

## Will Consult Constituents

Says Mr. N. Parliament, M.P.P. Government Selection For Speaker.

Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., for Prince Edward, who is the Drury Government's selection for the next speaker of the Legislature made the following statement last evening:

"A short time ago a proposal was made to me on behalf of the Government to accept the Speakership of the Legislature. I assume that the proposal was made because only two members of the United Farmers' delegation in the Assembly have had any experience as members. One, Mr. Bowman, has become a minister of the crown, the other, Mr. Widdifield, sat through only one session before dissolution. I have been a member of the House for five sessions and from the point of view of the necessary experience am, I assume, qualified to fill the speakership."

Elected as Liberal  
"I was elected for Prince Edward as a Liberal with United Farmer of Ontario endorsement and support. The platform of the Liberals and United Farmers in the Legislature are so nearly alike that I feel no violence is being done to my political convictions by the acceptance of the Speakership."

"I have not entered into this negotiation without the knowledge of Mr. Dewar, the Liberal Leader, nor shall I agree to accept the office of Speaker without the goodwill of my constituents, whom I shall call together for consultation immediately on my return home."

Mr. Parliament's History.  
Mr. Parliament has been a member of the Legislature since 1914 when he was elected by the majority of 97. At the last election however, the electors showed that they appreciated the services which he had rendered during his first term, by giving him a majority of 946 over the Conservative candidate. Before the U.F.O. movement assumed political importance Mr. Parliament was a member of the organization in his riding, and as a farmer, naturally, was much interested in it.

Notwithstanding his being a member of the U.F.O. and also a farmer, the headquarters of the organization sought to have him opposed. First a U.F.O. member, who had been a former Conservative was put up against him. However, he dropped out within a few days and left Mr. Parliament in the field. Mr. Parliament had much U.F.O. support, although the organization was not as strong in that constituency as it was in many others. It is understood that the riding is now being organized by the U.F.O. for Dominion purposes.

Mr. Parliament is forty-two years old, having been born at Ameliasburg, where he still lives. He is of United Empire Loyalist stock, and was educated at Belleville. He was married in 1899.

How Standing is Affected  
The standing of the members in the House since the last election is: U.F.O., 45; Labor, 11. The coalition thus has a total following of 56, a majority of one. Mr. Parliament's acceptance of the Speakership gives the Government a majority of two, as it decreases the Liberal following by one. It does not, of course, increase the voting strength of the U.F.O. in the House. How the House will fall in with Mr. Drury's decision is problematical, but it has been the practice in the past for a Government's selection to be adopted, one reason probably being that the supporters of the Administration naturally endorsed the action of the Premier. If either the Liberals or Conservatives should be opposed to Mr. Parliament for the position, they will have to move an amendment. The first division would thus come unusually early in the session, and would clearly show how the battle is going to go in the House—a problem which is now giving considerable thought to the Premier and his colleagues. The Government has the assurances of several members from either side, who represent rural constituencies, that they will support the Administration on any confidence motions, and there is consequently no doubt that Mr. Parliament will be the choice of the members.

The selection of the Government is not final. When the Legislature meets Premier Drury will have to move that Mr. Parliament be chosen for the Speakership. It then rests with the private members to make the final choice.

The choice of Mr. Parliament for the position does not come as a surprise. It was forecast by the press some weeks ago that when the choice was made, Mr. Parliament would be the man. Mr. Parliament was a Liberal before the U.F.O. movement was organized, but a prominent farmer of his home county of Prince Edward he was also one of the first members to join the organization in his district. None of the out-and-out U.F.O. members of the Legislature have had the experience Mr. Parliament has had in the House, and his choice was therefore made easy for the Government.

## Laid to Rest

Clara M. Finnegan was laid to rest yesterday. The funeral took place from Point Anne to St. Michael's church, Belleville. Inter-

ment was at St. James cemetery. Rev. Father Killen officiated. The bearers were friends of the deceased.

## Obituary

MRS. JOHN McAVOY

After ten days' serious illness Mrs. Mary Catherine McAvoy, wife of Mr. John McAvoy, of Point Anne died on Wednesday afternoon in the Belleville General Hospital. She was 47 years of age, was a native of Canada and a daughter of Archibald McNeil. She leaves besides her husband four children, Archie, John, Marguerite and Loretta. Mrs. McAvoy was a member of St. Michael's church.

## Held Up Chinks; Get Sentences

Thomas Goes to Penitentiary and Tanner to Reformatory.

Judge Deroche this morning passed sentence on Cecil Tanner and Joseph Thomas alias C. R. Brown. Thomas was given three years in the Kingston Penitentiary for robbing in the Royal Cafe, Belleville, some weeks ago. Judge Deroche said the offence was a most serious one, punishable by life imprisonment. He hoped that Thomas had not intended to do harm with the revolver. Nothing but his youth stood in his favor. He is 19 years of age. Fortunately his conduct in jail has been good.

Tanner was given not less than three months in the Ontario Reformatory and an indeterminate period thereafter for not more than six months on two charges, of robbery in the Royal Cafe here and of robbery in a laundry in Campbellford. The sentences ran concurrently.

Judge Deroche said that Tanner's youth, his previous good character, his interest in his mother and her interest in him made it easier to impose a lighter sentence on Tanner than on Thomas. In the robbery in Belleville there did not seem to be any leading by Thomas; but evidently Thomas' influence before had not been of the best on Tanner, although perhaps Thomas did not recognize it.

Mr. E. J. Butler represented Tanner. Mr. Abbott represented Thomas and Crown Attorney Wm. Carmichael appeared for the prosecution.

## Choosing a Speaker

It is announced officially that Mr. Nelson Parliament, member for Prince Edward county, is the choice of the Drury Government for Speaker and that his name will be presented to the Legislature for election when the session opens. That the Government should go outside of its own ranks to fill the Speaker's chair was almost inevitable. Only two of the fifty-five supporters of the U.F.O.-Labor combination have ever sat in the Legislature. One of the two, Mr. Bowman, is in the Ministry, the other, Mr. Widdifield, has had only a season's experience.

Mr. Parliament, in a statement to the Press, points out that he was elected as a Liberal in Prince Edward county with U.F.O. support, and that he proposes to consult the electors of his constituency before coming to a final decision as to his course. That both Liberal and U.F.O. supporters will favor his acceptance of the Speakership is reasonably certain. The position is an honorable and a non-partisan one to which any member of the House with the necessary experience may rightfully aspire. In the British Parliament Speakers are chosen not for one Parliamentary term, but are re-elected by succeeding Parliaments, and ultimately on their retirements are usually honored by the bestowal of a Peerage. It frequently happens that the Speaker has been elected to Parliament as the political opponent of the Government of the day which accepts him as the presiding officer of the House.

In the case of Mr. Parliament the Liberals in the Legislature may join with the U.F.O. members in voting for the appointment of a Speaker who secured at the polls the support of members of both parties.—Toronto Globe.

## Magistrate's Salary Raised

County Council Makes Grant to the Belleville Fair

A temporary redistribution of the school inspectors has been made. Inspector Minns of Centre Hastings has been asked to take five extra schools (in Tudor), while Mr. Col-

ling handles the northern Inspectorate along with Limerick and Cashel and Halliburton County.

Inspector Colling said he had undertaken the work under protest. He has 108 teachers and 25 townships under his charge.

There will be a redistribution in January. There will be an inspector appointed for Halliburton.

Mr. H. K. Denyes, U.F.O. M.P.P. for East Hastings, a former county councillor, appeared at the bar of the council and spoke in behalf of the Belleville Fair, of which he was president. There had been a sum voted for county fairs but Belleville had not received any share. Most of the present board of the fair are taxpayers of the county. Belleville Fair was a county fair. Mr. Denyes asked the same consideration for Belleville Fair. Plans are being laid to secure new grounds.

The ways and means committee voted \$100 to the Belleville Fair. Police Magistrate Jarman's salary was increased \$150 to \$600 per year and was given \$100 travelling expenses, he is to supply an office, heat and light and hand over all the fees to the county. Mr. Jarman is magistrate at Bancroft.

Mr. S. Rollins wondered why there were not police magistrates at Tweed or Madoc or Stirling.

## Bridge Street Church Bazaar

Yesterday afternoon and evening the ladies of Bridge St. Church held the most successful bazaar of the season, in the S. S. rooms of the church. The decorations of different colors of tissue paper ribbon were very tastefully arranged, and they attracted your eye at once. The booths were well supplied with the various articles which gave one a chance to choose to their wishes. The bazaar was formerly opened at 3 o'clock by Dr. Scott and the singing of the national anthem. Mrs. W. B. Deacon, who is president of the Ladies Aid, gave a very pleasing address.

The handkerchief booth, whose color scheme was purple was in charge of Mrs. Gardiner, who was the convener of that booth, and by other ladies assisting her. The color decorations of the baby booth was blue, which looked very pretty. Mrs. Wray presided over this booth. The doll booth, which was under the management of Mrs. Deroche and Mrs. Bonnard, was carefully arranged in pale pink.

The fancy work booth, which was patronized by all the ladies, was presided over by Mrs. Galloway. The colors being yellow and white. The candy booth which displayed all the sweet things, was in the hands of Mrs. Borbridge, the colors being mauve and white. Mrs. Thrasher very ably presided over the night gown booth, which was decorated in green and white.

The underwear and boudoir cap booth was in charge of Mrs. Morgan. The color of that booth being blue. The Mission Band booth was in the hands of Miss Ketcheson. The rainbow colors decorated this booth. The apron booth, whose color was red, was presided over by Mrs. Hunter. Miss Wray was in charge of the novelty booth, whose colors were black and white, which with the contrasting colors of the novelty articles, made a very pleasing sight. But the huge success of the bazaar was the cafeteria tea, which opened at 5.30. The tea was under the management of Mrs. W. S. Clarke and the color decorations being yellow and white. Crowds were lined up at the cafeteria counter from the time it opened at 5.30 till 7 o'clock. The dainty salads, jellies, pies and cakes were all very appetizing and everyone came away with their stomachs full.

Mrs. H. W. Ackerman, who was head convener of the bazaar and the conveners with their committees of each booth are to be highly complimented in the way they so successfully managed the bazaar. The rooms were crowded at all times and the various articles sold very quickly. The bazaar was also a big success financially as the returns amounted to nearly eleven hundred dollars.

The Ladies Aid desires to thank most sincerely each and everyone who donated or assisted in any way in their splendid results.

## W. M. S. Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, held in their rooms, on Wednesday, the third of December, the following officers were elected:

Honorary Presidents—Mrs. Kerr, Miss G. Ponton.  
President—Mrs. J. Buchanan.  
Vice Presidents—Mrs. B. Mallory, Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Mrs. Duck-

worth, Mrs. Holmes.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Geo. A. Reid.  
Treasurer—Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson.  
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Committee for Supplies—Mrs. Tower, Mrs. H. Graham, Miss Hay, Flower Committee—Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. Pinkston.

Strangers' Committee—Mrs. W. McIntosh, Mrs. I. Sills.  
Secretary for Missionary Messenger—Mrs. J. Fenn.

Home Helpers' Secretary—Mrs. I. Sills.

## County and District

A Plea For Clemency For Mrs. Lovica Thompson has been Made.

THE LOCAL MERCHANTS VICTIMIZED.

Smallpox is Very Bad in Halliburton Village.

A Large Corporation.

It is expected that within side of two years Loew's Theatrical Corporation backed by Rockefeller interests will practically control vaudeville and films on this continent as well as appearing in many foreign countries.

Regulations do not Apply.

The vaccination regulations enforced in the western parts of the United States do not affect persons crossing at points east of Belleville, providing they are residents of Ontario and have not been in touch with the contagious sections.

Long Service Medal.

At the dinner of the Kingston officers in the Frontenac Club Wednesday afternoon, Major-Gen. Williams presented the long service medal to Capt. W. Peters former Quartermaster of the 14th Regiment. Capt. Peters has a long and honorable military career, and served for many years with the fourteenth Regiment.

Leaving for England.

On Friday Victor A. Lano, Lower Union street Kingston, intends leaving for London, England, to accept a lucrative business position, and may decide to make his home in the old land. He served in France as a flight lieutenant in the British Air Force. Of late he has been in the S.C.R. accountant's office in Kingston, and his associates took occasion to present him with a handsome club bag on the occasion of his departure.

Nurse was Dismissed.

It has become known that a nurse who has been in attendance on the cadets in the isolation ward at the Royal Military College, Kingston has been dismissed because of the fact that one of her charges managed to get out, and enjoyed a walk with his lady friend. The nurse has a splendid record, and is said to have permitted the cadet to talk to his lady friend, but not to walk with her. However, the walk was had, and the nurse has been dismissed after several years of excellent service.

Succeeds Col. Genet.

Lieut. Col. Wm. Pope of Ottawa, son of Sir Jos. Pope arrived at Kingston yesterday to take over the duties of A. A. G. M. D. 3, succeeding Col. Harry Genet. Col. Pope served for three years as A. A. G. at Argyle House. He went overseas in 1915, served with the royal Canadian regiment, and was invalided to Canada and home.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Lost An Arm.

Thomas McCloskey, a farmer residing three miles from Chesterville while operating a power sawing machine on his farm one day last week had the misfortune to have one of his arms caught in the machine. The member was so badly mutilated that later it was amputated above the elbow.

To Hold Monthly Dinners.

Commencing from the first Saturday in the new year, Major-General Williams of Kingston will inaugurate

a series of monthly dinners, held by the officers of the garrison. In other district headquarters of the garrisons, such as Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, the headquarters of the districts have their Garrison Clubs, and it is felt that the holding of the monthly dinners would serve to stimulate interest and co-operation among the branches in the district.

Well-Known Contractor Dead.

In the death of Mr. Sidney Arthur Logan which occurred on Monday afternoon Brockville loses a well-known and highly respected citizen who has been a resident of the town for the past 41 years. The deceased was born at Elma Dundas county, in 1884 son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Logan pioneer residents of that community. He went to Brockville in 1878 and engaged as a contractor in sewer construction work and later was foreman of the construction on the Brockville water works building.

Lights In Coaches Out During the Storm.

The 10.30 train from the north had a trying time during the gale on Saturday night. The lights in the coaches went out six or seven times, and passengers feared that the train would be blown from the tracks. The trainmen state that the storm was the worst that they had ever experienced.—Post Hope Guide.

Married at Grand Forks, B.C.

It is announced that Lieut. Edmund S. Reynolds, son of Judge Reynolds Brockville is to be married on the 4th of Dec. to Miss Marjorie Ker man daughter of Sheriff Kerman, Grand Forks B. C. The marriage will take place at Grand Forks and they are expected to come east and spend Christmas with Judge and Mrs. Reynolds at Brockville.

Militia Reorganization Report.

The commission to report on re-establishment and reconstruction has completed its investigation except in Quebec and Kingston districts. As a rule the commission had the co-operation of overseas men, but found great difficulty in the demand for permanent militia, as in many districts the overseas units outnumbered the militia battalions. They expect to make a final report in a few weeks.

Plea For Mrs. Thompson.

A plea for clemency for Mrs. Lovica Thompson sentenced to death for the murder of her infant child, was made at the Government offices, Montreal, on Monday. Representations were made in the case of Mrs. Thompson by Mr. John Kidman, on behalf of the Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association. Mr. Kidman made the plea on the grounds that medical men had been uncertain as to Mrs. Thompson's mental condition and it was against accepted ideas in this land for a woman to be hanged. Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice in pointing out that he had to study the law as it was enacted, nevertheless stated that he had listened with the utmost sympathy to all that had been said, and undertook to look out for the extenuating circumstances in the case.

Smallpox Bad in Halliburton.

Fourteen cases of smallpox are reported in Halliburton village. The residents of the north claim that nest residents of the north claim that some physicians are charging \$2.00 for vaccination.—Lindsay Post.

C.N.R. Car Entered.

During last night a C. N. R. car standing on the siding near the C. N. R. station was entered by some unknown persons, but the exact extent of the theft could not be determined to-day. The car was loaded yesterday with candies and other confectionery by the Abbott, Grant Co., and was destined for points along the E. & W. line. A check of the contents is being made to determine what amount of goods was stolen.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Special Letter Carrier Delivery.

Commencing Saturday and continuing until January 10th there will be inaugurated in Lindsay one full letter carrier delivery. There will also be a one full delivery by letter carriers on Christmas and New Year's Day.—Lindsay Post.

Local Merchants Victimized.

During the past few days three local merchants were victimized of sums ranging from \$10 to \$15 by a smooth cheek artist, who has not been seen or heard of since. The matter came before the police on Monday night when Mrs. A. C. Miller, King street west showed constable Thomas Foster a cheque for \$15

which she had cashed for one J. H. Black on or about Nov. 22nd. Mrs. Miller told the officer that the stranger had asked her to cash a cheque and she replied that she did not usually accommodate strangers in that way. Thinking that the cheque was negotiable Mrs. Miller handed over the \$15 to the young man and a few days later learned from her bankers that the cheque was worthless. On the same day a stranger tall slim and good looking purchased a coat from the store of W. L. Dailey King St., west and tendered a cheque for \$12 in payment which was accepted but found to be worthless. J. H. Dowson dealer in farm machinery Perth St., suffered the loss of \$10 by cashing a worthless cheque for a smooth stranger thought to be the same man. Mrs. Miller was the first one to bring the matter to the attention of the police, who have since learned that others have been victimized in the same manner. The cheque presented to Mrs. Miller was drawn on the Windsor street branch of the Bank of Montreal Montreal dated Nov. 22, and payable to J. H. Black or bearer. The name signed to the cheque was J. E. Robins.—Brockville Recorder & Times.

Hamilton man in Wrong.

Leonardo Mandarino, Hamilton, ran up against the strong arm of the law this morning while enroute from Montreal to his home, carrying on G.T.R., express No. 13 three gallons of liquor and a parcel containing a generous supply of the fiery fluid. He was nabbed by Inspectors Sykes and Taber and taken off the train here. At police court this morning he appeared before Magistrate Page and received the customary penalty of \$200 fine, plus \$8.50 costs. Mandarino has wired relatives for the money for his release.—Brockville Recorder & Times.

Prominent Prescott Man Dead.

One of Prescott's well-known and respected citizens passed away in the Hepburn Hospital, Ogdensburg, on Sunday Nov. 30 in the person of Thomas Richmond Melville. He was born in the town of Prescott in 1845 and lived there all his life with the exception of a few years spent in Chicago. The late Mr. Melville always took an active interest in municipal affairs. He served for several years as a councillor and later was elected mayor of the town. The late Mr. Melville was a druggist for many years and disposed of his business to accept a position in the customs department. Later he was appointed Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue and on the death of Mr. Thomas Kelly was appointed as collector which position he held up to the time of his untimely demise.

Colonel Kincaid's Position.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Leslie Kincaid D. S. O., of the Front of Yonge family of the same name and a pre-war summer visitor at Butternut Bay, has been appointed executive assistant to Frank Dudley, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., president of the United Hotels of America. He has taken up the duties of both a legal and executive character which will compel him to leave Syracuse, N. Y., to spend the greater part of his time in New York City. The United Hotels of America operate a chain of hotels in the states, including the Onondago in Syracuse and the proposed Kamargo in Watertown.—Brockville Recorder & Times.

Railway Interlocking.

Plans for the operation of the Brockville and Westport sub-division of the Canadian Northern Railway from the Brockville terminal of the Grand Trunk Railway and the use by motive power of the former road of the improved facilities offered by the Grand Trunk have reached such a stage that officials of the Grand Trunk have been instructed to consider the best means of consolidating the operation of the two roads out of Brockville. These instructions are in accordance with others which have been issued to officials on all parts of the system to which the Canadian National is contiguous. The interlocking of the two railroad systems which will fall under the same management when the Grand Trunk is finally acquired by the Federal Government formed it is understood the subject of a conference of Grand Trunk officials in Montreal last week.

Curious Accident.

A distressing accident as a result of which Mr. Dan Moore, of Islay, Fenelon township lost the greater portion of his left arm at the farm of Mr. John Jamieson near Glen arm. The clover thresher was in operation in Mr. Jamieson's barn and the unfortunate man was engaged in feeding the machine. While engaged in his work his hand was struck by a lump of frozen clover as it was passing into the machine and Mr. Moore's arm was caught in the cylinder and was torn from his body just above the elbow.

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