



## Our Ottawa Correspondent . . .

Written exclusively for The Stouffville Tribune by M. L. Schwartz.

"We may have been able to reduce the public debt by \$354,000,000 declared in the House of Commons the Minister of National Revenue, Hon. J. J. McCann. "I submit that that is good business and that is the policy which should be followed when times are good. Any individual who does not attempt to liquidate his debts when times are good has not the first rudiments of business instinct."

These words, coming from the man responsible for collecting the nation's monies for running this country, might prove a timely tip for business in general at this time.

It appears in Ottawa as if proceedings in this session of the Canadian Parliament are now moving along at a rate which may allow an adjournment, perhaps, as early as the middle of July, with this being forecast by veteran observers along Parliament Hill.

The present amount paid and conditions surrounding same for old age pensions in Canada may be changed considerably. This has become evident since it is known that the Government has recognized the need for revision of payments or conditions of same both for old age and the blind, with the objectives of the program outlined in the Dominion-Provincial Conference in Aug. 1945, being still an essential part of the Federal Government's plan.

Moreover, it is significant that a spokesman for the Government in Ottawa has made it clear that the machinery for achieving these objectives in social security must be attained within the framework of a federal state."

It is understood backstage in the capital that greater secrecy has been advocated for party caucuses, these being usually looked upon along Parliament Hill as "merely family affairs," though often discussions in these caucuses are forerunners of important government actions or at least exert powerful influence on such decisions. It is, however, necessary at times to preserve strict secrecy about happenings at these gatherings of government followers because each can speak his own mind and matters are discussed in advance of legislation.

The Government believes that during the transitional period from war to peace we should guide the farmer and the consumer back into a sound relationship under which they can deal with one another." "emphasized Agriculture Minister Gardiner in the House of Commons. "We shall endeavor to protect both from any middleman who tries to take advantage of seasonal supplies, either to get his product too cheap or to sell it too high. The fact is, however, that the farmers' income is higher over the last three years than ever before. Even with lower marketings of some products in 1946 as compared with 1945, the gross returns are increasing."

The Canadian Government is endeavouring to cut down on its employees as much as possible and as quickly as this can be done without causing any harm to the machinery of government both inside and outside of Ottawa. This is becoming more and more evident along Parliament Hill as Canada's Civil Service is gradually being reduced in number. In fact, the latest official disclosure here shows that the Civil Service has been brought down from a peak of 142,000 in May of 1945 to 129,000 at Jan. 1, 1946, although subsequent expansions brought it up again for a short period until it was once again reduced to 121,000 in the five months preceding April 1st last.

Likewise, it should be reported that it is obvious here that the Government plans now to continue to cut down its employees by gradual stages, with this being stressed in

official quarters in the capital because of the inaccurate statements being made about it at the present time that the false impressions are being carried out following the liquidation of remaining wartime departments.

Although the fight to legalize the production and sale of oleomargarine in this country was lost during this session, yet it is hinted in well-informed quarters in Ottawa that this fight has not ended, with once again a bill being introduced at the first opportunity to legalize the manufacture and sale of this product, probably in the next session if nothing official is done before hand to achieve this purpose.

When several high officials of the British Exchequer paid a visit to Ottawa in the wake of a statement by the United Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton that Britain will be unable to meet the full twelve billions of "blocked sterling" debts owing to the sterling bloc, it was hinted in some circles that the real object of this visit was to "renegotiate" a new loan or credit for the United Kingdom. However, this does not seem to be the case at the moment, though it is true that the \$1,250,000,000 credit by Canada has been disappearing rather quickly, being more than half finished and may be gone by the close of 1947. In addition, it is indicated that the British statement was really aimed at the sterling bloc creditors and not necessarily at Canada.

It is understood in Ottawa that the object of the British financial experts visit to the capital may be merely to discuss repayment of existing credit scheduled to start in 1950 and other interests involved in trade matters.

The storm which has raged about Canada's world figure skating champion ever since she accepted an automobile as a gift has reached right into the House of Commons where gossip indicates that there is really nothing unusual about Barbara Ann Scott case. It is pointed out that other amateurs in sports history have received costly gifts and still remained amateurs, such as Sonja Henie, Stella Walsh, Percy Williams, Miss Fanny Rosenfield, Miss Ethel Catherwood, and many others. Each one of those mentioned had accepted gifts like cars and other expensive items and then proceeded to participate in the Olympic Games without receiving the publicity given to the Miss Barbara Ann Scott case. Indeed, it is held that this publicity has done more harm to the amateur standing of the world's figure skating champion than anything else.

The Election Committee of the House of Commons has decided against allowing the name of a candidate's party affiliation to be printed on the ballot paper in federal elections. Likewise, a new seal for the ballot boxes has been recommended by Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, has been accepted, being of the same sort used commonly by railroads to seal box cars. In the past the ballot boxes had padlocks.

Radios in train service may be extended and experiments along this line are now being made by the CNR, according to Stanley F. Dingle, Chief of Transportation, who has made this disclosure to the Board of Transport Commissioners in Ottawa.

There is a story backstage in Ottawa which claims that there may be elections in Quebec Province within a year.

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## Domestic Scenes with New Ontario Liberal Leader



Farquhar Oliver, M.P.P. for Grey South, who has been chosen provincial party leader by Ontario Liberals in convention at Toronto, is a man of broad interests. In addition to his devotion to public life and service, Mr. Oliver finds the greatest satisfaction in his family and his farm.

Upper left—Mr. Oliver likes nothing better than to visit his four nieces at their home just outside Durham. Here Mr. Oliver is seen with two of the girls, Donna and Jessie Crutchley.

Upper right — A hardworking, practical farmer, whose 550 acres are his livelihood—not a hobby—Mr. Oliver is well informed on the problems of farmers—and of urban folk, too. In this picture, Mr. Oliver is shown with a colt, a recent addition to the farm. Lower left—Manager of the Oliver farm near Priceville is Mrs. Oliver. She supervises the work of two hired men on property that has 75 head of Shorthorn beef cattle, 12 to 15 cows. Mrs. Oliver is keenly interested in all aspects of community life. Lower right—Mr. Oliver in a more formal pose.

### GIVES \$50 BILL IN MISTAKE FOR \$2, BUT GETS IT BACK

Five minutes after he had stepped out of a Toronto taxicab, Dr. W. Byrant of Kirkland Lake, realized he had given the "hackie" a \$50 bill in mistake for a \$2 bill and told him to keep the change.

The excited delegate to the Ontario Medical Association convention in Toronto immediately telephoned police but he should have waited and saved a nickel.

Hymie Hayman, war veteran and independent cab owner, appeared at the police licence bureau and reported the mistake.

The doctor and the cabbie got together and the cabbie is \$10 richer.

### NEW TRANSLATION OF BIBLE PROPOSED

A new translation of the Bible (says a report from Scotland), into contemporary English, which would avoid "all archaic words and forms of expression, with the second personal pronoun singular employed only for prayer," has been proposed by a special committee of the Church of Scotland.

### DEER UPSETS CAR

A deer that jumped onto the highway 10 miles east of Woodstock Saturday night, collided with a car driven by Louis Kishenbaum, 29 of Toronto, throwing the vehicle out of control into a ditch where it overturned. Kishenbaum was taken to hospital for treatment of minor cuts.

### SCARBORO MASON BURIED WITH RITES

Funeral services were held for Robert Cassford Thomson, 78, at his home in Unionville on Friday, with Rev. W. S. Butt and Rev. M. A. MacLell officiating.

One of the town's most popular citizens, he was the great-great grandson of the first white woman to settle in Scarboro, Mrs. Mary Thomson.

A member of Scarboro Lodge, A.F. and A.M., he was buried at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Scarboro, with Masonic honors.

Mr. Thomson is survived by his wife, Alva Richardson.

### SIMCOE COUNTY FARMER KILLED UNDER TRACTOR

Hilliard MacLean 27, Honeywood district farmer was killed on Monday when he was pinned beneath the cultivator which overturned on a grade on the farm of his father-in-law, Wallace Tweedy, near Mulmur Lake. MacLean's body was found by Allan Mulligan, who had gone to the field to relieve him at noon. MacLean had been driving a tractor with an attached cultivator and had apparently tried to jump when the machine started back down a grade. Tractor and cultivator both overturned and the young farmer was killed almost instantly, it is believed. Coroner Dr. W.J. McLean, Shelburne, said an inquest would be held. MacLean is survived by his widow and two children.



# SINCE 1847

100 YEARS AGO in Canada, mail was delivered by couriers who collected the postage in cash. The first sewing machine resulted in a riot among employees of master tailors. There were only a few struggling newspapers, and only the beginning of a railway.

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HORSE RACING GAMES REFRESHMENTS

EVENING PERFORMANCE IN MUSIC HALL