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omestic Problem s Taken In Hand y Ernest Bevin

BY MARGARET ECKER
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Feb. 23 —(CP)— The ountess, the lady and plain Mrs. ones who are winning the war in ritain over a dish pan or a scrubbing pail are going to see that omestic help on this island get ore respect and consideration after he war.

The domestic servant in post-war ritain will be treated as an individual, members of parliament and women leaders are stating. This new umanitarianism may have its roots some women getting a taste of heir own medicine.

Two stories of interest to women eadlined London papers in the past eek, and the two are closely reated.

Ernest Bevin, British minister of abor, hinted that between 20,000 and 0,000 women in the over-forty group ay soon be called up as maids and ooks in hospitals and other institutions, at present hamstrung by the ck of labor.

He went on to say that the call-up ould not be restricted to domestic ervants but would include the lady f the manor and the middleclass ousewife.

The second news story told of mass eetings held by women in all arts of London to plan a place in ost-war society for the girls who ork below stairs. One meeting was alled by the dowager Countess of irlie who told housewives that they ould have to mend their ways if oung girls were to be attracted ack into domestic service.

"Servants must have equal place ith their co-workers in other industries," she said.

Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, writer and ocial worker, at another meeting tated that the girls must no longer e called "servants" but "domestic ssistants." Some of their other rievances she cited as unkind criticism by arrogant mistresses who now little about housekeeping themselves; having to live in the house and being chided for "answering back" if they expressed an opinion.

Another social worker, Elaine urton has published a book, "Domestic Work", in which she demands that domestic workers must have regular hours, minimum wages, decent living accommodation, and a pre-service training course that will make them experts in their jobs.

Mr. Bevin has expressed his resolution to solve the eternal servant problem by insuring fair working conditions for any domestic servants called up by the government.

"Lack of organization among mistresses and workers is one of my chief stumbling blocks," he said. "If there was a union of domestic workers- or of mistresses-we could frame a charter immediately."

Proposed wages at present are approximately 35 cents an hour for cooks and $12.50 a week for general maids. This scale has been accepted by hospitals and institutions for workers recently called up and will be extended to the 30,000 to be added to the staffs.

Mr. Bevin has stated: "I want to produce a scheme which will after the war put domestic service on a real service basis and create an avenue of employment with a proper status."

SOUTH WINSLOE W. I.

The February meeting of the South Winsloe W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Finley McLeod. Meeting opened by repeating the creed in unison.

Thirteen members and two visitors were present. Two new members were added to the Roll. Roll call, reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting was followed by the reports of the various committees.

New committees were then appointed: Sick, Hazel Good, Phyllis Auld (reappointed); School, Verna Turner, Mrs. John Good. It was decided to purchase boards for a stage in the school, to be used for entertainments. The Secretary was directed to purchase material for the making of two quilts for the Red Cross.

$25 was voted for the coming Red Cross Drive.

Mrs. Roland Beaton, read the paper on Laws Governing Women and Children.

Collection amounted to $1.08. Next meeting to be held at Mrs. Wallace Rodds. Roll call to be answered by each member with a square or squares for a quilt.

Lunch committee: Mrs. Perley Taylor, Mrs. Gordon Roberts, Mrs. John Good.

DARNLEY W. I.

The members of Darnley W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Arthur McKay on Tuesday evening for their February meeting. In spite of the cold unpleasant weather, there was a large attendance of members. In the absence of the President the Vice President presided and opened the meeting by singing O Canada, followed by the creed in unison. Roll call was answered with something on Valentine.

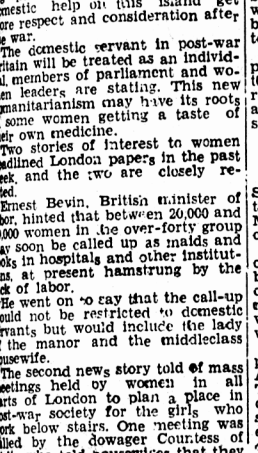
Minutes were read and business discussion followed. New Sick and school committees were appointed and correspondents was read. It was decided to have a Valentine Social in the Hall and draw for the mat which had recently been hooked by some of the members and tickets were sold for same.

It was also decided to get the men to haul and put up some ice for using for ice cream socials and a committee was appointed for same. Mrs. Wallace Adams kindly invited the members to her home for their weekly Red Cross knitting for the following week. The program committee entertained with a Valentine contest which caused great amusement. Another item of interest on the program was a grab bag which all enjoyed and added greatly to the funds. The meeting then adjourned with the National Anthem after which a delicous lunch was served by the hostess. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and knitting.—V

NEW ZEALAND HELPS

WELLINGTON, N.Z. —(CP)— In the first four years of war, New Zealand sent 2,097,000 tons of food and 3,250,000 bales of wool to the U.S. Forces in the Pacific area.

Lonergan Witness



John L. Maricini, above, former tennis professional known as John Lovett March, may be a "very vital witness" in the New York trial for wife-murder of Wayne Lonergan, according to chief defense counsel. Maricini and another man were accused, in 1941, of rape of 17-year-old Bronx model. Charges against both were dismissed.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds

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DEBATE ON DRAFT ADDRESS CONTINUED

Addresses By Messrs. George E. Saville And H. S. Francis.

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HAMPTON UNITED CHURCH.—Minister, Rev. Roy E. Vessey, B.D. Services Sunday, February 27th. Bonshaw 11 A. M. DeSable 3 P. M. Victoria 7.30 P. M. 2-25-1i.

NEW LONDON PRESBYTERIAN CHARGE.—February 27th. South Granville 11.00 A. M. Long River 2.30 P. M. Clifton 7.30 P. M. Rev. H. M. Buntain, Minister. 2-25-1i.

CENTRAL PARISH. — Services Sunday, February 27th. Canoe Cove 2.30 P. M. Nine Mile Creek 7 P. M. Rev T. W. Goodwill, Minister. 2-25-1i.

MARSHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. —Services Sunday, February 27th. There will be one service at Marshfield only at 11 A.M. Rev. Henry P. Baak, Minister. 2-25-1i.

TRYON — BONSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH.—Owing to the absence of the pastor there will be no services on this circuit Sunday, February 27th. 2-25-1i.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Brookfield Charge. Divine worship will be held next Lord's day as follows: Hunter River 11 A. M. Glasgow Road 3 P. M. Brookfield 7.30 P. M. Donald Nicholson, Student Minister. 2-25-1i.

CHURCH NOTICE. — Winsloe United Church Services February 27th. Highfield 11 A. M. Princetown Road 3 P. M Winsloe South 7.30 P. M. Rev. T. Constable. Minister. Weather and roads permitting. 2-25-1i.

BRADALBANE United Church Church Services on Sunday, February 27th as follows: Pleasant Valley 11 A. M. Rose Valley 3 P. M. Bradalbane 7.30 P. M. W. M. S. Prayer Service Friday, 3.30 P. M. Rev. D. J. Morrison, Minister. 2-25-1i.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. —Hunter River Pastoral Charge. Services will be held on Sunday, February 27th. Wiltshire 11.00 A.M. Wheatley River 3.00 P. M. Hunter River 7.30 P. M. Rev. Lewis M. Murray, Minister. 2-25-1i.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES. Sunday, February 27th. St. John's Chruch, Crapaud. Evening Prayer 7.30 P. M. (Wednesday, March 1st at 8.00 P. M. Evening Prayer). St. Elizabeth's Church, Springfield, Morning Prayer 11.00 A. M. Rev. G. R. Hartman, Rector. 2-25-1i.

BURIAL SERVICES — The funeral of Mrs. (Col.) George Crockett was held from the York United Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20th. Services at the home, church and grave were conducted by Rev. J. A. Nicholson. The pallbearers were: Col. J. P. Hooper Lemuel A. MacDougall, Capt. W. E. Hardy, Milton Vessey, Ira D. Carr and Ambrose Mallett. Interment was in York Cemetery.

Messrs. Sutherland MacKay and Alex MacDonald, Springfield are in the city this week attending the Farmers' Meetings.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.— Services for Sunday, (February 27th, Cardigan 2.30 P. M. Montague 7 P. M. Rev. Henry Mathews, M. A., M. R. S. A. 2-25-1i.

BONSHAW W. I.

The February meeting of the Bonshaw W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. L. T. Beaton. The president, Mrs. Hector MacNevin presided and opened the meeting with O Canada followed by the Creed. There were nine members and two visitors present. Roll Call was answered with a flour sack or a 15-inch quilt patch, followed by reading of the minutes of previous meeting. The sick committee brought in their report.

On motion it was voted to send $2.00 to the Kinsmen Club. Final arrangements were made for the dance and box social to be held in the Hall. 8 quilts were finished for the Red Cross. A generous donation of quilt material was received from T. Eaton's, which was greatly apreciated.

A very interesting paper on Laws governing women and children, was read by Mrs. Allen Stewart, followed by a quizz game. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Allen Stewart, roll call to be answered with an Irish joke. Lunch was served by the hostess followed by delicious ice cream. The meeting closed with the King.

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Provincial Legislature, Feb. 23.
Continuation of the debate on the Draft Address:

MR. GEORGE E. SAVILLE

Mr George E. Saville (Liberal) Fifth District of King's, said it was not correct that Premier Jones had only been "discovered" prior to the last election He had heard of Mr. Jones for thirty or thirty-five years. He was known all through North America as a breeder of high class cattle. The difficulty with the Liberal Party was that they had so many good men to choose from, Mr. Saville thought they made a good choice in the present leader.

His first political love he admitted, was the Liberal Conservative Party. But it was the Liberal Conservatives and not he who had changed. Their policy under Sir John A. Macdonald was far different than the policy which Borden advocated in 1911. He recalled when the Conservatives once went to the country on the issue of "Reciprocity and the Tunnel."

The "whole thing" is working for free trade now, including Mr. Bracken's platform, Mr. Saville maintained. Unless there is freer trade we shall have another war within twenty-five years.

With regard to soldiers' votes, he recalled a provincial election here in 1915 under the Conservatives, and no Island soldiers overseas voted. Our soldiers and sailors are not thinking about votes today, he said. They are thinking about the great issues of the war.

From Georgetown with a population of 700 or 800 people in peacetime, there have been over 200 enlistments. Other centres have also contributed largely to the armed forces. That is why the vote in the last election was so small throughout the Island, Mr. Saville said.

The Conservatives had represented Georgetown for a great many years, and Georgetown had been "getting nowhere." Meanwhile Prince County was electing Liberals and they were forging ahead. Since he had been elected he had helped to get six or seven miles of paved road. The road had been gravelled into Georgetown and roads had been widened and improved in other sections. Much more would have been done but for the war.

In one section in King's County the whole community is growing potatoes. It had been claimed for the territory from Annandale to East point that it was the finest potato growing section on the continent.

After Recess

Resuming the debate after recess, Mr. Saville said he would strongly advocate giving all soldiers the property vote.

Mr. McPhee: "It wouldn't have made much difference, would it?"

Mr. Saville: "Not much now, but I think the time has come when that provision should be made." He had been defeated in 1927 in one poll alone through the property vote, he said. No doubt every Councillor had the same trouble. A man and his wife had voted against him because they possessed foxes. They had no more right to vote on foxes than on a cow. He thought merchant seamen should also have the property vote. He commended The Guardian on a recent editorial dealing with the achievements of merchant seamen.

If the C.C.F. got control of this country, he predicted, there would be more regimentation. One speaker (Premier Jones) had said that the Ontario soldiers instructed their proxies to vote C.C.F., but Mr. Saville doubted this very much. The C.C.F. leaders are fanatics and our people would be well advised to have nothing whatever to do with them.

He recalled that in 1935 the Liberals had campaigned on a balanced budget platform. But he had always maintained that the sinking fund should be counted as capital expenditure because it was paying off the debt. At that time they were building the Borden highway and there had been no provision for that work. Premier Lea had to call a special session to finance this project. The Campbell Government on the other hand made provision to repay their road paving expenditures from the gasoline tax.

More capital expenditures, Mr. Saville believed, will have to be made. Every paved or gravelled road is assisting the farmer. He noticed in the press that asphalt can now be obtained, and he the Minister of Highways to place some on the streets of Souris as soon as possible. He hoped also to see the Seven Mile Road gravelled and paved. He was pleased that a considerable amount of subgrading was done last year in King's County.

Improved transportation was becoming more and more important. He looked forward to the day when Prince Edward Island would have at least 200,000 population. He recalled having advocated a causeway from Carleton Point to Cape Traverse which it was estimated would cost considerably less than half the cost of a tunnel. Either a causeway or a tunnel will be needed here in the future, he believed.

As much money as possible should be spent on agriculture, Mr. Saville said. He was glad to note that the Federal Government has permitted the sale of Canada No. 1 seed potatoes for seed. While agriculture is in a pretty good condition today, it is not nearly as well off as some people think. The farmers of this Province deserve "all kinds of praise" because they are sticking to their jobs. He contrasted their attitude with that of men in shipyards in Pictou who are earning more money in a month than they used to earn in a year, and are talking about going on strike.

Potato blight, which struck the Province badly last year, will increase until we have a dry, hot summer, Mr. Saville believed. Power sprayers are not absolutely necessary if a hand sprayer can be obtained and put to work.

Farmers should pay particular attention to their hay land, and then they will not have to worry about hay shortages. The speaker mentioned a new fertilizer, synamide, which farmers in his district used on their hay last year with satisfactory results.

He expressed gratification at the higher fishery prices. He commended the Liberal policy of assistance to fishermen, and said he noticed that nearly every constituency with a large number of fishermen voted Liberal at the last election. Our fisheries, he predicted will be a source of wealth long after the last vestige of fertility has been farmed out of the western provinces. In reply to a question from Dr. MacMillan, he said that might be in "ten, fifteen or twenty years."

He urged the Government to help fishermen build larger boats to enable them to go further offshore during the summer months.

He was afraid the Opposition leader was right in predicting that the war would go beyond the present year.

Paying tribute to the fighting forces, he commended Lt.-Col. Gordon DeBlois' letter which appeared in the press, and said he would like to see it placed in the school books of this Province.

MR. H. S. FRANCIS

Mr. H. S. Francis (Liberal) First District of King's, said his constituents preferred one election every four years and "the termination of election disputes afterwards." They wanted action from their members. In his district there are five and one-half miles of paved roads. This does not serve the bulk of the district. They require paved roads along the south side from Souris to East Point and Elmira.

"We have a tremendous amount of bad roads", Mr. Francis said. "We have a road running from our main south road to Basin Head harbour where a large amount of fish is processed; it is only a mile and a half, and it is not a road at all, it is only a trail." He said he did want to be regarded as criticising the Government, but he wished they would give consideration to this matter.

"We must not be led away by the present wartime prosperity into thinking it will last forever," he continued. "We must get our feet on the ground and prepare to meet the problems of our farm and fishery industries when normal times return."

He urged that the question of widowed mother's pensions be looked into.

Contrary to the view expressed in the Speech from the Throne Mr. Francis thought the end of the war may be no means in sight. "It is bad and not getting very much better. One thing to do was try to make the Province a better place for our boys to come back to. If, not, he predicted that those who did return would not be content to stay here.

He indorsed the need for rural electrification. Even if the Premier's ideal could not be obtained some small streams could be harnessed. "A little hog is better than no pork." This would have a tendency to stimulate other industries. We will require these industries to share in the prosperity that is coming after the war.

Fixed prices for farm products, he said, can only be maintained insofar as we have a consuming population. In the building trade the material of the future will be plastics formed of wood products, the base of which is wood pulp. It is quite possible tha these materials could be manufactured here. There was also the possibility of processing Irish moss here.

With regard to aid to agriculture, Mr. Francis was somewhat sceptical. "Give the farmer a good price for his product, a road or rail to haul it, and nature will do the rest," he said.

By Edwina

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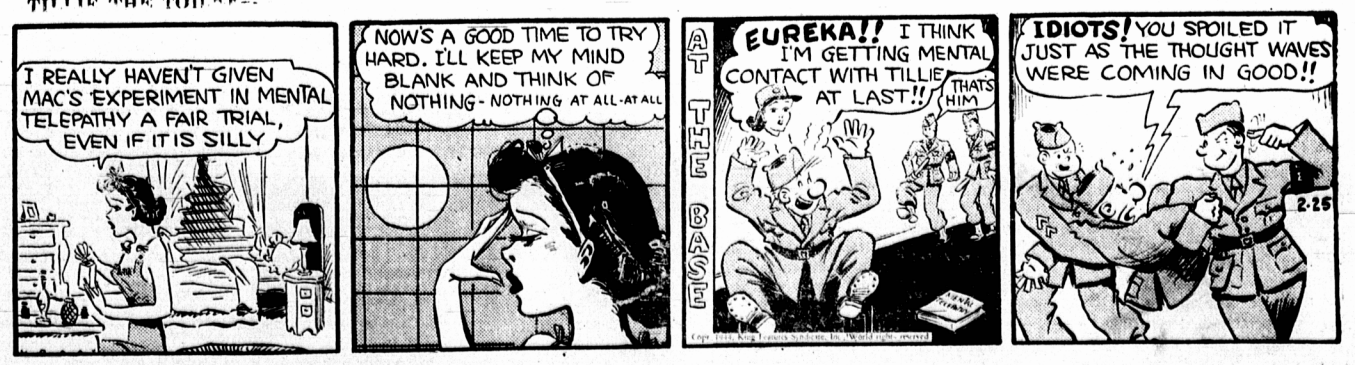
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