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BROADENIG OUT

At the big convention of farmers held in Toronto last week the matter of broadening out the U. F. O. so as to include everybody desirous of helping to keep the government in power, was discussed, and by a show of hands was almost unanimiously defeated. At asession following. Mr. Drury submitted his reason in favor of a gracious admission of outsiders and candidly told them that there were not enough farmers in Canada to control the situation without outside help, and he was cheered to the echo. The convention seemed to be swayed by the appeal of the moment, and after all was over things appeared to remain about in the same position they were at the beginning.

Mr. Drury says he ought to be returned to power to finish the work now being undertaken by his various Departments. But that has been the cry of politicians from time immemorial. They all have a lot of jobs to finish before giving up their sessional indemnities and bonuses. In cases where governments are turned down the cause is generally a conviction among the electorate that much of this work never should be finished. Eighty-six foot roadways, for instance, are very unpopular. "Let Lawier finish his work" was a popular cry a few years ago. Part of that work was to complete the Grand Trunk Pacific—a work that has landed this country in a pretty mess. So we cannot say that an appeal of this kind for a broadening out to bring in a reserve force is of necessity an appeal that should be heeded.

In case Mr. Drury's plans were adopted the U. F. O. would simply lose its identiy. There would be no U. F. O. party; it would simply be the "Third Party" made up from the two old line parties and the present U. F. O. As a matter of fact, "broadening out" has only one merit that we can see, and that is the retaining of Mr. Drury as Premier, and many would not even call that a merit.

OUR INFORMATION GENUINE

Bro Irwin of the Durham Chronicle rather casts doubt on the authenticity of our information regarding the change in Canada's national emblem. Dear boy, our informant was the Secretary of State himself, through the medium of Rod and Gun in Canada. The editor of that publication wrote him for informatian, and this was what he replied as published in the December number of that magazine:

"The new Canadian Coat of Arms no longer bears the image of beaver, but in its place there is the image of a lion, holding in its mouth, a maple leaf. The reason for the change, as explained by the Department of the Secretary of State to Rod and Gun in Canada, is given herewith and should prove of interest."

"The committee having charge of the recommendation of Arms considered fully the suggestion that the beaver should be included, and it was decided that as a member of the rat family, a beaver was not appropriate and would not look well on the device. One example of the objections raised is quite well known. The Canadian Merchant Marine displayed a beaver on their House Flag, and they have ever since been colloquially known as "The Rat Line." As your correspondent says, the lion is not a representative of Canada except in so far as Canada is a part of the British Empire, and in this connection it was considered appropriate to have the lion hold the maple leaf."

NOTES

There is a law in force in Ontario which distinctly says that cigarettes or tobacco is not to be sold or given to minors, but the law is broken more times than observed, by what we have noticed from time to time. The cigarette habit is dangerous to the growth and development of the young life.

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The Klu Klux Klan will not be tolerated in Ontario. An attempt is being made to form a branch in London, but the Government of Ontario can look after the law breakers without the help of the Klan.

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The Farmer's Sun says that Premier King has been hunting for bull-moose to strengthen his government support but so far has only shot a cotton-tail—Mr Hammell of Muskoka.

Increasing the Demand

"If our lambs were all weather and ewe lambs we could ship them to the United States and sell against the best States product." Such is a statement of one of the largest buyers in Canada. Moreover, the same buyer states that Canadians eat 132 pounds of meat per year each. Of this only 10½ lbs is lamb or mutton. In England they eat 26 lbs, of mutton and lamb per year.

Occasionally one hears the suggestion made that Canadians should lessen production. How much will be gained if only one half of the produce now grown is produced but sold at twice the price? It would amount to the same thing in the end. Would it not rather be better to double the production, improve and advertise the merits, so that wider markets and greater demands would be created,

Five years ago the raisin growers of Fresno County, California, found they had 20,000 to 30,000 pounds of raisins more than they could sell. They agreed to organize the Sun Maid Raisin Growers Co-operative Company. Today they have increased the acreage 3000 and find they cannot supply the demand. They spent $25,0000 in advertising. Did it pay? They have larger markets now. They sell at a rate which not only pays them to grow raisins, but also to increase the acreage. Ontario farmers can do likewise. Is it not time to try?

Lifeless Body Found in Barn

The lifeless body of William Elder was found suspended from a beam in his father's barn early Sunday morning by other members of the family. The circumstances are very tragic and the sudden death was a severe shock to the young man's family and his many friends in the community.

He was living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Elder, about two miles south of Chatsworth, where he was born and raised. On Sunday morning he arose about five o'clock and went to the barn. The other members of the family did not get up till seven, and when they went out to the barn they found his body hangihg from a beam quite lifeless. Dr. Bull of Holland Centre was summoned and he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Elder was about thirty years of age but was not in the best of health lately. This was possibly the cause of his tragic death.

Besides his parents, five brothers and four sisters survive. They are James, Jack, Ivan, Bruce and Clarence, Mrs. McLean of Feversham, a sister at North Bay, another in Toronto and Marie at home—Advertiser.

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