OTTAWA JOTTINGS

Opposition Objected To Method Of Tax Reduction

By John A. Macdonald, M.P.

The week began with the announcement of the tax reductions to be put into effect early in the New Year. The changes will affect about four and half million — almost a quarter of our population — mostly in the low-income tax bracket. Anything that eases the tax burden is of course popular and the government took another long step in the fulfillment of its promises to reduce taxation. It was a difficult subject for the opposition to handle.

Objection was made to the method of introducing such changes without a budget but when the proposals were put before the House, as expected, they passed unanimously. The reduction of the tax on cars has been drawn up so that dealers will not have to bear the brunt of the change as they did when the last reduction was made.

PRICE SPREADS

An important committee announced by the Prime Minister was that set up to look into the price spreads between the primary producer and the consumer. For the past number of years there has been a great deal of complaint on that differential and the whole subject could stand a thorough investigation. If there are good reasons for a spread in some cases then at least people will know why and they have every right to know. It is hoped that much benefit will be derived from the investigations of this able and representative committee. Not long ago the government announced that it is investigating the large beer combine centered in Montreal.

Another worthy move of the government has been the crackdown on the brokerage firms which have been operating from Toronto and with extensive dealings in questionable mining stocks in both Canada and the United States.

POLL

Some interesting figures were released by the Gallup Poll at the end of November regarding the popularity of the two main parties in Canada. Before the election the Poll showed the standings at Progressive-Conservative 39 per cent vs. Liberals 43 per cent with the balance divided between the other parties. Election results showed that the reports were out slightly and the reason given was that the samplings were taken several weeks previous to the polling date and a minor trend was still running in favor of the Conservatives.

In August the national picture had changed to show the Progressive Conservatives with 47 per cent and the Liberals 33 per cent. By October the pendulum had further changed to 48 per cent for the former and 35 per cent for the latter. Today the Poll shows Progressive Conservatives at 50 per cent, Liberals at 33 per cent, C. C. F. at 9 per cent Social Credit at 7 per cent and others 1 per cent. In the Maritimes, the Poll showed Progressive Conservatives with 61 per cent, Liberals with 37 per cent and others 2 per cent. In Quebec in the last month the Progressive Conservative support has increased from 40 to 43 per cent; in the West from 43 to 45 per cent, and in Ontario from 55 to 57 per cent.

One of the important services provided for members and senators here is the use of the Parliamentary Library. It is a beautiful circular edifice at the back of the main building, and is the only part of the building which survived the fire in 1916. Besides having a plentiful supply of books, it has ready access to those not presently on the shelves.

READING ROOM

In addition to this service, there is the Reading Room which carries daily copies of every newspaper across the country, as well as all important periodicals in the English and French language. In the important phase of being a well-informed member, study and research are vital. Hence, we are very fortunate in having these facilities so readily at hand.

A few Saturdays ago I spent nearly all day browsing through the various shelves in getting a general idea of what is available. I was interested in the biographies of Sir John A. Macdonald, our first Prime Minister, and my first book borrowed incidentally was Donald Creighton's first volume on this famous statesman.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

VICTORIA Cross Christmas Concert December 20th.

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DANCES at the Beaver Club Hall Montague are discontinued for this season.

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A MEETING of the Montague South poll, Progressive Conservative Party, will be held Friday, December 20th at Cameron Reid's office at 8:00 p.m.

MONTAGUE Ring season tickets will make an excellent Christmas gift. prices $1.00, $1.50 $2.00 Contact Drug Stores in Montague.

NOTICE — There will be a meeting of the intermediate hockey league at Montague rink, Wednesday December 18th. 7:30 p.m.

ALL ODDFELLOWS and Rebekahs are requested to attend the Christmas party in lodge rooms December 19th, followed by carol singing at Hospital and Museum.

Bring lunch and gifts.

LODGE MEETING — The regular meeting of ACME Rebekah Lodge was held on Thursday, Dec. 12, with the Noble Grand, Sister Annie Bears in the chair. The meeting was opened in regular form. The regular business of the lodge was transacted. It was decided to have the Christmas tree and party next Thursday night after the meeting following which Christmas carols will be sung around the Christmas tree at the Gardens of the Gulf Museum at the Kings County Memorial Hospital. At the close of the meeting several boxes of used clothing were packed for needy families.

PERSONALS

The many friends of Mr. Heath Stewart are pleased to see him about again following his recent illness in the Kings County Memorial Hospital as a result of the flu.

Mr. Cameron Reid, prominent business man of Montague, recently returned from Toronto where he attended a convention of Massey Harris dealers.

Geo'town Men To Decorate Church

The monthly supper meeting of the Men's Association Saint David's United Church Georgetown, was held Monday night with a good attendance and included wives and friends of the members.

The devotional period was conducted by Helge Larsen and Harry Yorston.

Mrs. Anderson of Charlottetown then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Keith Rogers, who spoke on "The Power of Prayer". Mr. Cecil Letacheur thanked Mrs. Rogers for her inspiring address.

Miss Vera Beck, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. L. Dingwell of Charlottetown sang several numbers which were greatly enjoyed by the members and guests. Mr. Yorston then briefly addressed the meeting.

During the business meeting conducted by the president, Mr. Preston MacDonald, plans were made for decorating the church for the Christmas season and a donation was made toward a new church organ which is to be purchased in the near future.

Meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Hold Concert At Murray R.

A very successful variety concert was held in the Murray River public hall on Wednesday evening. The concert opened with George Ferguson as master of ceremonies.

The program included such numbers as chorus - "John Brown's Body" Murray River male chorus; step dancing - Reg Johnston.

Chorus - "I'm Saving My Money" and "Li'l Liza Jane," Murray River Small Fry. Dialogue - "Truant husbands"; solo- "Roses Are Blooming" Emerson O'Connor; trio - "Massa in de cold cold groun" Murray River male trio; tap dancing-Miss Stewart; solo - "Friends and Neighbors", Marilyn Keenan, quartette - "My Happiness" Murray Harbor girls; trio- "The Old Oaken Bucket" and "Home On The Range"; Brooklyn Trio, Instrumental music by the string quartet from Kilmuir, step dancing - Emerson O'Connor; duet - "Now Is The Hour," Mary Prowse and Elaine Penny; duet - "Hopscotch Polka" and "The Tennesee Wigwalk" the Bieren Twins; trio - "Flow Gently Sweet Afton" Brooklyn Trio.

A one act play "Come Here Henry" was followed by a solo "Mary of Argyle" and "Why Did I Kiss That Girl?" Johnny Beers; chorus- "Look Away" and "Seeing Nellie Home"; "The Queen".

Thankoffering Service Held At Montague

The annual thankoffering service of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Montague, was held Sunday evening November 24th. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. D.A. Campbell, who also preached in an inspiring sermon on Missionary work at home and overseas.

Special music included a solo "Bless this House" by John Beans and two hymns "How Great Thou Art" and "Close to Thee" by the Brooklyn Trio.

The music was under the direction of the organist Mrs. A.F. Campbell. A reception for the choir and guests was held in the church hall following the service.

Are Discharged From Hospital

Mr. John Lecco of Point Pleasant and Mr. John Saunders of Murray River, both of whom suffered amputations as the result of accidents, have been discharged from the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Lecco lost his lower left leg several weeks ago while attempting to disengage a log which was caught in the saw at his mill

Mr. Saunders right arm was lost in a comparable accident while engaged in sawing on his farm.

Both men are in good health and spirits.

Accept Tender For Fuel Oil

The Montague Town Council recently announced the acceptance of the tender presented by Mr. Homer Moar of Canadian Oil for the supplying of fuel oil for town of Montague. Price quoted was 1.1 cents per gallon below the price prevailing at time of purchase.

Duncan Family Are Welcomed

A very pleasant social event took place recently, when the residents of Albion Cross, together with friends from adjacent districts, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Duncan to welcome them and their two little daughters to their new home in the district.

After they had been welcomed, on behalf of the people of the community, they were presented with a beautiful electric floor lamp, from Albion Cross, as well as many useful individual gifts from others present.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan expressed their thanks after which the ladies served a delicious lunch. An enjoyable social evening was spent and with the singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows", they bade Gordon and Irene good night and good neighbours.

Gets Month For Mistreating Cat

DUDLEY, England Reuters — Mrs. Sarah Holt, 42, was sentenced Monday to a month in jail for being cruel to her cat.

Mrs. Holt was accused of locking up the cat in her house while she went hop-picking. The animal was slowly starving to death when a neighbor saw it clawing at the window and called police, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said.

But Mrs. Holt, who pleaded not guilty, maintained she put the cat out before leaving home. Somehow, pussy must have sneaked back in, she added.

LONG ORDEAL

ST. THOMAS, Ont. (CP)—A tomcat must have used up most of its nine lives when it became stranded atop a power pole here. The cat paced the crossbar, with its 2,300-volt power lines, until rescued by a lineman two days later.

Attention All Comrades and Veterans

Mt. Stewart and District Branch of the Canadian Legion have a Christmas party organized for the children of comrades and veterans. Leave your gifts for children with Santa at Legion Room Tuesday evening Dec. 17th or Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18th.

Party to be held in St. Andrew's Theatre, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Santa in attendance. Free fruits and candy from Santa.

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SOURIS-MONTAGUE-GEORGETOWN

Train leaving Charlottetown for Souris, Montague and Georgetown at 2:30 p.m. will be held until 4:00 p.m. Dec. 23rd and 24th.

ELMIRA

Train leaving Souris for Elmira at 5:45 p.m. will be held until 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 23rd and 24th.

SOUTHPORT - MURRAY HARBOR

Train leaving Charlottetown at 2:45 p.m. and train leaving Southport for Murray Harbor at 3:00 p.m. will be held until 3.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. respectively on Dec. 23rd and 24th.

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