

News From Knowles

Dear Friends,

This month the activities in the House of Commons all centered around the Budget brought down on February 19th. To implement some of the more beneficial provisions of the budget, it was necessary for the Government to bring forth legislation to be passed into law by Parliament. For some reason best known to themselves they have been painfully slow in this matter. On several occasions the Official Opposition has proposed to limit the number of speakers in the debate or to pass without debate measures of immediate necessity, such as the increase in the Old Age Security Pension. Our offers have been ignored.

CERTAIN BUDGET PROPOSALS ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE FARMER.

In a gesture towards cheaper food, Mr. Turner in his budget has lowered tariff on certain fruits and vegetables and on beef coming into Canada. We were made acutely aware of this when the P.C. Agricultural Committee was visited by the executive officers of the Horticultural Council of Canada. Every type of fruit and vegetable producer was represented. They showed very clearly how the Canadian greenhouse industry could not survive these cuts; nor could many of the producers of small fruits. The processors would also be hit.

Beef producers stand to be adversely affected by the tariff reduction of 1 1/2¢ per pound on beef entering Canada. I have already received protests from beef producers in my area.

The sad part is that little, if any, of this reduction of tariff on food will be passed along to the consumer. It will be gradually absorbed in the mark up of prices along the food handling chain.

SWINE REPRODUCTION IN COLD WEATHER

The lower the temperature, the higher the conception rate.

That's the conclusion drawn by a reproduction physiologist at the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Brandon, Man., after eight years and 1,000 matings of purebred Yorkshire and Lacombe swine.



LEGISLATION BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The two bills presently being debated in Parliament are Bill C-147, an Act to increase Old Age Security Pensions and Bill C-148, an Act to increase War Veterans' Allowances. Both these acts, when passed, will certainly benefit the elderly and the veterans. The basic O.A.S. will be increased to \$100.00 per month.

War Veterans' Allowance, sometimes referred to by Veterans as the "Burned Out Pension" will go up twenty percent, or 1/5 of the present allowance.

The P.C. Opposition suggested that the House pass these two items without debate. Both the Government and the N.D.P. wanted several speakers to debate the issue. What it really amounted to was an exercise in boasting what these two parties had done or advocated to be done for the poor. It appeared to me a total waste of time when there was an opportunity to work with despatch. HOCKEY CANADA NIGHT

An evening of relaxation and information was held on February 28th when an all party group of M.P.'s, with participation by the Sports Section of the Department of National Health and Welfare held

a Hockey Canada night.

Several sports celebrities of the hockey world were also present. They included Jean Beliveau, John Ferguson, Foster Hewitt, Frank Selke, Allan Eagleson and others. The evening began with a buffet, followed by a new film, Highlights of Canada - USSR Hockey Series of last September. A panel of celebrities fielded questions from the floor posed by the Members of Parliament and guests. This forty-five minute film will soon be produced in sufficient quantity for distribution across Canada. I recommend it highly for sports night occasions.

DAMAGE FROM ABNORMALLY HIGH WATER ON THE GREAT LAKES

A great many persons in my riding and beyond have written or phoned me concerning this pressing problem. There has been and continues to be extensive financial loss to farmers, public and private docks and marinas, as well as to cottages on the North Shore of Lake Erie.

I first raised the question of Government assistance in a short debate with the Minister of Public Works, in which I produced figures to show the financial losses to individual and public property. The Minister, in reply, stated that there was no federal statute which

would authorize expenditure of public funds either for compensation or the erection of protective works. He did indicate that if the Province would recommend some form of assistance, the Canadian Government might participate through a cost sharing formula.

Other M.P.'s have joined me in pressing the present government to realize the seriousness of the situation and devise some means of aid. Presently a committee of Cabinet Ministers under the Hon. Jack Davis has been established. The Province of Ontario has done likewise. As I write this, a joint meeting of these two committees has been scheduled for early in March.

NORFOLK COUNTY P.C. ANNUAL MEETING

An enthusiastic crowd of over four hundred persons enjoyed the banquet and the inspiring address given by Sean O'Sullivan, the youngest Member of Parliament ever elected to the House of Commons. We all came away from the meeting certain that the Conservative Party in Norfolk County and in Canada is on the upswing, and ready to take over the government when the next election rolls around. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success.



REPORT

On March 9th, a report of a theft from a vehicle parked at a residence on Tyneside Road near the Church was investigated by Prov. Const. W. L. Eves. Stolen from this vehicle were: one Deluxe 8 track stereo tape; one Stewart Warner Tachometer; nine eight track tapes - three hits of the 60's, Elvis Presley; one tape caddy - black vinyl; one Amp Gauge.

If any person has any information regarding this theft, please contact the OPP office in Cayuga, 772-3322.

During the later hours of March 9, 1973, a black brief case containing \$1,425.00 in cash, along with cheques, was stolen from a vehicle while parked in a laneway in Oneida Township. The cash and cheques were the day's receipts from the Hagersville Auction Centre on the 1st Line in Oneida Township. About \$900.00 in cheques were made payable to customers with approximately \$17,000.00 payable to the Hagersville Auction Centre. At time of printing, it is not known exactly where the car was parked at the time of theft. The theft is believed to have occurred between 9:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., March 9, 1973. Prov.

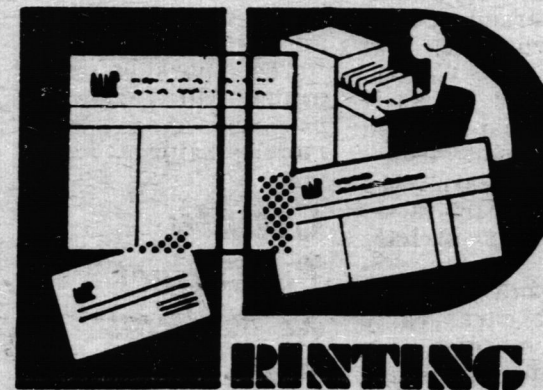
Const. R. Adams is investigating and would appreciate any assistance rendered.

During the past weekend, an unusual number of charges were laid as a result of liquor being consumed and found in motor vehicles. Also charges of Driving Under Suspension and Obstructing Police were laid as the result of finding liquor in these vehicles. It's no wonder statistics prove that the majority of fatal accidents occurring are the result of the driver consuming an alcoholic beverage or that he is impaired by the amount that he or she has consumed. It doesn't appear that a nominal fine deters people from drinking and driving to a great extent.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD

Driver! Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner and that means school children will be having an early holiday period to replace the usual Easter holidays. The dates this year are Saturday, March 17th to Sunday, March 25th. Remember these dates and be alert for the carefree child who might forget a safety rule and suddenly appear in front of you. Whenever you drive... always watch for children.

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