

REDISTRIBUTION

Much interest attaches to the Redistribution Bill now before Parliament. The first proposal makes no change in Ontario. It still has 82 members, Quebec 65, (the basic province) Manitoba 65, Saskatchewan and Alberta 2 or 1 each, Nova Scotia 10 or 1, the other provinces the same. Though Ontario keeps 82, some rural districts will suffer, while the cities will have more representatives.

A HOT TIME

They arrived home late from the party. Wife took off her hat and slammed it down. Then she confronted her hubby. "I'll never take you to another party as long as I live!" she said. "Why?" he calmly wanted to know. "You asked Mrs Jones how her husband had been standing the heat."

School Reports

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SOMETHING BETTER

Sir Robert Horne is a Scotchman and he says that the Scotch have far more success in ruling the "southern half of the United Kingdom." He also tells the following story: "A Scottish minister arrived at the Kirk one Sabbath morning, only to discover that he had forgotten to bring his sermon with him. He had no time to go home and get it and so when he got up to preach, he began somewhat like this: "My friends and brethren, I find that I have forgotten to bring my notes with me this morning. Therefore I will have to speak whatever words the Lord puts into my mouth. But," he added, contentedly, "this evening, I hope to give you something better."

PRICEVILLE AND VICINITY

Little Change in Germany; Austria in Bad Shape

J. V. McKenzie, Toronto, tells of his Trip thru Central Europe

On Monday evening of last week, Mr. J. Vernon McKenzie, editor of McLean's Magazine, Toronto, gave a very interesting address in Watson's Hall, Priceville, on the subject of his recent trip to Central Europe, particularly Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Mr. McKenzie is a very pleasing speaker who possesses a decidedly human touch in dealing with his subject. Mr. McKenzie prefaced his address with a remark to the effect that he did not wish to be considered as an authority on the political or economic situations prevailing in the Central European countries. He reminded his audience of the fact that his sphere was journalism. While this is undoubtedly true, yet it was quite apparent that Mr. McKenzie is the possessor of a fund of information of a general character, and that he also possesses that universality of mind so necessary in the successful editing of a national periodical. The speaker informed his audience that his information regarding conditions in Central Europe was not merely that of the average tourist, but had, for the most part, been secured from such authoritative sources as the foreign correspondents of the leading London (England) papers, Mr. McKenzie had had the privilege of spending an afternoon, quite informally with Rt. Hon. Bonar Law, and Lord Beaverbrook and the impressions which he had thus gained of these two distinguished gentlemen were given to the audience. Lord Beaverbrook was described as having a wonderful capacity for work, and as one who drives at a tremendous pace. He appears also to exert a wonderful influence in the United Kingdom, and is in a very real sense a "power behind the throne."

LOCAL ITEMS

Custom Chopping every day at McKee's Mills. Cameron Children Give Aluminum The Cameron Children wish to announce that the beautiful set of Silverware Aluminum, placed in Durham Red Cross Hospital, was paid for by the people who attended their concert in the Town Hall. Concert in Town Hall Sept. 1st, by Miriam and Eben \$25.00 Afternoon tea at Baptist Mansie 20.00 Concert Knox Ch. Normanby 20.00 Nickawa Concert, Baptist, Ch., Durham 10.00 Thank you all. \$75.00 Dundalk Grey Lodge Election At the annual meeting of the District of South Grey Orange Lodges at Dundalk Friday last, the following officers were elected and installed by S. J. Halbert, Markdale: County Master, E. Walker, Markdale; Deputy Master, T. Connor, Faversham; Chaplain, Rev. G. Vrooman, Maxwell; Sec'y, H. Corbett, Proton; Financial Sec'y, A. D. Harrison, Dundalk; Treasurer, W. A. Goodfellow, Dundalk; D. of C., Ar. Robinson, Proton; First Lecturer, H. Sullivan, Flesheron; Second Lecturer, J. J. Jamieson, Badjers; Com.—District Master, county and Deputy Masters. The lodges of this district it was decided, would celebrate in Flesheron this year.

When the Assessor Comes Round.

When Assessor Mcraith starts on his rounds next week he will have a new item added to his duties. That will be the lining up for municipal income tax of all citizens who at present are paying income tax to the Dominion government. In the past the only persons assessed locally for income have been persons of known income, such as salaried government officials, school teachers and others. But under the Assessment Amendment Act of 1922, at the last session of the legislature, the term "income" is defined as including all persons deriving money from wages, business profits, interest from investments, and every known way of getting money together. The exemptions are to be the same as under the Dominion Act, i.e., \$2000 for households as heads of families, \$1000 for bachelors, etc., in towns and cities and \$1,700 and \$800 in villages and townships. \$200 is added for every child under 18 years or other dependent (under the Dominion Act it is now \$300). In a town like Durham where the tax rate is around 50 mills people with incomes from \$2000 to \$4000 will be in the peculiar position of having to pay more income tax to the municipality than to the federal government. On the other hand, men of larger means, with incomes of \$6000 and over, who pay a rate of increased proportion under the Dominion Act will pay less income to the municipality.

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Sketch of "Honest John" Oliver, B. C.'s Premier

From "The Spotlight," Toronto Daily Star.

In distance travelled and character sustained and developed on the way, the farmer we used to know and have not forgotten as Honest John Oliver, is the most distinguished of Canadian public men. They said he couldn't be Premier of British Columbia because his education was defective and his speech also. But he has been premier for five years. Nobody questions the appropriateness of his position. He grew into it. He has grown in it—which is saying a great deal for a man who was 62 when wisdom was justified of her children in the caucus of B. C. Liberal legislators after Premier Brewster died in the last month of the last winter of the war. Three hours they discussed and balloted on the leadership, for nearly every member of the cabinet was a candidate. On the last ballot but one, Dr. King, now the second King at Ottawa, led; but finally rugged strength came into its own and in British Columbia they are accustomed themselves to speaking of their grand old man.

Rugged strength? Last week "Old John" talked to the Hamilton Canadian Club. He told them that he was getting too much scared of work in Canada—manual work. Why, he said he had dug ditches in B. C. Columbia alongside Chinamen and wouldn't mind doing it again, if necessary. Before the speechmaking began he casually mentioned to the President that one of his sons is a Hamilton doctor. The President hadn't heard of the fact. "No," said Old John, "I don't believe in grown up boys depending in any way on their father's name for recognition."

All the same he's glad to help any of his family of eight. A summer or two ago he took a premierly holiday in the Okanagan Valley where his son Charles was setting up a canning factory. He put on overalls and was sawing wood when along came a fellow wanting to sell a boiler that had been associated with a still which had been obsoleted by a B. C. T. A. still hunt. The boiler was just the thing for the cannery. It had cost \$750 and Oliver bought it for the cannery for \$150 and said it was a good thing for Charlie that he wasn't home and his dad was there when the boiler was offered, for Charlie with his head full of science, wouldn't have made as good a bargain.

Though he came with his parents to Ontario when he was 14, the Premier hasn't wiped Derbyshire from his tongue or entirely subdued the letter "h." Working on pioneer Grey county farms in summer and in the bush each winter till he was 21, didn't brilliantly polish the outer Oliver, but it gave him the nerve to invade British Columbia 9 years before steel was laid all across the Rocky Mountains. He homesteaded on the flats of the Fraser Delta and helped survey what is now the C. P. R. He still has the homestead and more also. The Pacific Ocean used to submerge and pickle it. Dykes he built were washed away before he made the ocean keep its distance. He's well-to-do to day, partly because he was an unconquerable farmer, and partly because he has done some contracting.

Politically he came into notice when a convention, B. C. Liberals were fighting about Joe Martin. He contested unity; and though he was of stolidly and sardonically redolent of the farm he stopped the row. Soon he was sent to the Legislature, where both as a Liberal and a man he had no tolerance for the MacBride-Bowser bunch. Farmer John forced investigations into land and railway deals, one result of which was the restoration to the province of seven hundred thousand acres of valuable land. He fought the MacBride railway policies, which have landed the province into a mess which makes him say that if freight rates don't go down he will be ready to go out of Confederation. "Mind Liberals besought him to keep quiet, but he wasn't a quiet sort. He became opposition leader in the assembly when there was nobody but himself to lead; and then he lost his own seat. But the day of atonement to him came, when the wild oats harvest was bitterly garnered. He was and is Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Railways. A predecessor in the Agricultural department had become Minister of Finance. What the cabinet had come to can be judged from a line in the biography of a schoolmaster not long from the old country, which says that he (this newcomer, without any official position) wrote the budget speech of this minister. Nobody ever wrote Honest John's speeches. His sentences don't always charm the fastidious ear, but they are full of mental meat, and the brilliancy of native force. At Hamilton he missed his train rather than have unsaid what was in his mind. He's a rotund chunk of a man, and surely good for many years yet. His father died near Flesheron only a few weeks ago, aged about ninety. By comparison, then, the Hon. Joan Oliver is British Columbia's staid young man. How Carlyle would have delighted in him!

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