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ON PARLIAMENT HILL

By a Member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery

Ottawa, June 17.—From an oratorical standpoint the debate of last week was that of Monday on the Lausanne Treaty. From the standpoint of general interest, it probably would be placed in any but first position for, as one member put it to the writer: "I'll venture to state that one half of the House doesn't know what the Lausanne Treaty was about." The man on the street is in much the latter position. He may know where Iraq is, what the "Straits" means, and what the treaty implies but he is not highly concerned with the matter of its signing—by whom, when, where and how. He is interested, however, in the practical question: Does this treaty bind Canada? and, it was upon the prime minister's reply to this unspoken query of Canadians that there being most of the public interest in the Lausanne debate. And that answer was very clear and very plain—indeed, very blunt. It was to this effect: "Since the King has ratified this treaty, we, as part of the Empire, are bound in a legal sense. Just how we are to carry out any obligations resting upon us thereby is, however, a matter for our parliament to determine."

Most effective of all he laid was the reply of Mr. King to those critics (mostly press critics) who had charged him with "sitting silent" at the Imperial Conference and allowing Canada to be ridden over, rough-shod, by the scheming politicians of the whitehall. He quoted from official records to show that, far from keeping silence, he had drawn attention to the fact that Canada was not invited to the Lausanne conference; that, in a measure, she resented such non-representation; that she gave only qualified approval to the plans whereby her interests were being entangled and, most important of all, that she reserved the most complete liberty of mind as to whether or not, finally, her parliament would concur in ratification of the treaty. Canada, today, said Mr. King, was not concurring, technically, in the treaty, just as he had intimated she might not do, when he had spoken at the Conference.

The prime minister's clean-cut assertion of Canadian autonomy in international matters that concern her people is one that will appeal to all thinking Canadians. It is, in effect, a thoroughly friendly, but firm warning to Great Britain that, in the future, Canada must sit in "as a sister nation" when affairs touching the Empire as a whole are discussed with the representatives of foreign powers—otherwise, Canada, simply "does not concur" in the matter.

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The Rum-Running Treaty.

The rum-running treaty between Canada and the United States, details regarding which are now fairly well understood by the Canadian public was not ratified by the United States Senate on the final day of sitting of that body, as many politicians had expected it might be. The treaty has been tabled in the Canadian House, however, and the likelihood is that Parliament will proceed to discuss and ratify it, regardless of the failure so to do of the American body. A similar situation arose last year in respect of the Halibut treaty. That document, drawn up by the countries, was ratified by the Canadian parliament at the session of 1923, but did not secure ratification from the U. S. senate until a week or so ago. Meantime, it stood in operative. The same procedure is apt to be followed in the case of the rum-running pact, the general principles of which are sure to lead to a fairly vigorous and interesting debate in the Commons.

Prorogation Prospects.

The chief topic in the corridors of parliament is, not the Church Union bill, nor redistribution, nor "P.R." and not Home Bank, but this: "When will the House rise?" Members are diverting themselves by offering bets as to the probable date of prorogation, hoping, meantime, that they are wrong and that the actual exit will come before the day named as the probable time of departure. The whole crux of the matter, however, is that real summer weather has not yet hit the capital. It is degree of heat that determines the length of sessions. Degree of heat—good scorching rays on a copper roof; heat that fairly crackles the asphalt on the walks and that leaves members willing to do almost anything to get away from the House on the hill—degree of heat, again, is what gives third readings, approve resolutions, and passes estimates at a rate utterly undreamed of so, long as the cool breezes of springtime make life pleasant at the capital.

The Church Union Bill.

At last, the Church Union bill has made its escape from the Private Bills Committee. It was reported on Wednesday last, amended in several instances, the most important amendment being that providing for a two-year delay in its coming into operation, which latter, in turn, must be preceded by court decisions to the effect that the General Assembly was competent to pledge the Presbyterian church to Union and to the effect that the bill itself is fully intra vires of the Federal parliament. The fight—for no one supposes for a moment that the matter is settled—now shifts to the Commons. It will probably appear in the chamber early this week when, no doubt, the effort will be made to effect what it was impossible to do in committee, viz: to wipe from the bill the amendment above referred to, great exception to which is taken by a strong body of Unionists. The debate will not be long, but it will be of a unique interest throughout Canada and, with the passage of time, should assume an historical character of no little importance.

Misrepresenting Canada in Britain.

Apparently, Mr. Mackenzie King must be prepared to reckon with detractors and slanderers abroad, in addition to those he must face at home. His able address on the Lausanne treaty had barely been cabled to Great Britain, when the wires were carrying back to Canada expressions of British regret and amazement that Canada's prime minister should have set up for this country the alternative—Independence or annexation with the United States. Needless to say, Mr. King in his address made no such foolish remark. Indeed, his wording was most explicit; that, in his opinion, Canada's happiest and greatest future lay in retention of her status as a self-governing British Dominion rather than in either independence or annexation. Exactly what Mr. King did not say was bandied around Britain and peddled back to Canada by men or agencies whose purpose could have been no other than willfully to discredit the Canadian prime minister.

Rude to Cabinet Ministers.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association made very few new friends and lost a goodly number of its old ones by its treatment at a banquet in Montreal of Honorable James Robb and Honorable George P. Graham. Both ministers were invited to attend the three-day session of the C. M. A. annual meeting. Both accepted and while at the head table, as guests of the Association, they were subjected to a torrent of criticism (as representatives of the Government) that ran very close to abuse. Neither minister was invited to speak, much less given any opportunity to reply to the addresses made in criticism of the budget. In view of the fact that there seems to be no dearth of money available among the followers of the C. M. A. banner for fighting the budget in the country, the leaders of that fight might have shown more courtesy and less crudeness in treatment of public men who had come as invited guests, not as intruders or interlopers.

Mr. Murdock Exonerated.

The report of the committee which investigated the charges made against Hon. James Murdock by E. Guss, Porter (Conservative), (Hastings West), in connection with the withdrawal of funds from the Home Bank prior to its failure will be presented to the House early this week. Its general tenor already is well known to the public, having been given wide publi-

city last week. Mr. Murdock now will resume his seat in parliament, a majority of the Committee having adjudged him to be innocent of any act in violation of his personal honour or of the traditions of parliament. There is little doubt that the Conservatives will attempt to re-open the case in the House, probably by moving that what they term a "Whitewashing report" be not adopted. The sense of Parliament as a body is that Mr. Murdock was guilty at the most of a very human error of judgment rather than of anything savouring of breach of trust and his friends have little apprehension as to the action of parliament should there be another attempt to put him in the pillory.

UNSELFISH SERVICE IN BUSINESS MATTERS

Rotary Stands For Service to Community in Which It is Established.

Toronto, June 18.—Thirty-six national, international and state or provincial trade and professional organizations have adopted codes of standard ethical practices for their members during the past year. Rotarians were told by Raymond M. Havens, of Kansas City, convention here to-day. There are 53 great national trade and professional organizations now operating with ethical codes binding their members to discard the old "let the buyer beware" and "business is business" and adopting the ideal that a business is only truly productive to its owner as it gives service to the community in which it is established.

As Chairman of the International Committee on business methods, Mr. Havens, former international president of Rotary, told his fellow members from all over the world, of the progress that had been made with the Rotary idea of unselfish service in business. Reports were presented from England, New Zealand, Japan, Cuba and other sections of the world. In England business ethics formed the basis of a course of lectures at one of its great universities and in this country members of the faculties of both Harvard and Yale have interested themselves in the matter. High schools in different sections of the country have encouraged students to adopt codes of ethics and a study of business practices, the convention was told.

This is "The Rotary Idea" day at the convention and the entire programme is designed to show the progress that has been made in developing ethical practices in the business and professional world.

John R. Williams, of Long Beach, California, chairman of the International Committee on Rotary Education, told the convention of the work of his committee in developing an understanding of the Rotary idea of service in individual Rotarians so that they could best act as missionaries to their business and professional associates.

Harry Bert Craddock, of Minneapolis, chairman of the Committee on Classifications, told of the work

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of classifying professions and businesses so that each individual member of Rotary would have a clearcut classification in his club. He said a Rotary Club is really a cross section of the business and professional community with but one man from each business or profession who is selected solely as being representative of his classification and to represent Rotary to his classification. Edward J. Cattell, of Philadelphia, Pa., made a stirring address on friendship and Rotary's idea in developing it.

This afternoon three special assemblies are being held to discuss club administrative problems and tonight the annual reception and ball by the international president will be given.

BATH BREVITIES.

A Dentist and a Shoemaker in Same Building.

Bath, Ont., June 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Hurst, Kingston, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Hagerman and family spent Sunday at Robert Stevenson's. Mrs. James Stevenson, Sr., is visiting at Robert Stevenson's. William Covert, Enterprise, spent Sunday at Faber Covert's.

Miss Edith Calver, Napanee, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Calver. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Creighton, Hamburg, have moved into the house which they recently



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Mr. and Mrs. M. Hogle, Link's Mills, spent Sunday at Fred Amey's. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and family, Morven, spent Sunday at A. McCaugherty's. Hugh Beggs, who has been seriously ill, is slightly improved.

Mr. Moulday, Kingston, has started a shoe repairing shop in part of the building owned by Harry Mott. Dr. McLaughlin, dentist, Napanee, is occupying part of the same building on Thursday of each week. Rev. Clarence Miller and wife are spending some time at B. B. Miller's.

Major R. D. Ponton, Belleville has been elected a member of the council of the Ontario Bar Association. There are some 290 radio stations in Russia.

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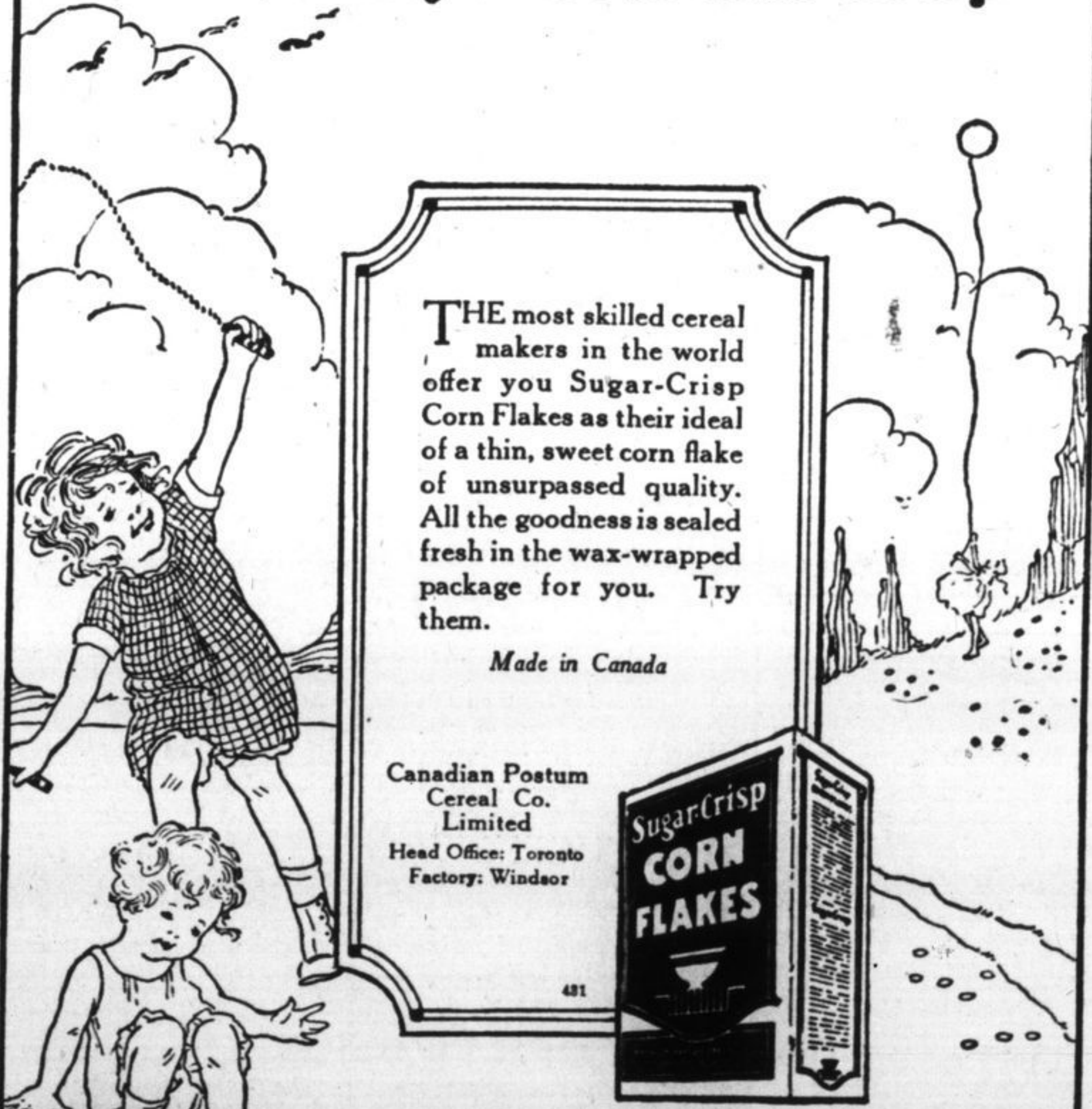
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