



PETERBOROUGH'S LIFTLOCK IS GIVEN A FACE-LIFTING
New Gates Are Being Installed, Machinery Renewed

—(Yunge-Bateman Photo)



J. J. DUFFUS
City's 25th Mayor

TWO MAYORS in Peterborough's 114 years of municipal life, following their retiring from the mayoralty chair, have been appointed to the Canadian Senate. Hon. George Cox, mayor in 1872-1874 and again in 1884-1885, was sent to the Senate in 1896. Hon. J. J. Duffus, mayor in 1916 and 1917, was summoned to the Senate in 1940. Both were Liberals.

Mr. Duffus, Peterborough's 25th mayor, was born in Otonabee Township and at the turn of the century, he and another young Otonabee farmer, Duncan F. Drummond moved to town to sell Massey-Harris farm implements. Through the following 60 years Mr. Duffus not only was a civic-minded citizen and successful automobile dealer but prominent in agricultural and political affairs in Ontario and Canada.

Life supporter

When a member of the Senate, Mr. Duffus was the first advocate of a memorial to the Otonabee Township farmer, David Fife, who in the pioneer days of Upper Canada originated Fife wheat which lead to the opening up of the Prairie provinces as one of the great bread baskets of the world.

Mr. Duffus probably never knew that Vincent Eastwood, as manager of the Royal Bank, recommended him to the Ford Motor Company as their first agent in Peterborough. A newsman's memory recalls a spring morning when elements of chance overtook the cheerful course of the Duffus career and gave it a new direction and volume.

**WI Favors
Legal
Abortions**

1964

TORONTO (CP) — A resolution asking that abortions be made legal was passed almost unanimously Thursday at a convention of the Central Ontario Area Women's Institutes.

Addressed to the federal ministers of health and justice, it requests:

"That the Criminal Code of Canada be amended to legalize abortion on grounds which would include criminal assaults and the health, both physical and mental, of the mother, and when carried out by a recognized medical practitioner under the authority of a medical committee, duly constituted and when carried out in a duly accredited place."

The nearly 400 delegates passed the resolution without discussion except for a comment from the floor that "we know this has to come."

It was introduced by Mrs. Alexander Munro of the Toronto suburb of Scarborough. She told the delegates more than 75 per cent of criminal abortions are performed on married women and that more than 1,000,000 are performed in the U.S. and Canada every year.

She said abortion is dangerous mostly because it has been forced underground.

"The existing law is archaic and futile because it does not prevent abortions from being performed, only makes the operation dangerous, makes criminals out of the innocent and provides a lucrative sideline for the guilty."

**Program Of Renovations
Continues On Trent Canal**

Peterborough's 60-year-old Liftlock has been receiving some "plastic surgery" during the past two weeks. The face-lifting

will be complete before the year is up. New gates are being erected and machinery is being renewed.

This is the third phase of a three-year program. In 1961 the Dominion government announced a program of renovation to the Trent Canal System which is expected to be completed in 10 years.

"These renovations will put the Trent Canal into shape to handle ever-increasing boating," said Donald Farmer, superintending engineer of the system, today.

He said that a similar program is being undertaken in Ottawa on the Rideau Canal.

TO COST \$800,000

Last year the Liftlock's steel structure was repainted and renewed.

Dominion Bridge Company Limited, Montreal, is doing the work here. Cost of renovations is estimated at \$800,000 by Mr. Farmer.

A new lock was built at Fene-lon Falls and opened in July 1963. Another new lock is at Swift Rapids on the Severn, 20 miles northwest of Orillia.

**Women's
Institute
Activities**



WESTWOOD BRANCH

The February meeting was held Tuesday in the Community Hall, and was devoted to historical research.

The Rev. Gilmour Smith, a member of the historical society of Peterborough, was guest speaker. He showed slides and described conditions on the northern part of Ontario, where he had lived for many years.

Mr. Smith was introduced by Miss Jessie Davidson and thanked by Mrs. Everett Birdsall.

The Tweedsmuir History Book (first edition) was on display. It was begun in the early days of the branch and is now complete. A second edition is being compiled.

Quilt blocks for the Peterborough Fair exhibit were discussed. Lunch was served by Mrs. T. J. Cardwell and Mrs. Eric Pulfer.

APRIL 1964
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WESTWOOD BRANCH

A pot-luck diner was enjoyed by the members at the April meeting on Tuesday in the community hall.

Mrs. Herbert Pacey won the talent prize, donated by Mrs. Everett Birdsall. Plans were made for a card party in the hall on April 24. Reports of the year's work were given by the secretary-treasurer and all the standing committees. Block printing was first choice in the leaders training school. New lamps from Old was second choice.

Mrs. Earl Deen, Mrs. William Mood and Mrs. Fred Neilson were appointed voting delegates to the district annual meeting in Keene on May 20.

Mrs. Mood conducted the election of officers. The following were elected: honorary president, Mrs. Fred Neilson; press secretary, Miss Jessie Davidson; first vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Pacey; second vice-president, Mrs. Harry McKewon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Sargent; district director, Mrs. Earl Deen; associate director, Mrs. William Mood; institute directors, Mrs. William Elmhirst, Mrs. William Post, Mrs. Aubrey Wood, Mrs. Everett Birdsall; program committee, Mrs. Harry McKewon, Miss Anne Mood, Miss Stella Boswell, Mrs. Aubrey Wood and Mrs. Bruce Graham; auditors, Mrs. Tom Cardwell and Mrs. Fred Neilson; conveners, Mrs. E. W. Sargent, Mrs. William Mood, Mrs. Earl Deen, Miss Stella Boswell, Mrs. Harry McKewon, Mrs. Aubrey Wood, Mrs. Fred Neilson, Mrs. William Elmhirst, Mrs. Redman Walsh.

WESTWOOD 1964

Mrs. Herbert Pacey was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the institute. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Earl Deen, a former member, who has recently moved to Norwood, was presented with a gift. Boxes of Christmas cheer and cards will be sent to the sick and shut-ins in the community.

The talent prize donated by Miss Jessie Davidson was won by Mrs. Earl Deen. A successful sale was held. Mrs. Aubrey Wood and Miss Stella Boswell acted as auctioneers. A social hour was enjoyed with Mrs. Howard McKewon, Miss Stella Boswell and Mrs. Herbert Pacey as hostesses.