

Acc'ts Committee Makes Civil Servants 'Quiver'

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OTTAWA (CP)—Audit-General Watson Sellar says every civil servant lives in "fear" of the Commons public accounts committee, a body of MPs investigating government spending.

Civil servants "dreaded" adverse publicity and suffered at the thought of obtaining such publicity through committee investigations. Mr. Sellar told members Wednesday.

Publicity was therefore the committee's most powerful weapon. It could put the "fear of God" into the hearts of any federal employees who may be negligent in handling public funds and equipment.

Mr. Sellar touched on this point as he began to give testimony on his public accounts report for the last fiscal year, a bulky document containing comment and criticism on the handling of public funds.

CONTROL WEAKNESS
Generally, he believed that ministers and civil servants were sincerely interested in good administration, though he felt there was still a weakness in central control over public property "scattered all over the lot."

Jack Wratten (PC—Brantford) suggested committee members make a surprise inspection of various federal depots across the country to see how stores were being kept.

But John Drysdale (PC—Burnaby-Richmond) said that kind of approach contained objectionable implications.

Chairman Alan Macnaughton (Liberal) observed that Parliament would have to be asked for funds for any forays. The committee had no authority to spend money for visits.

Mr. Sellar said a lot of documents being kept in government.

COMING EVENTS
New Haven Food sale at Simpson's Sears Friday at 2 o'clock.

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Card party, Hampshire Hall, Thursday night 8 p.m.

Kingston Branch Canadian Legion Monthly Meeting Thursday, March 12th, at 8 p.m.

Bean supper, Eldon Hall, Saturday, March 14. Commencing 5 p.m. Admission 50 cents and 75 cents. Sponsored by South Pibette W. I. If not fine, March 16.

Comedy 3 acts, Aunt Elizabeth's Will, Morell, Tuesday, March 17th, 8:15 p.m. Admission 75c. and 35c.

The regular meeting of the Abegweit R.B.P. will be held at Kingston Friday the 13th.

Double header, North River rink tonight, Dunstaffnage vs. Hampshire 7:30 Milton vs. Fairview fifth and deciding game in semi-finals, 8:45.

The Montague workshop presents "An Inspector Calls" in Belfast Hall, Thursday, March 12th. Curtain, 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by Mount Buchanan W.I.

files could be thrown out as useless and a lot of equipment sold as obsolete but civil servants were reluctant to throw anything away.

There was a "colossal" amount of equipment stored in the defence department. Some of it by normal standards could be considered obsolete. It was up to the experts to say whether the equipment could be thrown away.

At the opening of the Second World War, the defence department still had quantities of harness held over from the Boer War. The harness found a use on pack animals in Italy. This was an example "of the ridiculous things that can happen."

To make a complete annual inventory of all the government's property would cost more than it was worth, Mr. Sellar said. What he was more concerned about was such items as briefcases, cameras and rifles which employees could take home.

Mr. Herbert and one of Charlotte-town were each fined \$5 and costs of five days.

Naval Inspection Is Slated For March 23-24

Commodore E. W. Finch-Noyes, commanding officer Naval Divisions, Hamilton, will carry out his annual inspection of the HMCS Queen Charlotte Naval Division March 23rd-24th.

Commodore Finch-Noyes will be accompanied on his inspection tour of Eastern Canada and the Maritimes by Lieutenant Commander (S) W. H. MacDonald, secretary to commanding officer, Naval Divisions.

During his tour he will visit Quebec City, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax and St. John's, Nfld.

Woman Is Fined On Liquor Charge

A further adjournment was given yesterday in Queen's County Magistrate's Court in the case of a Charlottetown man charged with obstructing a Queen's County Sheriff. The case was adjourned until Wednesday, March 18th.

A Mt. Allison woman was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days by Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet, Q.C., when she pleaded guilty to having possession of intoxicating liquor not purchased at a vendor.

The case of an East Royalty man charged with having care and control of a motor vehicle while his ability was impaired by alcohol was adjourned until Monday, March 16th.

A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed upon a resident of Johnson's River, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of having in his possession game (a rabbit) after a month from closing day of the open season for such game.

Pleading guilty to driving a motor vehicle on the highway not at all times equipped with lamps and other equipment in proper condition, a resident of

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Mr. Shanks Is Guest Speaker
On Tuesday evening the Park Royal Men's Association held their regular monthly meeting during which a most informative and timely address on education was given by the guest speaker Mr. Murray Shanks, Principal of the Stemon Park School, Summerside.

Mr. Shanks indicated the different attitude of society in improving educational standards and pointed out that the financing of education and the need for qualified teachers were the two major problems confronting us in the educational field to-day.

A very candid comparison was made between Canadian and Russian interest in education.

Following a discussion period Dean Read expressed thanks to Mr. Shanks for his most interesting and enlightening address.

Mr. J.R. Compton favoured the club with a very talented and entertaining recitation. Following the meeting lunch was served by members of the club.

BIG AREA
Cape Province, one of four in the Union of South Africa, covers 277,000 of the Union's total 472,000 square miles.

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Ballet From Montreal To Appear On P.E.I. Stages

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CANADIAN MUSIC
Margaret Mercier, formerly of the Royal Ballet, London returned to her native Montreal to join this company as a featured dancer. Mme Chiriaeff has made it a policy whenever possible to program not only the works of the standard ballet repertoire but has presented the music of Canadian composers.

Among those whose ballets have been performed on national television are such well-known figures in Canadian music circles as Jean Valierand, music critic for Montreal's Le Devoir; Michel Perrault, musical director of the Ballet and such familiar Canadian composers as Clermont Pepin and Pierre Mercure.

In each of these cases, the works have been choreographed by either Mme Chiriaeff or leading male dancer Eric Hyrst.

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famous conductors with whom the Ballet has worked on various occasions, will be found such well-known names as Igor Markevitch who conducted Mme Chiriaeff's choreography to Mousorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain"; Margaret Hillis, who brought her New York Concert Choir to Montreal to participate in a performance of Stravinsky's "Les Noces" again choreography by Mme Chiriaeff; and Jean Fournet, whose many recordings with the Lamoureux Concerts Orchestra have won him a wide following on this continent, who conducted for Eric Hyrst's interpretation of Ravel's "Valse Nobles et Sentimentales".

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led, under the personal management of Mr. Leo Bernache. In the seven years since her arrival in North America, Mme Chiriaeff has attracted about her a number of the finest dancers in North America.

Eva von Gency and Eric Hyrst are two names well known to balletomanes and to television viewers in Canada and now, for the first time, communities across Canada will be able to see these fine artists in person in programs selected from the vast repertoire of this company.

So rapid has been the growth of this ensemble that in October 1957, the company was honored to present the Suite Canadienne as part of a special presentation for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, "Homage to the Queen."

Mme Chiriaeff, the daughter of Serge Gorny, Russian writer and poet, studied in Berlin with Alexandra Nicolalova, formerly of the Moscow Ballet, and joined the Ballet Russe de Colonel de Basil where she worked under Fokine in Europe. A soloist with the Berlin Ballet until just prior to the war, she resumed her interrupted career in Lausanne, Switzerland where she was premiere danseuse and choreographer of the Theatre Municipal.

Moving to Geneva, she continued her work at the Conservatoire de Geneve and also founded an academy.

In spite of her European successes she felt the need to move

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to areas where she could find more scope for her creativity and arrived in Canada in January of 1952. Since that time, her ballet company, now called Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, has performed innumerable times in national Canadian television and in 1955 created on stage Stravinsky's difficult work, "Les Noces", a production which won the ensemble universal critical claim.

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