

OTTAWA LETTER



By J. Watson MacNaught, M.P. (Special To The Guardian)

Parliament resumed its sittings at three o'clock on Monday, after the Easter recess. Dr. McGarry, Liberal member from Inverness, Richmond, Nova Scotia, was back in his seat. Dr. McGarry had been absent since early in January, due to illness. He had been ordered by his physician to take a long holiday in Bermuda and it is pleasing to relate that he seems to be restored to his former health and vigor. Mackenzie King, who has been in Williamsburg, Virginia, receiving an honorary degree from the University of William and Mary, did not return to his seat until Tuesday. Most of the other members have returned from their constituencies.

The members from urban ridings insist that the ban on oleomargarine must go; those from rural ridings, more particularly ridings where dairying forms a large part of the economy, are just as vocal that the ban must remain. It is significant that the recent butter shortage has changed the sand of members from constituencies where the economy is both rural and urban. Their attitude seems to be that, if the dairy industry cannot supply an adequate amount of butter, then the ban on oleomargarine is extremely difficult to justify. It is most fortunate for the proponents of the ban on oleomargarine that at this time an acute shortage of butter should have developed in Canada.

When I left Ottawa to go home for the Easter recess, the snow had almost disappeared from the streets and lawns and the cleaners were removing the sand that had accumulated during the winter months. It is interesting to note that, although heroic efforts are made to keep the Ottawa streets free from ice, a considerable amount of forms after a while it becomes so firmly fixed that it is difficult to remove. The city then sends forth a number of men armed with buckets of sand, which they sprinkle rather freely over the streets. This has to be done almost daily and, by the time spring arrives, a considerable amount of sand will have accumulated. On mild days this is the bane of the housewife because no matter how careful one is to scrape one's shoes, some sand still sticks and is carried in and scattered over the house.

Yesterday on my return to Ottawa I noticed that the grass on the spacious lawns in front of the

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Parliament buildings had turned a lush green and that some of the crocuses that border the edges of these lawns were in bloom. Within the next day or two the daffodils will be in bloom too and from then until late fall there will be no lack of blooms around the Parliament buildings, and the lawn-adjacent thereto. As soon as the early blooms have faded, new ones—nurtured in hot houses—are put in their place and the timing is so good that one hardly notices that the old blooms have been removed and new ones put in their place.

Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, who spent her exile in Ottawa, presented the Federal Parks Commission with many tulips from her native land. These have thrived wonderfully in Canada and add much to the beauty of Parliament Hill in the spring months.

Ottawa is blessed with beautiful spring and autumn weather. The winters are severe and at times in summer the heat is intense; but the change from winter to spring is sudden and there is no long drawn out period of damp foggy windy weather such as we sometimes experience in the Maritimes.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

—BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH CHARGE.—Services Sunday, April 11th. Bedeque 11 A. M. Borden 3 P. M. Albany 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. Burton Crowe, B. A., Minister.

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—MAKE TRIP BY CAR — One of the first motor vehicles to arrive in Burlington after the recent plowing of the roads by the snow plow, was a jeep, owned by Mr. Ernest White, Charlottetown. Mr. White was accompanied by his wife and her sister, Miss Hilda MacLeod who remained in Burlington to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hickox.

Personals

—Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Small have returned to their home at Mis couche after spending the winter months in Toronto, Ont.

—Mr. Carman Thompson of Charlottetown was a visitor to Kelwin, Summerside and Margate, during the Easter holidays.

—Miss Marion Picketts, Kelwin, spent the Easter holidays at Canso, N. S., where she was the guest of her friend, Miss Barbara Forbes.

—Mr. Layton Profit, Burlington, was in Charlottetown on Friday, attending the organization meeting of the P. E. I. Junior Farmer's Federation.

—Miss Joan Casley, Kelwin, spent part of the Eastern vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark Linkletter. —Bur.

—Mrs. Keith Harrington, accompanied by her infant daughter, Ellen Maude, returned from the Prince County Hospital on Thursday to her home at Spring Valley. —Bur.

—Mr. Clayton Watts, New Hampshire, spent the past week at Margate, where he was the guest of his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hickox and family. —Bur.

—Mr. Earle Campbell has completed his course in blacksmithing, and is spending a week at his home at Burlington, before leaving to serve an apprenticeship at North River. —Bur.

—Continuing a series of card parties sponsored by Irishtown Women's Institute Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell entertained at six tables of progressive auction on Friday evening. Mrs. Hiram Harrington and Mr. Elvin Bryanton won the prizes for highest scores, and consolation awards went to Mrs. Charles Cole and Mr. Leaman Reeves. Assisting the hostess with refreshments were Mrs. Clayton Staver, Mrs. James Simmons and Mrs. Robert Staver.

Alberton

Mr. William Gillian, Sudbury, Ontario, is on an extended visit here, where he is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gillian.

Mr. Allan MacLean on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, recently enjoyed a brief holiday at his home in Moncton, N. B.

The sincere sympathy of many friends is extended to Mrs. Silas Rayner on the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Samuel Cotton at Mount Pleasant.

The activities of the Alberton Curling Club were brought to a close for the season by a banquet held in the Women's Institute Hall, last Wednesday evening. A round table discussion followed the dinner.

Miss Beth Clarke recently returned to resume her duties at the Hillside Restaurant, after a brief but most enjoyable holiday spent with friends in Charlottetown, who gave her a most cordial welcome.

The Reverend L. J. Leard and Mrs. Leard have arrived from Canning, N. S., to supply the Alberton charge of the United Church of Canada for the next few months. Mr. Leard is a native of Alberton and he and Mrs. Leard are receiving a warm welcome.

The Ladies Aid (Western Hospital) Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) W. Shea on Thursday evening. There was a large number in attendance, and a great deal of work was accomplished. Following a very enjoyable special half hour, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Outstanding among the Easter entertainments was a "Special Dance" in the Women's Institute Hall. Excellent music was furnished under the direction of Mr. C. R. Leard. An interesting feature of the evening was a novelty dance. The proceeds of this largely attended affair were donated to aid

of the "Canadian Appeal For Children Fund."

—Word has been received of the passing at the City Hospital, Saskatoon, Sask., of Mr. Harris Leard, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Leard of Alberton. Besides his family Mr. Leard is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Ira in California, Alvah in Worcester, Mass., The Reverend W. B. Leard in Alberta, Elmer and Leewin in Saskatoon, (Minnie) Mrs. Lettney in New Hampshire, Katie in Vermont; Lillie in Vancouver and (Carrie) Mrs. Gates in California. Mr. Leard was predeceased by two brothers and one sister; Henry of Alberton, Miles of Saskatoon and (Laura) Mrs. W. Descoia of Saskatoon.

Ladies of St. Peter's Anglican church met at the Rectory on Mar. 22nd for the organization of a Guild. The following officers were elected: President: Mrs. H. W. Matthews; Vice President: Mrs. C. R. Profit; Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Vernon England. A committee was appointed to contact all ladies in the congregation with the object of increasing membership. A planning committee, comprising Mrs. E. B. Champion, Mrs. J. C. Travers, and Mrs. J. W. Nowe, was appointed. At a subsequent meeting of this committee, it was decided to hold a social meeting and

Hall. Regular meetings of the Guild will be held the fourth Monday in each month.

Older residents of this community learned with regret of the passing of Miss Mary E. Gordon at her home in Summerside on Good Friday. Following a brief service at the Bowness Funeral Home in Summerside, her body was conveyed by motor hearse to Alberton on Monday, where the funeral service was held in the Presbyterian Church, and was conducted by her minister, The Reverend C. Carnegie, S'ide, assisted by The Reverend G. B. Cunningham of Alberton. Hymns sung were "Unto the Hills" and "Abide With Me." Pallbearers were Messrs. Nelson Oliver, Leigh Weeks, Herbert Clark, Howard Clark, Willard Waugh and Fred Clark. Miss Gordon was laid to rest beside her parents in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in the Dock.

Prior to their departure for their new home in Brooklyn, N. S., the Reverend J. M. Fraser, and Mrs. Fraser, were guests of honor at a congregational social in the United Church Hall, As. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser entered the hall the large gathering greeted them by singing "Good Evening To You." Mr. J. W. Waugh, on behalf of the Alberton Congregation, read an address and presented a gift of money.

Carl Weeks read a message from the English congregation, and made the presentation on their behalf. To these outward signs of appreciation Mr. and Mrs. Fraser answered most fittingly and voiced deep gratitude of the fellowship they had enjoyed during their five years on this charge. A short program included a solo by Barbara Brown, a duet by Dorothy Bonnyman and Joan Currie, a message and clever impersonation by the Reverend W. I. MacDonald of Emsdale. Appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser's work, and regret at their departure were expressed in messages from the different organizations in the congregation. Mrs. C. H. Weeks spoke for the Sunday School, Mrs. Arthur Wright for the Ladies' Aid, Mr. Arnold Herlihy for the Y. P. U., Miss Ruth Pike for the Mission Band, and Miss Alice Gordon for the W. M. S. The last message included a lovely poem composed for the occasion by one of the Auxiliary members. Mrs. John H. Wells, dressed in an old fashioned costume, rendered an original "Lyric" to the tune of "Red River Valley." After a delicious lunch had been served, a hearty sing-song under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Don Campbell was enjoyed by all. The singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and prayer by the Rev. W. I. MacDonald brought the evening of good fellowship to a close.

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