

On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

"Many thousands of Ontario people heard with sincere regret the news a few days ago that former Premier of Ontario, Hon. Leslie Frost suffered a fracture of a leg in a car accident" said Mrs. McNabb of Orillia, who is visiting her son, J. A. McNabb, President and Manager of Radio Station CKLY at his summer cottage at Pleasant Point.

"I have known Les. Frost for many years as a young man, born and raised in Orillia. He and his brother the late Cecil Frost and another brother, the late Grenfell Frost of Kingston, were popular as school boys, as young men in the Presbyterian Church and as the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sword Frost who was a jeweller by trade and a man of very fine character and a real orator, particularly as an advocate of temperance in the days when hotel bars were so numerous and bars were a menace to the community and to society.

"I recall when the Frost brothers answered the call to arms in World War 1 and when they became officers in the Simcoe Regiment and when Leslie Frost returned to Orillia wearing his officer's uniform and that he was limping as the result of a serious wound received on the battle fields of Flanders."

Continuing Mrs. McNabb added: "Fate took the two

Frost boys to Lindsay and to use an old saying 'What was Orillia's loss was Lindsay's gain' for these two fine Orillia boys not only 'hung out their shingle' and founded a law practice but also were fortunate in winning the affections of and wedding two of Lindsay's most charming young maidens in Miss Gertrude Carew now Mrs. Leslie Frost, and Miss Roby Carew, now Mrs. C. G. Frost. It is very unfortunate that this very fine statesman-gentleman, Leslie Frost is at present indisposed but his thousands of friends of all political inclinations will, I feel sure, join in wishing him and his wife a speedy and ultimate recovery," concluded Mrs. McNabb.

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Antique "hunters" have multiplied in numbers in recent years and although Mrs. Wallace Aldred does not qualify herself in this category she was nevertheless interested in buying a tea plate a few days ago at a sale held at the Chambers home at Water and Melbourne streets.

The article, which is in the hundred year old list, was at one time passed on to customers at the C. J. Plank general store at Lorneville and it bore the Plank name. Incidentally the same store was operated for several years after his death by his nephew the late George Weeks.

Mrs. Aldred is a daughter of the late Alex McGahey and the latter was a brother of James McGahey who is well remembered as the gentleman who had a dray and carted charcoal to many citizens in the days when the Standard Chemical Co. and the late Thos. Hodgson operated plants at the top of William and Pottinger streets and later in the east ward, west of St. Paul and north of Colborne street. At the time charcoal was sold in small paper bags at the stores for 10 cents and 25 cents, and in large quantities at the chemical plant.