

OTTAWA JOTTINGS

Public Interest Awakened

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The holiday week-end marking the Queen's Birthday was a busy one around the House of Commons. Parliament was literally overwhelmed by a swarm of visitors armed with cameras who came from all parts of Canada and many of the United States to tour the parliament buildings. On Saturday the guide system broke down completely due to the tremendous overflow of people and members called out from seats in the House could barely get through the milling crowds of visitors wishing to see how their government functions and where they do their work.

It was indeed refreshing to note the large numbers who toured the buildings and demonstrated their interest in parliament. Often the member in public life is disappointed in the lack of interest by the public. It is gratifying to note, however, that there has been a very considerable awakening of interest in public affairs over the past few years—many date it from the time of the famous Pipeline Debate.

During the past week or so before coming to the session I travelled over all our railway lines in King's County to familiarize myself with the kind of railway services available to each particular area. Passenger considerations are no longer a major factor in railway schedules or services although still of value to some isolated areas. However, our Island economy is vitally affected by other essential services provided by the railway. In this regard there could be considerable improvement during the heavier shipping season to the advantage of our farmers and shippers—where now they are placed at a disadvantage when other sections of the province in the change of schedules of several years ago.

CAUSEWAY SURVEY

While dealing with transportation, it is satisfying to note that the survey for the P.E.I.-N.B. causeway is being carried out this summer. Canadian-British Joint Venture will soon have the set-up for their engineering project completed and carry on with their investigation during the next few months. Again I have placed on the Order Paper a Notice of Motion of the following proposed Resolution:

"That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should give early consideration to the advisability of commencing the construction of a causeway between the provinces of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick at the earliest feasible date."

It is hoped that this resolution will come up for debate before long. At any rate, our Island members are taking advantage of every opportunity to keep this important project before the Gov-

ernment and are hopeful of its eventual approval.

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

An important Committee to be set up at this Session will be the new Sialding Committee of Estimates. This will follow the British system and will be chaired by a member of the Opposition. As the Prime Minister described it, "it will act as a watchdog guarding against the waste of public funds". The Committee will be free to decide which departments of government it will investigate and will have authority to compel the attendance of needed witnesses and the production of records.

The previous government in the last few years of its administration set up committees on estimates which were not effective. In the first place, the government decided which estimates would be referred to the committee, had its own chairman and did not provide for witnesses to be called nor records to be produced. It is widely felt that this committee will be a most important one and perform a long overdue service to the people towards the elimination of waste and extravagance in government service.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Another valuable Committee to be set up on a permanent basis this Session is the Committee on Veterans Affairs. For many years veterans and their organizations have asked for such and finally it has been granted. This will provide for a wider and more thorough discussion of veterans affairs besides giving the subject an increased status in being raised to the status of a Standing Committee. Certainly no one will argue against the importance of a committee which deals with the problems of those veterans who have accomplished so much for this country. Next week I will deal more thoroughly with this subject in a review of the biannual Dominion Convention of the Canadian Legion.

Retired Artist, Sculptor Dies

WASHINGTON (CP) — Maj. George Paterson, 71, Scottish-born artist and sculptor, died Tuesday.

A native of Edinburgh, he went to Canada as a youth and was the first man in Nelson, B.C., to enlist when the First World War broke out. His works were shown in the Canadian pavilion at International exhibitions in Glasgow, Paris and New York. He came to Washington to live upon his retirement two years ago.

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which was completed last week. In the front row are shown Beryl Vessey and Donna Cooper, while behind them stand the other five members of the choral group, left to right, Marilyn Lewis,

Pauline Saunders, Martan Vessey, Jean Andrews, and Lorna Vessey. The girls sang the test piece required in this competition, "All Through The Night."

Expect Blunt Discussion On U.S. Trade Policies

MONTREAL (CP) — United States trade policies, a source of irritation to many Canadians, will highlight one session of the three-day annual general meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers Association which got under way here Tuesday.

Expectations were that some of the 1,300 delegates to the "parliament of Canadian industry" would speak bluntly about U.S. policies which restrict the flow of this country's raw materials to the American markets and at the same time block the sale of most manufactured products south of the border.

Indications were Canada's industrial leaders would reiterate demands for increased tariff protection to retain a large portion of the domestic market for Canadian industry.

Russia's role in world trade will be discussed by W. R. McLachlan, executive vice-president of A. V. Roe (Canada) Limited of Toronto. He returned recently from a tour of the U.S.S.R. which included an interview with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. He will speak on Russia as a potential market for and a competitor of Canadian industry.

TO OUTLINE PROBLEMS

The problems which must be faced by Canadian industry in international trade are to be outlined by H. George De Young of Welland, Ont., president of Atlas Steels Limited.

In other sessions, the industrial leaders will take a searching look at Canadian education and management. Speakers on man-

agement include former works minister Robert Winters, now president of the Rio Tinto Mining Company; President R. W. Todgham of the Chrysler Corporation of Canada and President S. M. Finlayson of the Canadian Marconi Company.

The problems of education in the space age will be discussed by Sir Robert Watson-Watt, inventor of radar and president of Adalia Limited of Montreal; Dr. A. W. Trueman, a director of the Canada Council and President G. L. Wilcox of Canadian Westinghouse Limited.

Pastor Is Welcomed

A large congregation was in attendance last Sunday evening at the Montague United Baptist Church to welcome their new pastor, Rev. A.G.J. Steeves, M. A., B. Ed., B. D.

For his first service in his new Pastorate, Rev. Mr. Steeves preached an inspiring sermon on the text Heb. 12:2, "Looking Unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith". The choir chose as an anthem "The Cleansing Wave".

Mr. Steeves was also warmly received at the morning service in the Murray River Church and at the afternoon service in the Sturgeon Church.

Major British Financier Faces Fraud Charge

LONDON (AP) — Arthur J. Whitehead, one of Britain's major financiers, Tuesday was charged with conspiring to cheat and defraud investors in promoting shares of Canadian oil company and a South African gold mine.

With the 65-year-old financier in the prisoner's dock at Bow Street court sat five other men. They were accused of being interested in a stock-boasting circular which caused prices to rise. All pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutor Mervyn Griffith-Jones told the court that the financial circular urged investors to buy Tati Goldfield stocks and

Other topics slated for discussion by the industrial parliament include industrial relations, transportation, marketing and public relations. Election of officers is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker will address the windup annual dinner Thursday night and General Alfred Gruenther, president of the American National Red Cross, formerly supreme allied commander in Europe, will discuss the security problem faced by the free world.

Sage Oil Company. Tati was described as an African company and Sage as Canadian.

The prosecutor said he hopes to prove that one way they made money was to buy a stock they were going to recommend and then sell it for profit when people started buying the stock.

In Edmonton B. A. Sage, general manager of Sage Oil Company Limited, said Tuesday Whitehead bought 1,500,000 company shares for about \$675,000 in 1957.

He said Whitehead is a director of the company and one of its largest shareholders.

The company's crude oil output increased from about 3,500 barrels a month early in 1957 to about 14,000 barrels a month by the end of last year, largely because of Whitehead's investment in the company, Mr. Sage said.

Imports Down For February

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's imports declined by 16 per cent last February, mainly because of reduced purchases of heavy machinery and equipment from the United States.

Over-all imports dropped to \$363,700,000 in the month from \$431,400,000 last year, cutting the January-February total to \$782,400,000 from \$890,400,000 in the similar 1957 period, the bureau of statistics reported Tuesday.

Earlier the bureau reported that exports for the two months slipped to \$715,400,000 from \$750,300,000. The deficit in trade—the surplus of imports over exports—dropped to \$47,000,000 from last year's \$140,100,000.

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1. You use this to chop ice.
2. Violets are blue, roses are
3. Every groom sees his bride this way.
5. Definite Article.

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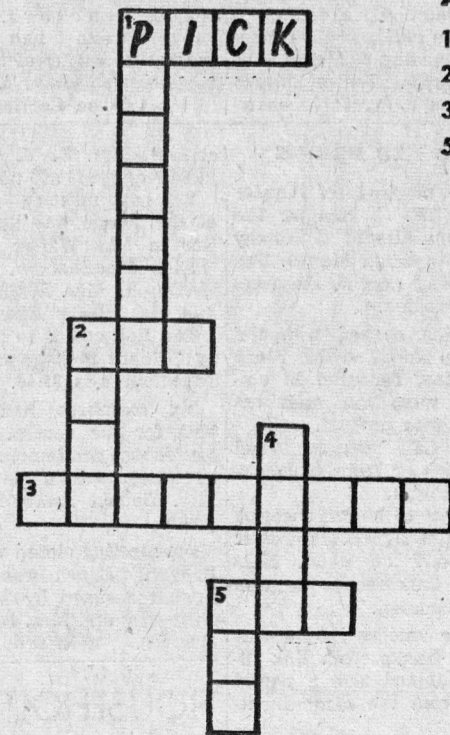
1. You have to open it up for good tea.
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4. In the company of.
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