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THE COMING SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

been fixed for the fourth of Feb- marks called on Mr. Jas. Watson ruary. The House will meet under conditions unprecedented in Canada, so far as any regular session of Parliament is concerned, responded to. Mr. Thos. Binaie The Dominion of Canada is at always willing and able to help, war. Canadians are at war with all the enemies of the Empire, and present against the clap-trap the business of making war suc- advice to sow more wheat. With cessfully will be the chief business a very large acreage of wheat be-

of Parliament, House with a statement of meas- Germany or Russia, the farm ures taken, of preparations and work in both countries being of results, which show that Can- thought the best thing for Onada is taking no timid or back- tario to do was to stick to mixed ward part. Canada is in the war farming as usual as the safest with all she has, and no decent in the long run. Miss Flo. Kerr Canadian has been heard to sug- and Miss Mead were next called gest that any other course ought rendered. Mr. Frank Irwin, who, to be followed. Everywhere in by the way is a good part of a Canada men are training earnest- concert in himself, gave three ly for service against the common enemy. All over Canada fac- were cheerfully responded to. The tories are turning out materials of rendering of the last song, ap- space. In short, it is planned to war, equipment of all sorts, arms parently a christening scene, make the most of the materials and Canadian troops, some for the predicting he will feel quite easy protected by breakwater. Marshes troops from the United Kingdom when it becomes a reality. Mr. will be made solid land for factories some for the French and some for Thos. Binnie is a singer as well and warehouses. Instead of a water- introducer. "She is beginning to scribthe Russians.

allies. Provision has been made sociation. He thought that instead Canada's efforts would be meas-

the support of the Opposition in filled.

are given whole-hearted support ingly rendered. The proceeds swings a new log to be driven. from the Opposition, they have and will continue to have the Strong measures have been taken. called for by exceptional conditions, and Canada and the Empire has had the advantage of the church congregation was held on and gradually become land. presence of a strong Government

Parliament will be given a full and complete statement of all that is not necessarily secret and confidential in the war measures so far taken. It will be given also a statement of the finances of the Dominion as affected by the war Recent official tables show a shrinkage of thirty-eight millions encouraging. Ways and means in the revenue, with substantial increases in the public debt. It is reasonably certain that Parliament will be asked to make up the lost revenue either by tariff or some other expedient. The Government is borrowing from the Bank England for war purposes, the public debt is bound to be increased outside of the obligations created directly by the war. Parliament will find that the financial situation has been handled with care and foresight, that through the action of the administration. Canada has passed over the worst of the financial crisis, readjusting her system to the new conditions, and that the financial position of Canada is sound.

Altogether, the Government will be able to give to Parliament good account of its stewardship, one of which Parliament and the Dominion should be and will be proud.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following acknowledgement of a remittance from the Red Cross branch at Durham needs no comment. It is only another of a series of relief contributions: Hon. D. Jamieson,

Parliament Buildings, Toronto. My dear Doctor:

I beg to acknowledge re ceipt of your favor of the 13th inst. enclosing cheque for \$100, being a contribution from the rict. Red Cross branch in Durham. I enclose an official receipt,

and shall be glad if you will say to Mrs. Jamieson that we appreciate very much the contribution. Yours very truly,

NOEL MARSHALL. Toronto, January 13, 1915.

BLYTH'S CORNERS

The patriotic entertainment in Varney Orange Hall on Friday evening was quite a success financially and entertainingly. Notwithstanding the somewhat boisterous state of the weather in the evening the hall was comfortably filled with as intelligent and orderly an audience as could be found in the whole province. Master D. McIlvride acted as chair-The opening of Parliament has man, and after a few brief rewho responded with a good song, ably accompanied on the organ by Miss Janet Kerr, which brought forth an encore, and was gave a very good address, in which he cautioned the farmers ing sown in the west, coupled with the unlikelihood of the The Government will meet the wheat crop diminishing in either looked after by the women, he taking comic songs, which brought forth hearty encores, and

of howling down the farm as "no for a Canadian force of more good," the farmers should wake than one hundred thousand men up to their advantages. He and for the raising in Canada of thought there was no class of additional forces which will pro- people the Governmet was doing more for than the farmers; devide a constant stream of rein- plored the tendency of the farmer forcements so long as the war to plod along in the old rut inlasts. Premier Borden stated in stead of attending institute meet-Winnipeg a few days ago that ings, etc., to learn the better methods of farming. In closing. he made a strong appeal to all ured only by the Empire's need, who were not members of the It seems probable that the Gov- Varney Association, to "come with ernment will obtain fairly general us, and we will do you good," Miss Ja..et Kerr then gave an support from the Opposition in amusing cuckoo song which connection with the war measures. was well rendered and appreciat-In Great Britain the Opposition ed. Miss Mary McAlister gave a leader assured the Government of couple of good recitations in her usual pleasant style, and last but not least, a couple of splendid all war measures which the Gov- violin selections by Mr. Wm. Gorernment deemed expedient. This don, ably accompanied on the Then, from the top of the tower there was a promise of support without organ by Mr. Thos. Binnie. After drops an eight-ton weight which hits reservation, and it is being ful- hearty votes of thanks to all tak- the projecting end of the log a treing part in the program, and to mendous blow, driving it home. This the ladies for refreshments. the is all done in a moment, with the ut-Whether or not the war meas- meeting was closed by the Na- most regularity and precision. The ures of the Borden Government tional Anthem, which was inspir- minute that huge hammer falls, up

> already been turned in. spent by all present.

Tuesday. A fairly good number were present, and a good lively interest was taken in the various branches of church work, Mr. Wm. Grant, treasurer, after meeting all expenditures, was able to show a balance on hand of \$83, which is nearly four times the amount on hand in 1913, and speaks volumes for the ability and popularity of Rev. B. M. Smith. The various tranches of the church showed an o: ward tendency and were quite were devised to fall in line with other churches in missionary contributions. Knox's share being 325. The amount raised this year was \$127, so that there will have to be a considerable nipping up all along the line. Mr. Wm. Grant was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. John Leith elected manager. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served.

Miss Devena Warmington has returned from Guelph.

PERSONAL

Mr. Ed Jacob was in Orangeville this week on business. Mrs. J F. Irwin is spending few days in Toronto.

Mr. Hugh Rose is visiting Messrs. D C. Town and C. Mc-Lachlan were in Orillia last week.

visiting the former's relatives. Mrs. (Dr) Pickering entertained a number of young people at her home on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Inspector Campbell entertained a large number of her lady friends for an afternoon last week.

The choir of the Methodist church had an enjoyable evening Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J Latimer.

Rev. J A. Robinson, rector of the Anglican church, Thornbury, was in town yesterday, the guest of Rev. Mr Morris. We were pleased to have him call on us for a few minutes.

Miss Cassie Russell, accompanied by her father, left Friday morning for Madoc. where she has been engaged as teacher in that dist-

daughter, Winnifred, of Parkland, Alberta, spent over Sunday with friends in town. He will be better known here when we introduce him as the husband of the late Susie Culbertson, so well and Chairman Executive Com. | favorably known in this commun-

1 181 REMAKING A HARBOR.

Over \$1,500,000 Already Spent On Toronto's Waterfront.

When the harbor improvement scheme was first made public, and maps, charts, and graphic explanations of it were being shown at public meetings and at club luncheons, it was labeled and stowed away, in most people's minds, as being one of the family with tubes schemes, or the new Union Station; a dream, a fancy. Out of the lot, the harbor improvement is one of the dreams that come true. And to-day, after one year of planning work and one year of actual work, there is, on Toronto's waterfront from the Humber to the Don, one million and a half of dollars already spent in materializing the foundations of the dream, and of the total cost of nineteen million dollars, there are contracts already let for eleven million donars' worth of work by the Harbor Commissioners and the Dominion Gov-

Activities of the improvers are to be seen all the way from the Hunber to the Don. Vast engines of modern engineering are laboring in the Bay. Thousands of men are employed. For them, at least, the dream is gratefully materializing. What this great labor plans to do is to create, out of Toronto's natural and somewhat crudely-formed harbor, a fully developed harbor of even. economic formations, to fill in and make solid land of those bays and marshes and inlets of it that have heretofore been useless and wasted was given with much pathos, and advantages with which nature has so natural that we feel safe in blessed Toronto. Shore lines will be as a speaker, and brought down front covered with nondescript docks the house with the singing of built out from a casual, uneven Since the special war session was two comic songs. Mr. Thos. Mc- shore, there will be a shore line filled held the Government has gone Niece was called on for an ad- out to an even front, from which-unisteadily on with the work of sup- dress and held up his reputation form docks will project. The whole, as a good thinker and speaker, when finished, will be orderly and plying men and materials and of by giving the audience many in- economic. No space will be wasted. conserving Canadian resources fallible proofs of the benefits der- In a way, Toronto may be said to be for the use of the Empire and the ived from naving a farmers' as- performing only her natural, moral duty in rebuilding her harbor.

The engines in operation at this east end scene of activity are the most remarkable collection. For instance, in order to prevent the mud that is being pumped to fill up certain places from flowing back into the Bay, these areas have to be walled off with huge logs driven into the Bay bottom and made into a sort of vast box. Hundreds of carloads of forty-foot logs have to be used. The pile drivers that do the work so speedily, so miraculously, are like scows with a tower on them. One of the 40-foot logs is yanked high in the air. A steel pipe, from which is issuing a two-inch stream of water at high pressure, is forced down into the mud of the Bay bottom, blowing a hole as it goes. When the pipe is jerked up, the log is dropped into the hole as far as it will go.

amounted to \$19.40; which has The dredges that are cutting into the solid marsh move slowly but per-Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Marshall en- ceptibly, like giant snails. In the sanction of the Canadian people, tertained a large number of front of them are four-bladed knives their friends on Thursday evening that cut the marsh into ooze, and this last. A very enjoyable time was ooze is instantly sucked into a long pipe and deposited into one of those The annual meeting of Knox walled-in areas of the Bay to settle Persons of acknowledged literary taste

First White Men on Islands.

The Belcher Islands, a group some eighty miles off the southeast coast of Hudson Bay, long charted but little known, were visited in September last by an exploring party on the Newfoundland schooner Laddie. Members of the party have just arrived home. Although the islands were sighted by Capt. Cook 150 years ago, and by other explorers since, it is declared that the members of the Laddie expedition were the first white men to land there. The islands, which lie in latitude 56 north, were found to be in a somewhat different position and in greater numbers than marked on the latest charts. In its fifteen days' exploration of the group the party found it to be barren, but abound in wild life, including foxes, arctic hares and geese.

To Stimulate Production.

The Government is planning an active campaign to stimulate agricultural production of all kinds in 1915. Hon. Martin Burrell is arranging for a series of conferences throughout the Dominion in January and February, at which the farmers of the various districts will be called together and given full information as to conditions in Europe, and the great demand for food supplies by the allies while the war is on. The best means of meeting those demands will be fully discussed by the farmers and those who address them.

Sauerkraut Unsalable.

& firm in Campbellford, Ont., which, as a result of the war, has 650 barrels of sauerkraut on their hands that it has been unable to dispose of, sought the assistance of the Department of Trade and Commerce. The Department sent notices to some of the trade agents abroad. The only reply yet to hand is from the agent at Bristol, who reports "no demand for sauerkraut in that district."

To Help Tobacco Growers.

The Ottawa Department of Agriculture has inaugurated a movement to increase the tobacco production of Canada. It is advertising the fact Mr. R J. Johnston and little that a sample of choice seed, in quarter ounce packages, will be sent to any tobacco grower who applies for same to the tobacco division. Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. This quantity of seed is sufficient to Hinckley. sow 150 square feet of seed bed, and to plant one acre.

A Nestor Of Criticism

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

The woman's club of Medbury was divided into departments of art, sciences, music and other subjects, and for each department a night was set apart. One evening when the department of literature met for chat on literary subjects it was announced beforehand that Miss Emma Alden Hinckley, a celebrated litterateur, would be present. Miss Hinckley had not written very much herself, but ber opinion on books was looked upon as

During the evening a girl of nine ers, and Mr. David Gilmour is one teen, sitting in a corner where she would run no risk of being run down by the intellectual autos that were flashing their lights bither and thither, seemed to take a juvenile pleasure in observing them.

her, "what are you doing in this corner? You should be making hay while the sun shines. I know you are scribbling, and there are persons here who can give you points that will doubtless help you. Come; I wish to introduce you to Miss Hinckley."

The girl tooked as though she would rather miss the opportunity than leave her corner, but was, nevertheless, dragged out of it and presented to the lioness of the evening

"This is Miss Ellen Acton," said the ble a little, and I am quite sure you can give her a few valuable points on how to proceed."

Miss Hinckley tooked a bit frightened. She could be very decided with young authors in her office as editor in chief of the - Magazine, but she didn't like to tackle one of them in a social way. However, she resigned herself to an ordeal. "I should like to ask you one or two

questions, Miss Hinckley," said Miss Acton, "after which I will not trespass on your good nature further, Do you think I'm old enough to write a novel? I'm nineteen."

"No, you are not. There has been but one successful novel ever written by a young girl." "Have you read a novel recently

published called 'An Unfortunate Biun-"I have skimmed it in order to make

mention of it in our book notices." "What do you think of it?"

"It is worthless."

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"Thank you. I'll not trouble you any further."

Miss Acton slunk back to her corner. giving place to several ladies who advanced to do honor to the literary light.

A reception is in progress at the Women's club of Medbury. It is given for the authoress of a novel which appeared a year ago and has slowly been making its way into public favor. It was published under an assumed name. There were many faults in its construction, but there was something in it that held the reader's attention and produced a peculiar effect. It was not written for any particular class. approved and condemned it. It was read by both the old and the young. Those who liked it could not see why others did not like it. Those who condemned it said that those who approved it were devoid of literary taste. When Miss Hinckley received an invitation to be present to do honor to the new literary light she threw the invitation into the wastebasket. Then she fished it out and noted the date. She was curious to see the authoress who had fooled persons of good literary taste with a worthless book. She

would attend the reception. When Miss Hinckley entered the club she saw a promiscuous gathering of men and women. She looked about for group within which would be the lioness of the evening. Not seeing her. she applied to a member of the club

to learn where she was.

"Oh, we can't do anything with her. It was intended that she should receive the guests with the reception committee, but she's gone into obscurity, and we can't get her out. I will be pleased to take you to her."

Miss Hinckley was led to the very corner from which a year before little Miss Acton had been dragged to be introduced to her, and there sat Miss Acton between two large women, whom she was using for screen pur-

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Miss Hinckley.

At the same moment an old gentleman with fine white hair advanced to greet the young authoress.

"Mr. Barrows," said Miss Hinckley. "a year ago I told this young lady that she was too young to write a novel. She had already written one. I had criticised it unfavorably. I supposed I knew something about literary work."

"So did I, madam, twenty years ago, and I do know something about it for myself, but for no one else. This young lady in writing her story wrote to me, but not to you. At another time she may write to you and not to me. I used to criticise books on what I supposed was their merit. In my old age realize that a book is like a bell. There can be no sound on an uninhabited island, for there is no ear there to hear. So with a book. Each intellect receives it for itself and not another."

"Ob. Mr. Barrows! You to say that, who in your day was considered a prince among critics!" exclaimed Miss

Miss Acton looked up at the old man like a child who had found a father.

HAMPDEN.

I suppose, Mr. Editor, you will be thinking the Hampden scribe passed away like the old year. but he is still enjoying the new year.

Mr. David Robinson, after a few weeks of serious illness. is convalescing nicely, and we hope to see him around among the people again before long.

Mr. John Cooper has started a singing school in the basement of our church, every Friday night. and all are welcome to avail themselves of the great opportunity of learning to sing and read the notes. We can recommend Mr. Cooper, who understands music thoroughly, and is giving a free chance to all who feel the great help singing by note is. Come one and all; help our class along, and learn a lesson you will never regret.

For the last two Sabbaths there was a vote for the two new eldof the chosen. Messrs. John Cooper and John Whiteford came out equal, so they are both chosen. We are sure they are three able men, and hope they may see their way clear to take the great responsibility. We are sure that by "Nellie," said a lady, stepping up to the help of God they will do their parts as best they can.

Mrs. Alex. Anderson visited a few days with her brother at

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Mrs. Wm. Hunter has been spending a few weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Jas. Mather and Mrs. David Gilmour. Mr. Geo. Ford spent a few

days at the home of Mr. J. Park. -Miss Grace and Mr. Tom. Henderson spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. Jan Kerr one night recently.

A LASS, ALAS!

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