

FEBRUARY 5 TO USHER IN HISTORY-MAKING SESSION

Date Is Set For Opening of Federal Parliament—Big Problems, Including Curtailing of Senate Powers, Crows Nest Pact, League Protocol Awaits Settlement.

GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Parliament opens on Thursday, February 5, for a session which will probably last well into the summer months and with a subsequent general election in the balance.

Since last session the standing of parties has changed but little. Elated with the by-election results, Liberals feel, however, that their strategical position in the country has improved much beyond the actual party gain in West Hastings, and that the government can meet its fourth session with confidence.

Sees Bitter Battle.

The coming session promises to be historic. Premier King on a number of occasions has announced the intention of the government to bring down a constitutional amendment to limit the veto power of the House of Lords. But such a constitutional amendment will only be brought about—such is the general expectation—after a long and bitter fight. In both houses opponents are expected to fight it on the ground that there should be no amendment of the Confederation agreement embodied in the British North America act without prior consent of the federating provinces.

Apart from the promised battle over Senate powers, the bill of fare promises wealth of contention. The decision of the railway commission in the Crows Nest Pass case is likely to result in legislative proposals that will be sharply contested. The parliamentary action that will give rise to some lively cross-fire. The Japanese amendments to the Geneva protocol on disarmament are expected to occasion some keen criticism, particularly from British Columbia members.

Order Paper Filling.

While the session is still seven weeks away, the order paper is already piling up. Members anxious to have first chance have sent in some thirty or so notices of resolution, raising almost every topic from the League of Nations to coal supply. A number of them are from the so-called "ginger group," who broke away from the main Progressive line as one of "friendly neutrality" to the government.



ELSIE SWEETIN.

who claims that her confession of complicity in a double poison plot was wrung from her under duress by Lawrence Hight, the other defendant in the murder trial, who was formerly a jockey and pastor.

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LONDON BRANCH RECEIVES TROPHY

Canadian Oil Company Has a Successful Dance and Dinner.

One hundred and fifty members of the London staff of the Canadian Oil Company, representing fifty families, gathered in the company's offices at Portersburg last night for the annual dance and dinner. This gathering was the occasion of the presentation of a silver cup to the Western Ontario sales staff for the highest sales quota in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Littlefield, congratulated the London and Western Ontario staffs, and R. C. West, district sales manager, on the excellent work done and the high record attained in the drive for increased sales of oils which the company has had in operation this summer.

The evening was happy in the presence of the man who has made oil stations a rival to Judge, Life and Punch. The man who dressed the red-faced ice skater and the big steam and the big slide, on which the company each day writes some little catchy phrase or slogan, is C. Archibald, advertising manager of the National Refining Company, who was a guest last night. He admitted that the idea of the boy with the slide was a memory suggestion from the days when as a boy at school he used to carry a slide. He had the habit of writing funny little epigrams on the slide, and received good measure in corporal punishment for it. To-day he has capitalized this faculty, and in his spare time in trains and taxis writes all the "wise cracks" which appear from day to day on the slides and amuse motorists waiting for gas and oil.

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KIWANIANS PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTHS

Dinner in Tecumseh House Is Followed by Arrival of St. Nicholas.

LADIES ARE PRESENT

Last night was the official visit of Santa Claus to about 40 London children, who were the guests of the Kiwanis club in the Tecumseh House. For them Santa Claus came all the way through the ice of the north and over the icy sidewalks of the south to stand below the sparkling Christmas tree and give them the presents from their Kiwanis "fathers."

These are the underprivileged boys to whom the Kiwanians act as individual guardians, and who form the basis of the service work of the club. It was the London club which set this example to all other Kiwanis clubs in the world.

Gay Decorations. The large dining-room of the Tecumseh house had been gayly decorated with yellow and crimson streamers and the big circular emblem of the Kiwanis glowed in cool blue from behind the presidential chair.

At the far end of the room stood the Christmas tree, with its glittering stars, its twinkling lights and its jolly Christmas atmosphere, as if in welcome to the boys. It stood just beside the piano and the Kiwanis Jollies' orchestra, and nodded its tenuous head in time to the rhythm of the players.

The party was all the happier and more like Christmas because it was graced by the presence of the 2000 ladies of the Kiwanis. It was this introduction party, as the boys and the ladies had not met before.

Then Comes Santa. Sam Amoro, the Santa of the evening, made a record for himself as a genial, half fellow well met visitor from the north pole, which will keep all other imitations of this red-caped hero envious for years to come. He trotted into the room amidst a jangle of sleigh bells, and distributed the presents.

Father Brennan, as speaker of the evening, gave an artistic and appealing address, emphasizing the meaning of Christmas and its spirit. He told the boys the story of the Star of Bethlehem, and why their big brothers in the club wanted to make them happy.

"If, from the memory of a boyhood that is never lost to the man and

Christmas Rush Brings Death

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, Dec. 19.—Aaron Cassels, veteran masseur at the Welland Inn, and known for many years among tourists, dropped dead while in the Christmas rush line at the St. Catharines post-office today.

from observation that grows more keen with the passing years, we read you boys right, you are full of wonder during these days," said Father Brennan. "Everything seems to be different. Though the skies are clouded gray and the days strangely dark, everything seems to be brighter and livelier. Holly and mistletoe and bright red bells and colored candles have come back from nowhere, bringing with them an air of joyousness and cheerfulness. People seem to be so happy and so mysterious, as if they had some deep, dark secret plans which they cannot carry out without a smile of secret pleasure and joy. Of course, you feel that you know what it is all about.

Real Meaning. "But not until you grow older will you understand the real meaning of it all. In after years you will begin to ask yourselves why these big, happy boys of the London Kiwanis club, their faces beaming with joy, have brought together so many more serious-looking and much better-behaved smaller boys. For with a love that is infinite the Son of the Eternal Father came into the world to save us and to show us the way to the happiness of heaven by the path of love.

And when men celebrate the return of the day of His birth they can think of no more fitting way than by adding to their acts of love of the Divine Child those deeds of affection which are the giving of gifts. The brightness that marks these days of the Christmas season is, after all, nothing but the reflection of the brightness of God that shone around the shepherds on the first Christmas night, and the spirit of Christmas that expresses itself by gifts nothing but the spirit of love that finds its source and its example in the Divine love that gave to the world the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

This is the way that your friends

of the London Kiwanis club say: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good-will," and it is their way of wishing you a merry, merry Christmas."

Provide Songs. "Tiny" Murray, of Kiwanis Jollies fame, sang one verse of the most popular of his ballads, "How Come You Do Me Like You Do?" in which the singers responded with a chorus "Boy McCormick," singing this week in the Capitol, whose right name is Melvin Carter, sang three songs.

Of all the cheering which greeted the presentation of the gifts to the boys, probably there was none so spontaneous and joyful as that which greeted little six-year-old Joey Britt, who is lame, and was carried by President Tom Yull to receive his boxes. The little fellow, in his peaked cap, looked so small, and the coarser wagon which he surrounded with his arms so big that laughter was mingled with sympathy in the cheers of the watching men and women.

It was the last act which Tom Yull as president of the club will perform. It could hardly have been more completely in keeping with the spirit of Kiwanis, which Tom has done so much to foster during the year of his service.

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PLAY TIE IN SOO.

Canadian Press Despatch. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Sault Greyhounds and Port William played to a 1-1 tie tonight in the fastest hockey game seen here in the last two years. Garret Campbell scored the Sault's goal in the first period on a rebound from Burke's shot, which hit the boards. Port William's tally came in the third period through Scott after a good combination rush.

BODY IS UNCLAIMED.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Dec. 18.—Mystery surrounds the fact that nobody has claimed the body of Ernest Blair, aged about 35, who died in the Western hospital on Dec. 11, and whose body has since lain in the morgue awaiting word from friends or relatives. The case is unique in that the man's name is known and that the most searching inquiry has been made as to where he comes from, without result.

PRINCESS HAPPY AT LAST?

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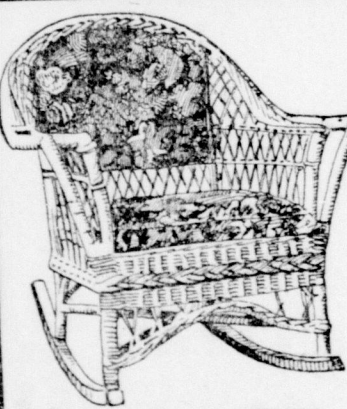
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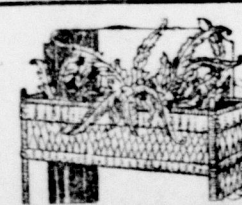
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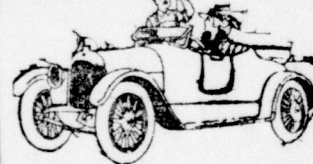
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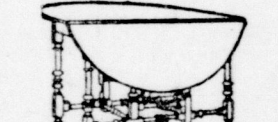
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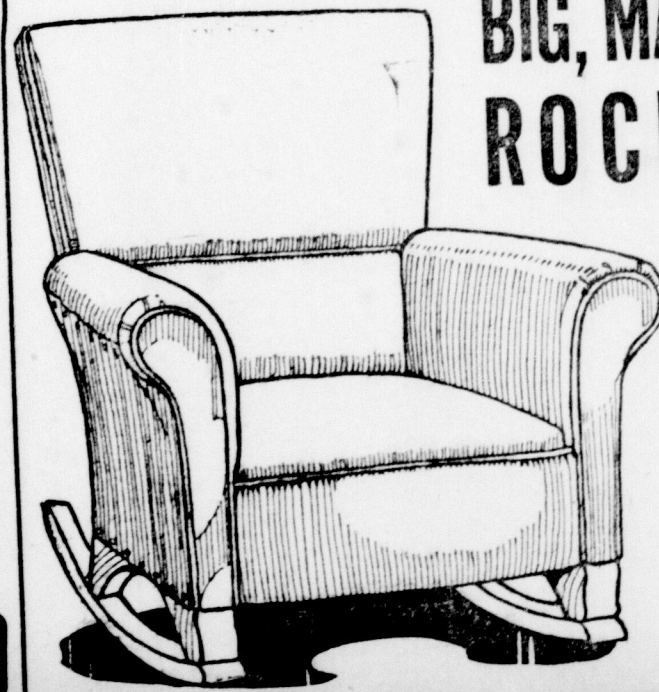
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