assume the entire cost of the Provincial Highway costs was lost on the same division as the Budget. Progressive members of the House voting with the government on the ground that the proposal would not be fair to counties that had already paid their share of the highways within their borders.

HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

New York Critic Thinks Stanley Cup Rules Should Be Revised

The New York Mirror has the following to say regarding the approaching hockey world series:

"World series time is at hand again, but this time it's in hockey, not baseball. The playoff for the Stanley Cup, which corresponds to baseball's annual October classic, will be held starting the week of March 25th. New York will be represented by the Rangers. The first three teams in each group of five which constitute the National Hockey League will compete in the playoffs. The respective winners in each group draw a bye in the first round while the second and third place teams play a home-and-home series, the winner to be decided by the goal total for the two games. The winner of this series in each group will engage the first place team in a similar series, and the ultimate survivors in each group play a three-game series, best two out of three, to decide ownership of the cup for the ensuing year.

"This seems a roundabout way of deciding a championship, but the longest way round seems to be the shortest way home, where large gate receipts are concerned. The hockey magnates figure that it would be like throwing away money to decide the world's hockey championship on the same basis as in baseball—that is, by a series between the winner in each group.

"So the Stanley Cup series is stretched out to the breaking point and a mediocre, third-place team has the opportunity to win the world's championship.

"There are several good reasons why there should be a revision of the Stanley Cup play off rules, among which we cite the following:

1. Because there is the temptation for a team to "lay down" to avoid winning first place in its group, so that it will be eligible for all three playoff series.

2. Because it isn't fair to a team that has displayed superiority all season to be compelled to meet a mediocre third-place team and risk losing the championship through running into a slump during the playoffs.

3. Because the present system gives the impression that the series is a purely commercial proposition. "Baseball got itself into a pickle trying to lengthen the world series. Hockey can increase public confidence in itself by making the Stanley Cup series a three-game affair between the winner in each division."

Creditor: "Now that you've come into your inheritance, sir, I think you ought to pay my bill."

New-Rich: "Do you suppose that just because I have money I'm going to change my ways?"

PAINS ALL OVER BODY

Two More Cases of Feminine Illness Relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Barrington, N. S.—"I had terrible feelings, headaches, back and side aches and pains all over my body. I would have to go to bed every month and nothing would do me good. My husband and my father did my work for me as I have two children and we have quite a big place. I read in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and then got a little book about it through the mail, and my husband sent to Eaton's and got me a bottle, and then we got more from the store. I am feeling fine now and do all my work and am able to go out around more. I tell my friends it is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that makes me feel so well."—Mrs. VICTOR RICHARDSON, Barrington, Nova Scotia.

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"He gave me the D.C.M."
"What's that?"
"Don't Come Monday!"

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