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THE PREMIER AND HIS GRANDFATHER.

Right Hon. McKenzie King visited Toronto recently and had a cordial reception from his friends in that city, augmented by delegates to the Liberal Association of Western Ontario, then in session. The big mass meeting was a success in point of numbers, and the statement of the party program seemed acceptable to the audience. This reminds us of the declaration often made by Mr. King's predecessor in the Liberal leadership. " Toronto invariably cheers for me," Sir Wilfred Laurier was wont to say, "and then votes the other way." Constituencies change, however, and it may be that with the increased membership and the division of the constituencies effected at the last session of Parliament, Mr. King may be able to do better in the povrincial capitol than his predecessors in the Liberal leadership, at all events since confederation, have been able to do.

It was not always thus in Toronto and suburbs. For years the grandfather of the present Dominion Premier represented the town of York (now Toronto) and its suburbs in the Legislature of Upper Canada. He came from Dundee, that Scottish radical constituency, early last century, and very early in life took such an interest in public affairs as brought him into public attention. He conducted a weekly journal in support of his views that Canada was at the time under the blighting influence of a family compact that denied the populace self-government, and seized or established all public offices for the benefit of their personal friends. The franchise was restricted to the few, but McKenzie exposed with vigor what he considered the misgovernment of the administration, which was only partially elective, and much of the power was in the hands of the Governor and his old world friends. On his election to the Legislature McKenzie early made his voice heard, and probably more than called "a spade a spade," as he was expelled from the Legislature for libelling some of its members. A new election was ordered early in the year of 1832, and McKenzie again presented himself for election. Then and for forty years afterwards there was no vote by ballot, and it was ascertained that in the first hour and a half 119 votes had been cast for McKenzie and 1 for his opponent. The unequal struggle was given up and the winner was presented with a massive medal, hung about his neck by a chain of forty-one links, each an inch long.

Much history has been written since the event here chronicled, and varied have been the opinions expressed by historians of the time as to the career of the "stormy petrel" in politics in the early history of his adopted country. There stands out, however, this noteworthy fact that all the reforms in the administration of public affairs for which McKenzie and his friends contended in the early part of last century have long since been effected, at the instance of statesmen on different sides of politics, be it fairly admitted, though not without many a struggle.

McKenzie's grandson has but recently begun his career as a constructive statesman and it is noteworthy that he represents in the Dominion Parliament a by no means unimportant portion of the constituency that sent his grandfather to parliament. The public issues now are vastly different, and Canada, from being a series of colonies, is now a united nation within the British empire. As time passes by, we will be able to judge of the record made by the man whose grandfather was probably the most talked of public man in the settlements which were known as Upper Canada.

APPLE GROWING IN GREY CO.

Some suitable advice was given to Grey County apple growers at the meeting in Thornbury, last week, of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association. Director Frank Palmer of the Vineland Horticultural Station, Niagara Peninsula, pointed out that fertility was a major problem in Ontario, particularly in those districts where it was becoming increasingly difficult to secure barnyard manure. Mr. Palmer strongly advised growing a cover crop of sweet clover or buckwheat in the orchards in order to make the soil more porous and add humus. In reply to a question, Mr. Palmer stated that as a result of the experiments conducted in various parts of the continent, he was firmly convinced that the only fertilizer the apple grower need worry about was readily available nitrates. "If we plow under plenty of green crops and supply some nitrate, the apples will secure everything else necessary from the average soil, without any help," he stated. Mr. Palmer advised only light training of fruit trees until they came into bearing. Heavy pruning of young stuff is a mistake, he said, and even in mature trees all that is necessary is to keep them opened up to the air and sunshine. Advice was also given that in order to improve size and color of fruit there should be judicious trimming. The yield of an over-loaded tree will always be small and poor in marketable yields.

VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Many farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are shaking hands with themselves because they held their wheat; many others are kicking themselves because they didn't. A large number of the latter however, sold from necessity rather than lack of foresight, as soon as threshing was over to meet pressing obligations. If all the wheat was held throughout the winter the farmer would doubtless receive more for his crop, and prosperity would loom up again. However, the high price of wheat now, or last fall even, would not hepl those farmers whose crops were destroyed or those that didn't grow on account of the drouth, as they didn't have any wheat to sell. We hope that next year these victims of circumsances will have better luck and will come out on top smiling.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Township Clerk Harrison of Toronto Gore has resigned after 50 yrs. of service. If Clerk Bellamy of Artemesia keeps his health and strength he will soon exceed the half century limit, as he has served the township faithfully for over 40 years and is still going strong.

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There seems no reason to doubt thatt hes ession of the Canadian Parliament which begins in the next few days will be the last, and that an election will take palce within the next twelve months. Speculation on the result will supply the biggest cross-word puzzle that has yet been promulgated.

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The Thornbury Review-Herald notes that several robins have been seen in that vicinity. It is pretty well proven now that robins who remain with us thourgh the winter are either from late broods or birds that were unable to make the trip south in the fall through feebleness from some cause.

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Six dollars a day is the remuneration paid by the Council of Albion, Peel County, to James H. Rutherford, recently appointed Superintendent of Roads in that township, half of this sum to be paid out of Provincial funds. This new office has been established as the Council has abolished statute labor and will raise a road tax to pay for the work in future.

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In Perth County jack rabbits have been causing much damage to fall wheat and by girdling trees. This experience may well be laid to heart by the settlers in northern Ontario, who have been contemplating the propagation of these animals in Australia, where settlers from the old world introduced rabbits to render their surroundings more homelike immense damage has been done by the "pests", and though much money has been spent in the endeavor to bring relief, multiplication of the species continues.

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The London (England) Morning Post now explains that when it intimated that it considered annexation sentiment prevailed in Canada, it founded its remarks on the insistence of our government that it should sign treaties with other countries that wholly or specially affected the Dominion. Similar criticism was given utterance when, many years since Canada gave up "pounds, shillings and pence" and adopted decimal currency. There will always be fearful ones among those opposed to progress. But how stupid such criticism is found to be in the light of history.

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A movement is on foot in Dufferin County to turn swamp and unused lands to acount by planting and protecting threes. Mono township is the first to take action. It is intended to buy in all such lands as may be exposed to sale for failure to pay taxes and plant trees for the public benefit. This is an excellent idea. There is in Grey County and throughout the Province a good deal of such territory, and as timber is yearly becoming scarcer the public cannot too soon take steps to protect itself. "Plant a tree," as the old farmer said, "it will be growing while ye sleep."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Osprey Farmers' Milling Co., Ltd.

From January 1, 1924, to December 31, 1924, inclusive

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand as per last audit	$ 5604 20
Sales in grist mill	7769 31
For chopping in mill	2292 00
On notes account	25 00
On lots sold	20 00
Miscellaneous receipts	147 50
Interest from banks	105 04
Total Receipts	$15963 05

EXPENDITURE

Miller's wages	$ 1116 00
Assistant Miller's wages	755 00
Printing, postage and stationery	49 70
For wheat	3474 52
For oats, barley, etc.	2889 67
Telephone account	2 75
Insurance	125 00
Taxes and roadwork	182 15
Statutory fee	5 00
Freight and express	17 31
Dividend No. 12	1360 00
General accounts, store, blacksmith shop, bags, etc.	441 12
Miscellaneous accounts	71 62
Rent of hall for annual meeting	4 00
Teaming	229 95
Workman's Compensation Act	14 61
Repairs to mill and dam	227 48
Auditors	40 00
Directors	45 00
Secretary-treasurer	400 00
	$11450 88

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Stock in grist mill December 31st, 1924, estimated		$ 1171 85
Outstanding book accounts		3601 32
Notes receivable		347 20
Cash on hand and in banks		4512 17
Mill and real estate, estimated		9000 00
		$18632 54

LIABILITIES

NONE

Outstanding doubtful accounts		557 33
Capital stock of mill and real estate	$	$8000 00
Paid up capital	6800 00	
Unsold stock	1200 00	
	$8000 00	$8000 00

We, the auditors of the Osprey Farmers' Milling Company, Limited, certify we have examined the books of the Company for the year 1924 and compared the vouchers for receipts and expenditures with the treasurer's book and find them correct, showing a balance cash on hand and in banks on December 31st, 1924, of $4512.17.

—A. J. CONRON, ROBT. S. McGIRR, Auditors.

Feversham, January 7th, 1925.

Jas. Walton Died In Man.

Word was received here last week of the death at Stonewall, Man., of Mr. James Walton, a prominent citizen of that place, whose wife was formerly Miss Bella Cleland, a niece of John and Joseph Blackburn of this place. She lived near this village in her early girlhood and has numerous relatives here who sympathize with her in her loss. Mr. Walton was born and brought up at Bolton, but many years ago went to Manitoba and settled at Stonewall where he conducted a successful business. He was a Presbyterian, a temperance advocate, and took a deep interest in all good work.

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PUBLISHING A NEWSPAPER

(Forest Free Press)

The story told by the financial report of the Farmers' Sun Publishing Company should give the general public some little insight into the tremendous cost of publishing a newspaper, and how hard it is to make it a paying investment. The Farmers' Sun, doing a business of nearly $100,000 in a year, went behind nearly $30,000. The Farmers' Sun is a good weekly newspaper, but no better than over one hundred weekly newspapers. But it could not pay running expenses. During the past five years over one hundred weekly newspapers have ceased publication in Ontario, and some eight or ten daily newspapers have also ceased to publish. The cost of a printing plant is fully double what is was ten years ago, and the cost of paper is also double. In view of this tremendous increase in cost of publication, the cost to the subscriber has necessarily advanced. The Forest Free Press at $2.00 is less profitable than it was ten years ago at $1.00, and there are no indications that cost will decrease.

Mulmur township, Dufferin County, is the latest municipality to abolish statute labor, and to establish local road management through local taxes with Provincial assistance.

L. E. Moore, of Mosa township Middlesex county, shipped 26 bags of carrots to a commission firm in Toronto recently. Eight bags sold for 70 cents a bag and 18 bags for 40 cents a bag, making a total of $12.80. Express charges on the 26 bags were $10.32; commission for selling, $1.60; cartage 78 cents, making a total of $12.70; balance 10 cents. Mr. Moore received a cheque for 10 cents. He also had a shipment of cabbages ready for shipment when he received the cheque, but decided to keep them home.

Orilla township has a surplus of receipts over expenses of over $8,500.

The number Hebrew reisdents in Guelph has increased to such an extent that the members of this faith have decided to open a synagogue and wih this intention in view have purchased a large residence which will be remodelled at once.

Mortgage Sale

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale (subject to a reserve bid) by public auction on

MONDAY, FEB. 9TH, 1925,

At the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon at

MUNSHAW'S HOTEL IN THE VILLAGE OF FLESHERTON

in the county of Grey, by J. S. Shepherdson, auctioneer, the following property, namely: All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Euphrasia in the County of Grey and province of Ontario, and being composed of Firstly—Part of lot five in the fourth concession of the township of Euphrasia, containing by admeasurement one acre more or less and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point in the westerly limit of said lot distant south eight degrees east seventy-five links from the north-westerly angle of said lot, thence north seventy four degrees east five chains, thence south eight degrees east two chains eighty nine links, thence north eighty five degrees thirty minutes west five chains eight links, to the westerly limit of said lot, thence north eight degrees west one chain foureen links to the place of beginning. Secondly, being composed of part of said township Lot number five in the Fourth Concession of the said Township, more particularly described as follows:— commencing at the point of itersection of the southerly limit of the above firstly described parcel with the West limit of the said Lot distant two chains and twenty-three links from the Northwest angle of said Lot, thence Easterly following the said Southerly limit of the above firstly described parcel fifty-one feet, thence Southerly parallel to the West limit of said lot fourteen feet, thence Westerly and parallel to the said Southerly limit of the above first described parcel 51 feet to the west limit of the said lot, thence Northerly along the said West limit fourteen feet to the place of beginning. Situated upon said property is a good frame house, a first class blacksmith shop and a fine orchard and the whole property is situated in the Police Village of Kimberley in the Township of Euphrasia, in the County of Grey.

TERMS—20% of the purchase money to be paid down at the time of sale and the balance to be paid within ten (10) days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Middlebro & Spereman, Owen Sound, Ont., solicitors for Mortgagee.

Dated at Owen Sound, Ont. this 19th day of January, A.D. 1925.

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