

Outstanding Address by Hon. David Croll

BY THE WATCHMAN

Toronto: "We make no boast as a provincial government to be able to fully solve the problem of unemployment; we have never made such a claim, either in office or before we took office. But we must and shall claim that we are getting things done, that with due consideration for the rights of those who pay and the rights of those who receive, placing human values always first."

In these words, Hon. David Croll, Ontario's Minister of Welfare and Municipal Affairs, concluded a brilliant, two-hour effort in the Legislature last week, in which he outlined to an attentive House and equally attentive galleries the work of his department, the problems he has had to meet and is still meeting, and the plans and hopes for the future.

It was a masterly address on the most important problem confronting governments to-day. Carefully prepared, with illuminating facts giving a picture of the unemployment situation in the province and the steps being taken to combat the scourge, the address was as nearly non-political as it was possible to be. Mr. Croll, making his maiden speech in the Legislature, contented himself with the facts as he found them and rarely in his 120 minutes of speaking did he find it necessary to dwell on anything but human values.

Not that he did not hit hard at obvious abuses and injustices. There was scarcely an interruption from Opposition benches when he condemned professional agitators and certain municipalities for taking advantage of an unfortunate state of affairs in the lives of men and women. He hit out vigorously at the

lack of co-operation on the part of a number of municipalities in the administration of relief. The minister emphasized that equalization of relief allowances throughout Ontario was the aim of his department, and that great progress had already been made in this respect.

Mr. Croll pictured the day when the Dominion government, in co-operation with the province, would take over the entire cost of relief and lift the burden from all municipalities. Ontario would be ready to adopt any new measure of this kind, he told the House. He emphasized that he did not favour direct relief but recognized that it was a necessity. Since coming into power, the Liberal government had spent over \$5,000,000 in wages for labour. This sum would otherwise have gone into direct relief.

Space is too short for anything but a brief resume of the welfare minister's address. He contrasted the confusion found in the welfare department when he took over with the orderly, uniform system now in effect. No extravagant claims were made but the House was told that as far as provincial jurisdiction went the province would do its share to the limit. Politics would play no part in the administration of unemployment relief. Much still remained to be done but of necessity the work must be slow, though progress would be steady.

A feature of Mr. Croll's budget speech was that interruptions were few and there were no acrimonious debates. The minister showed a complete grasp of the subject and his facts and figures allowed of no contradiction. Applause thundered from all sides of the Legislature when the minister ended on the ringing note of "human values first, always."

Gloss paint should not be laid on over the gloss—the undercoat should be a dull paint.

AMONG THE CHURCHES BAPTIST PRESENT MISSIONARY PLAY

The Baptist Young People's Union of Durham, Monday evening, April 8, very creditably presented a Missionary play entitled "The Pill Bottle", to an interested and delighted audience.

The play was in four scenes. First came the "Sweet girl graduates", S. Bell, Clara Thompson, Edith Erwin, and Thelma Priest, who showed considerable talent in their acting. Barbara Lane (Thelma Priest), the popular girl of the college is planning to visit her missionary parents in India, before she takes up Interior Decorating as her life work. The thought of losing her causes much grief to her room-mates who are helping her pack up for the journey.

Scene two, "Three knocks in the night" reveals Barbara in India, visiting her parents, Dr and Mrs Lane. Her father, (Mr. Wm. D. Erwin), a medical missionary is almost swamped with work. Her mother, (Mrs W. Ritchie) is also crowded with duties but feels amply compensated because of the many converts gained. When Dr. Lane excuses himself and goes to his patients and Mrs. Lane goes to bed, Barbara's meditations are interrupted by a knock at the door and a hindoo husband (Allan McLean), asks her to come quickly and doctor his wife who is at the point of death. She explains that she is not a doctor, but will send her father. The mere suggestion meets with an indignant protest. He would rather let her die than let a man doctor her. Another knock, an other Hindoo husband (Mr. Anthony Holmes) makes the same request for his mother, and refuses the man doctor. A third knock this time a 12 years-old husband (Lloyd Erwin)

wanting her to doctor his 11-year-old wife and refusing the man doctor. "Such a custom." The beating of tom-toms is heard as the funerals of the victims she was unable to help, wind their way through the village. Because of these things, Barbara decides to become a Medical Missionary.

Scene three, shows her in her doctor's office in India, four years later. The outer office is soon crowded with patients, all browned and costumed. The first native (Ethel Erwin) rushes into the doctor with a "tummy-ache" and receives powders which she proceeds to chew, paper powder, directions and everything. The second patient, Jean Herrington quarrels with another patient, Freda Ritchie, who sits groaning with "an evil spirit in her ear". Another Hindoo woman comes down the aisle on crutches, Jean Erwin, her foot is swelled and bandaged, but she follows the doctor's directions by taking a pill one hour and skipping the next. Next came a child-mother, Mae Levi, whose sick baby kept crying very pathetically. A woman came from afar, Clara Thompson, bringing with her a patient on a stretcher, Gilbert Trafford, carried by coolies. Reg. Ries and Ronald Watt, A wealthy caste woman, Essel MacArthur, came next with her servant, Myrtle Hodgson, who haughtily orders the other patients to make way for her mistress. A blind woman, Janette MacMaster gropes her way to a seat beside the rest. A little old woman, Louise McLean brings a present for the doctor. A smallpox patient, Lucille Trafford, with her face all blotched, rushed in saying that big stone elephants were chasing her. At an invitation from the Bible woman, Miss Redford, all adjourn to evening prayers.

The last scene, "The God of the Pill-bottle," is laid in the evening of the same day. It discovers Dr. Barbara opening her mail. After attending 289 patients that day she is weary. An outcaste woman, Margaret Ries, creeps up behind her and calls softly, "Memsahib." Dr. Barbara learns she has come a long way to find the God of the pill-bottle. She wants to know His name for the people in her village have been worshipping Him. She is told that His name is Jesus Christ, and accepts Him as her Saviour, singing, "Just as I am." She is joined by one group after another who come up the aisles singing with her. In the centre sits the Bible woman who closes with prayer. It made a brilliant tableau, with the coloured lights.

Miss Redford and Miss Edith Erwin sang behind the scenes, and Miss Annie Rimmer, and others formed a group of college girls who sang and gave their yell. Misses Redford and Joy Priest were the efficient costumers. Mrs. Priest furnished piano music between the scenes, and the pastor was director. All did their parts exceedingly well, and a goodly sum was realized for Foreign Missions and for the Union.

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BAPTIST LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid held a short business meeting with Mrs. Giles in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Moffat. Considerable business was done. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Thompson and assistants served lunch.

BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE

The Baptist W.M.C. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Thompson, on Wednesday afternoon April 3rd, with the president, Mrs. Kinnee presiding. The scripture lesson and prayer taken by Mrs. Kinnee, followed by a season of prayer. Mrs. Geo. Thompson gave a very interesting reading on the life of the first superintendent of Baptist Home Missions, Rev. Alex. Grant. Mrs. Priest sang a beautiful solo "Spirit of God." Mrs. Erwin then took charge of the topic, "Rev. John Kachowba, the first Polish McMaster graduate in the ministry."

REVISION DATES FOR DOMINION LISTS

The Dominion Lists of Electors for the Federal Constituency of Grey-Bruce will be revised by the Registrar of Electors and Revising Officer, James H. McQuarrie at Durham. The Revision commences on the 15th day of May next and ends on the 1st day of July next. Sittings of the Court of Revision will be held on the following dates and at the following places:

- MAY 16th, Town Hall, Markdale 17th, Town Hall, Fiesherton 18th, Institute Hall, Elmwood 27th, Livingstone's Store, Dornoch 28, 29 & 30, Registrar of Electors Office, Durham.

- JUNE 31, June 1 & 4, the Library, Hanover JUNE 5, 6, & 7, Town Hall, Walkerton 8, & 10, Town Hall Midway 11, & 12, Hammer's Hall, Neustadt 13th, Town Hall, Chatsworth

14th, Town Hall, Desboro 15th and 17th, Town Hall, Chesley 18th & 19th, Town Hall, Paisley 20th & 21st, Town Hall, Dundalk. 22nd, & 24th, Agricultural Hall, Holstein.

25th, Agricultural Hall, Priceville 26th, Township Hall, Ayton Applications for deletions of names from the printed Lists may only be made during the month of April. The application is made by an Elector whose name appears on the Lists of Electors, on what is known as Form 26, in duplicate.

During the month of April an Elector may file with the Registrar of Electors signed application (Form 28) to be added to the Lists of Electors for the Polling Sub-division in which he resides. Any person claiming to be entitled to be registered as an Elector may apply in person during any sitting of the Court of Revision to have his name placed on the Lists of Electors.

Application for the correction of names and the transfer of names from one Electoral District to another will be heard during the period from the 15 day of May to the 1st of July.

Application forms may be obtained at James H. McQuarrie's Office, Durham, where the Registrar of Electors and Revising Officer will be available at his office at Durham every week day during this period with the exception of his Sittings at the Court of Revision on the dates set for them as stated above.

WELBECK

This Monday morning the weather is still cold and exceptionally dry for April. The meadows and fall wheat are badly in need of moisture.

Mr. D. C. Campbell was a busy man with the grader for a few days last week and now has the roads in first class condition.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. George Skene and Miss M. Skene, who last week received the sad news that their brother John had passed away at his home in Pincher Creek, Alta. No particulars of his last illness have been received yet.

Mr. Skene had planned to visit his brother and sister this summer and enjoy Durham's Old Home Week. He is just one more of the many for whom this happy re-union is coming too late.

Mr. George Tracy, Dornoch, is busy in the neighborhood pruning the fruit trees. If a few farmers would club together and get a good sprayer for use in the orchards, we might have a few apples that are worth eating.

Mr and Mrs D. A. McDonald, of Crawford were visitors at John Corlett's on Friday.

Mr. Edt. of Allan Park, has leased Mr. J. Sweeney's farm on the base line and is moving in today.

Mr and Mrs Joe Crutchley were guests of his cousin, W. J. and Mrs. Middleton, Berkeley on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. John Corlett spent Saturday with Owen Sound friends.

Mr and Mrs G. Goldsmith and son Vernon, Sundayed with the latter's parents Mr and Mrs G. Miller of Williamsford.

Visitors at Fred Heift's during the past week were: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Boudreau, Chatsworth; Mrs. Morrison and Catherine, Glenelg; Mr. A. Thaler, Miss Ruby Etsell, R.N., of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Miss Lydia Thaler, O. Sound.

Miss Bolen, Mr. John McKechnie, Dornoch, Miss M. Heift spent a most enjoyable evening with the Sharpe family recently.

Mrs. C. Lawrence and daughter Myrtle of Durham spent a day with Mrs. P. Ledingham and enjoyed a trip to the County capital.

Mr Wm. Hodgson, Durham is spending a few weeks with his son, Roy Andrews, Durham is assisting Mr. John Walsh this week.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. James Walsh has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Muriel Heift spent Tuesday with her cousin, Miss Florence Robertson, Dornoch.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S.S. No. 10, Bentinck Sr. IV—Jack Chapman, Kenneth MacDonald, John MacLean, Leonard Davey. Jr. IV—Margaret Lynn, J. Launds, Norman Launds. Sr. III—A. G. Goldsmith, Clarence Lynn. Jr. III—Ruby Miller, Velma Goldsmith, B. Davey. Sr. II—Howard Grierson, C. Noble, Oliver Goldsmith. Jr. II—J. MacDonald, Della Launds, A. Launds I—Ralph Davey. Sr. Pr.—Elsie Erwin. Jr. Pr.—Melville Goldsmith. C. MacLean, Teacher

Lawrence McCuaig, James Porter, T. Markle. Sr. II—Meryl Noble, Marie Hopkins, Beverly Boyce, Marie Markle, Isabelle Hopkins. Jr. II—Inez Noble, Lloyd McCuaig, Glenna Noble and Bruce Boyce eq., Donalda Hopkins, Eileen Mighton, Edna Markle, Charlie Sharpe. Sr. Pr.—Murray Twamley, Grant Markle. Jr. Pr. L. Mighton, Percy Johnston, Farquhar Hopkins, Eileen Johnston. Mary MacQuarrie, Teacher

HAMPDEN

The farmers in this vicinity have merely started on their spring work on the land. Even if the bear did not see his shadow on Candlemas Day, we are not in any hurry as yet and may have a late season.

Miss Evelyn Henderson of Toronto visited at the parental home over the week end as did also Mr. George Henderson, Priceville and Mrs. Geo. Torry and son Clark of Mulock.

Mr and Mrs Burrows Smith and family of Moorefield were recent visitors at Bonnie View farm.

Mrs. Nettie Boddy and daughter Isabelle are in Moorefield this week the guests of Mrs. Smith.

The farmers had their allotted tonnage of fertilizer delivered on Friday from Allan Park.

VICKERS

The U.F.W. met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Brown on Friday afternoon last with a large attendance. The roll call was answered by an Easter verse. Minutes were read and adopted. After the usual business and correspondence was over a short program by group one, followed, consisting of community singing and readings by Mrs. Aylmer Reay, Miss Lavina Baker, Mrs. McCulloch. A cake contest by Mrs. Coutts, guessing the number of gumdrops in a cake, was won by four ladies, Mrs. Geo. H. Torry, Mrs. Joseph Reay, Mrs. Geo. Turnbull and Miss Grace Reay. A very amusing orange contest was put on by Mrs. McCulloch, when she treated all to candy.

Lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. B. Coutts on May 3rd, which is the birthday of the club. A birthday cake will be sold at 5 cents a piece, and a special lunch will be served. The roll call will be answered by a "Mother" verse.

Miss Grace Reay is spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. Nell McFarlane of Sandy Hook.

A very interesting sermon was preached in Knox United church on Sunday evening by Rev. W. H. Smith on "The wage-earning bride." Mr. Smith is giving a series of these sermons which are well worth listening to. Next Sunday evening the subject will be, "Divorce."

Mrs. George Turnbull treated some of the ladies to a quilting one afternoon last week and all enjoyed themselves very much.

CRAWFORD

Mr and Mrs Dougald Hastie and Mrs. A. Hastie accompanied by Miss T. Livingstone, Miss M. MacGillivray and Mrs. Mary Brown attended the evening service in Walkerton Presbyterian church last Sunday. Dr. Goforth a missionary from Manchuria was the guest speaker.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Stinson spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. G. Mighton, Mulock.

Mr and Mrs J. Mathewson, Elaine Ebel, and baby son of Southampton were recent guests of Mrs. Anderson and Wilbur.

Mrs. Will Campbell and Master Glenn spent part of last week with her parents in Glenelg.

Miss Annie Hobkirk was hostess for the April meeting of the W.M.S., last Wednesday. There were 14 present. Roll call was an Easter message. Plans were made for the Easter thankoffering meeting to be held shortly. The scripture lesson and an Easter article "The broken message" were read by the president Miss M. McGillivray. A temperance poem by Mrs. Dave Hastie and a recitation "Unaware" by Mrs. E. Boyce were much enjoyed. A letter from Miss Kate Rutherford was read by Miss L. Fisher and a collection was taken for the Angola fund. The synopsis of the Missionary Monthly was given by Mrs. Copp. Mrs. Andrew Hastie Sr. and Miss N. Boyd sang a lovely duet. Mrs. Heency closed the meeting with prayer.

HOW LONG CAN CANADA KEEP THIS PACE?

Pension's Cost is 58 Millions. Amounts paid by the Dominion Government for pensions during the last fiscal year, according to an answer tabled the other day in the House of Commons by Secretary of State, C. H. Cahan, were: Old-age pensions, \$12,313,594; soldiers' pensions, \$41, 839, 830; civil service pensions \$3,612,932; judges' pensions \$276,930, and "all other" pensions, \$237,322. Total of \$58,280,406.

MULOCK

The young people met on Tuesday night, April 2nd, the meeting being in charge of Hugh MacLean, the devotional convener. The scripture taken from Acts 16: verses 1-16, was read by Erma Mighton. The secretary, Gordon MacLean read the minutes and the roll call was answered by a verse of scripture. Mr. Homer gave a continued talk on Paul's journey taken from the scripture lesson for the evening. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday night, April 9th. The meeting will be in charge of the Missionary convener, Florence MacLean.

Mr and Mrs Homer accompanied by Mrs. Archie MacLean and daughter Florence, motored to Uxbridge Saturday to attend the funeral of the late Mr. E. O. Moore and visited other friends while there.

On Good Friday, service will be held in the church at 11 o'clock. Special music, everybody come.

We welcome Mr and Mrs Howard McCallum into our community.

Miss Edith Stephens and friend, Mrs. Rayburn of Toronto, are welcome guests at the Baptist parsonage this week.

Mr and Mrs Alex. MacGillivray and daughter Jessie, Mr and Mrs Reg. MacGillivray and Jean visited with Mrs. Fulton and Janet Patterson on Sunday last.

DORNOCH

The past week has been real cold. Doesn't feel much like spring yet as the snow is still flying. We hope it will warm up before Easter so the ladies can wear their Easter gowns and other togs.

Mr. L. McIntosh, Mr. J. Lowe, of Niagara Falls spent the week end with the Dargavels and McIntoshes.

Mr. E. B. Dargavel is improving the place by having a cement walk from the house to the road. Mr. W. W. Runnings is putting it in.

Mrs. J. E. Picard, Toronto spent the week end at her summer home here.

Rev. Mr. Strachan of Owen Sound occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Nell Livingston of Townsend Lake, spent a week with her son, Albert Livingston.

Pleased to know Mrs. J. Walsh is greatly improved since last week and will soon be able to be around once more.

W.M.S. of Knox church was held at the home of Mrs. C. McIntyre on April 2nd. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Dargavel, May 31st, as Mrs. McIntyre is not in the best of health. We hope she will be able to have the meeting some time later.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

Mrs Wm. Ruttie, Port Elgin is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Mr and Mrs Joe Crutchley and family were recent visitors with Mr and Mrs. Farquhar Oliver, Priceville.

Mr and Mrs. Ernest Everette, of Palmerston were guests on Saturday with Mr and Mrs Jas. Miller.

Mrs. Jerry Allord has been very ill the past week, having suffered a stroke which has left her in a very weak state of health at present. We hope she may soon be feeling some better.

Most of the farmers have pulled spiles and consider they have had a very good season of syrup making.

Mr and Mrs Lance Rumble, son Bob and Miss Isabelle Lawson Toronto, were week end guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs R. Lawson.

Mrs. Wm. Alexander of Tisdale, Sask., visited recently with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robt. Lawson.

Mr. James Miller has invested in a Ford sedan.

Mr. Chas. Weppeler spent a day this week in Glenelg with his parents.

Mr and Mrs James McCrae were guests recently of friends in Meaford.

Mr and Mrs James Crutchley were guests with Berkeley friends the first of the week.

Mr. Duncan McArthur and sister Miss Sarah spent a day this week with Mrs. J. Laughlin. Friends are glad to hear she is much better after being sick the past few weeks.

Mr and Mrs J. D. Brown were guests on Sunday with Port Elgin friends.

ROCKY SAUGEEN W.M.S. MEET

The Rocky Saugeen W.M.S. met in the church on April 2nd. In the absence of the president Mrs. Vesie presided. Miss Mae Bell read the scripture from St. Mark's gospel, the 16th chapter. Minutes of the Dec. meeting were read and adopted. A letter was read from Mrs. Marshall and also one from Mrs. D. C. Camp-House of Commons by Secretary of State, C. H. Cahan, were: Old-age pensions, \$12,313,594; soldiers' pensions, \$41, 839, 830; civil service pensions \$3,612,932; judges' pensions \$276,930, and "all other" pensions, \$237,322. Total of \$58,280,406.

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