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THE WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE

BY CLARKE LOCKE.

Some one has said that of all vain creatures in parliamentary procedure the budget debate is the most futile. As year after year passes and legislatures come and go its necessity is called more and more into question. "What is the use of it all?" the province asks wearily as a score or so of members stamp and expound, criticize and defend, and consume golden hours of public time in doing so. Still the custom adheres, the week rolls by and the final thunders have not spent themselves.

The budget debate is the great omphalos of the session, into it pile all bills and grades and conditions of men. Day after day it grinds along in a wearisome monotony, traveling westward roads, boring the house with its tedium and accomplishing a doubtful amount of good. The initial and concluding addresses alone save its existence. In them the government expounds the policy of the treasury and the opposition dissects that policy.

In the great interim occur innumerable addresses on every imaginable theme. The subject matter of financial foreboding. One man spoke during the week on race suicide. The

debate, however, offers a splendid opportunity this year for the thirty-three new members to find their "sea-legs." Here they can raise their voices and be assured of an audience, slightly ennobled to be sure but patient. Originality is not expected, but the man who can repeat an old criticism or make a vigorous defense of a well-known target can count on receiving a slight show of enthusiasm.

Government supporters of late have been studying the opposition keenly, and claim to find signs of disintegration in the ranks of the little party. As evidence, they point to the declarations of independence coming from some of the readiest talkers at the back of Mr. Rowell. Major Tolmie came out boldly to state that he was by no means tied hand and foot on matters of principle. Sean Carter of South Wellington goes even further. He will dance to "Charlie" Bowman's piping only on the temperance policy; otherwise he dictates his own course.

The confession of Mr. Carter's independence came as somewhat of a surprise to the house. In response to a government question as to whether that no party held him in leash, a Conservative has suggested that he sit beside Allan Studholme to save confusion when the division bells ring.

Gustave Ewanturel, the French-Canadian member from Prescott, is still in the house and likely to remain there. The notoriety he achieved a year ago is not forgotten by the members, as their actions show. Liberals supporters claim that he is on the outside looking in, but he denies it vigorously. "I was elected a straight Liberal," he declares, "and I will vote liberal at all times." As a matter of fact, he is playing a lone hand in the house. Distinguished by a brilliant tie, he sits all day at his desk writing endless letters.

Ontario will enjoy all the benefits of a mild conservatism without enduring the disadvantages of conservatism, which such a name would bring. There was hardly a dissenting voice raised in committee against the changing of the name to the Mortgage and Purchasers' Relief Act. The significance of the measure can hardly be over-estimated. It affects the workman in his cottage and the capitalist on the hill. In Toronto which of late years has focused the bulk of provincial real estate activities, the new act will have an unusually wide field of application.

Two points excited considerable discussion when the bill lay on the table during the week. Mark Irish of Toronto urged that the responsibility of proving inability to pay principal amounts should rest upon the mortgagee instead of the mortgagor, and that he should have to apply for extension instead of the mortgagee being forced to secure court approval before foreclosing. The point stood unchanged, however.

Marked difference of opinion was manifested concerning the proposal of Wm. Proudfoot of Centre Euron to include within the scope of the act all mortgagors who were unable to pay, and yet could not trace their unfortunate condition directly to the war. Others claimed that in many cases men could not prove whether the war was responsible or not. Allan Studholme, the labor member, in great agitation declared that the restriction rendered the measure useless to the workman. The stand of the attorney-general was that interference with business contracts was only warranted under exceptional circumstances, and these the war supplied. Judges were given wide powers and would be disposed in all cases to grant what relief was necessary.

There is a silent dapper little man in the chamber whose first address is looked forward to with more than passing interest. He is J. A. Pinard of Ottawa East, the official advocate of bilingual schools, and he came into the legislature on that ticket. Thus far not a word of the subject has been breathed, but members are wondering how long they will have to wait. Rumor has it that Pinard's intentions were aimed quite freely in the Liberal caucus, but received a temporary damper from Mr. Rowell. He, however, the member evinces a determination to speak as he claims his constituency expects, the old subject may yet be precipitated on the floor. Such an occurrence, however, would only prove unfortunate and untimely and cooperation made manifest between the races in the present empire crisis.

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MEETING

Y HALL

March 7, 1915

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Speakers of H-CONFERENCE

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RS ENROLLED.

Multiple Saturday afternoon sessions of the Union enrolled members to the union.

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March 6th, 1915, 7 1/2 St. Station street, Allan, beloved wife of William Wicklow, Irondale.

March 5th, at 9 cemetery.

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MAKING TROUSERS FOR THE TROOPS

Women and Girls Respond to Appeal by Walkerville Firm

Canadian Press Despatch. WINDSOR, Ont., March 6.—The Peabody Company, Walkerville, which has a contract for making 200,000 pairs of trousers for the British soldiers, has sent out an appeal to any woman or girl who can sew, by hand, to come to the factory and assist in getting out the work, which calls for 5000 pairs a day.

Many married women of the border municipalities have given their services, deeming it an act of patriotism, as the sooner the trousers are made the sooner the men can get to the front line. Several wives of volunteers are working at the plant now. Everybody who works at the plant is being well paid their efforts.

One Killed, One Fighting

Private William H. Probert of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, killed at the battle of Mons, and Private John Probert, of the 48th Highlanders, first Canadian contingent, now at the battle front, are sons of Mrs. Sarah Probert, 138 Earlscourt ave. From a letter received from her son John a few days ago, the following extracts are interesting: "We are now leaving Salisbury, England, to make room for the second Canadian contingent, which is expected to arrive shortly. In '14' company the boys are nearly all from Toronto. We were reviewed by the King, who appeared to me to look worried. When he was leaving after our inspection he cried like a baby." In a foot note was the following: "We are now billeted at Rouen, France, and hope shortly to give a good account of ourselves."

SALVATION ARMY HOLD EVANGELIST CAMP

Canadian Staff Songsters Will Conduct Ten-Days' Services at Lisgar Street

The Canadian Staff Songsters of the Salvation Army, comprising 95 men and women, are announced to conduct a ten days' evangelist campaign in the Lisgar Street Citadel, commencing on Saturday, March 6, interesting services will be held all day Sunday and every week night. There will be special music at all services.

On Sunday afternoon "A Festival of Praise" will be held, at which Hon. Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., will preside. Under the title of "The World's Redeemer," a pictorial service will be given on Thursday, March 11, when 100 exceptionally fine stereoscopic slides will be shown.

The campaign will conclude on Monday, March 15, with a United Prades Festival by the staff songsters, the Lisgar Citadel Silver Band and Lisgar Songster Brigade.

BACK TO ERIN.

It appears from the bookings of the Park Theatre, Toronto, that in spite of the war times the day on which green rules supreme is to be celebrated in the same festive manner as in the past. The artists are all fully prepared with complete repertoires which will bring back memories of old Erin. At the present rate of booking they will all be engaged for the 17th, so that St. Patrick concert committees desiring the services of any of them should act quickly if they wish to avoid disappointment.

CHICAGO BUILDERS MAY ALL GO ON STRIKE

Canadian Press Despatch. CHICAGO, March 6.—Suspension of building operations in Chicago is said to be threatened by a lockout of 800 lathers, which was declared by contractors today, as their reply to a demand for higher wages. Seven building trades unions at secret meetings are said to have voted to declare sympathetic strikes whenever the contractors try to operate with non-union men.

BIRTHS.

VAUGHAN—At 195 Crawford street, on March 6, to Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Vaughan, a son.

DEATHS.

WHITNEY—On March 6, 1915, Jesse Whitney, in her 39th year, wife of Samuel Whitney.

Funeral from her late residence, 83 Eton avenue, on Monday, March 8, 7 1/2.

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Take Five Minutes to Decide Now

Come in Monday early—examine these new Hoosiers carefully—then decide whether you want to buy now while you can save \$2.50, or later when you cannot buy below the regular set prices; decide whether you can afford to waste the energy you now spend in walking in your kitchen, when a single dollar will bring you the Hoosier tomorrow.

Remember—that after this sale the "WHITE BEAUTY" goes back to the regular price.

Remember—that the new Hoosier Club may be entirely filled the first or second day of this sale. Come at once and enroll your name!

Try the Hoosier in your kitchen. Then, if you will part with it, we will gladly refund your dollar. Come early. Other women too are making up their minds now.

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- 1 jar Sterling Mustard Cream.
- 1 package Cowan's Perfection Chocolate.
- 1 package L'Etalle Macaroni.
- 1 tin Cowan's Cocoa.
- 1 package Ingersoll Cream Cheese.
- 1 package Shredded Wheat.
- 1 tin Melagama Coffee.
- 1 package Tillson's Pan-dried Oats.
- 1 package Magic Baking Soda.
- 1 tin Gillett's Lye.
- 1 Magic Cook Book.
- 1 package Cowan's Cake Icing.

Seven days only are given over to this Club Sale—no longer. If the 300 members are enrolled before that time the club automatically closes. The day to join is Monday.

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CONDITION OF SARAH BERNHARDT IS SATISFACTORY

The condition of Madame Sarah Bernhardt continues today to be very satisfactory, according to a bulletin issued by her physicians.

LANDSLIDE AT PANAMA.

PANAMA, March 6.—The Panama Canal has been closed to all but the lighter draft ships by a rapid slide of earth from the top of the Culebra Cut at a point north of Goldfish. A further slide is probable.

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