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EDITORIAL ITEMS

The opposition in the Ontario Legislature is delivering election addresses in various sections of the province, but so far the rank and file have not developed much enthusiasm. Whether there will be an election this fall is not known, but the opposition will not be caught asleep.

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Luckily no loss of life is reported in the first marine disaster on the Great Lakes on Saturday when the S. S. George M. Cox piled onto the Rock of Ages Reef in Lake Superior. The waters of the Great Lakes have always taken their toll in lives and ships and will continue to do so.

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With the death of a young lady at St. Catherines from a delayed parachute jump it behooves the government to institute a law against indiscriminate parachute jumping, the same as was done when travelling over Niagara Falls in a barrell was prohibited. There should be some law to save them from themselves.

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A number of Flesherton citizens enjoyed a drive on Sunday through the Beaver Valley to Thornbury and Meaford. The blossoms on the fruit trees were at their best and the sight was a delight to behold. This particular district is becoming better known each year and for real beauty outrivals the famous Niagara peninsula.

Flesherton Public School

4th Class — Hon. — Audrey McCracken, Ethel Dargavel, Burton Bellamy and Charlie Thompson equal. Pass — Robin Goldsborough and Geo. Loucks equal, Roberta Leavell, Marguerite Croft, Ella McRae, Marion Miller, Fred McTavish, Betty McDonald, Ben Leavell (spelling.)

Sr. 3rd — Hon. — Fred Gibson, Donald Scott. Pass — Bob Stuart, Tom Banks, Athol McKillop, Doris Taylor (spelling), Norman Loucks.

Jr. 3rd — Hon. — Wesley McCracken. Pass — Bryson Clark, Gordon Semple, Marion Wickens, Bill Henry, Oly McDonald, Ben Bellamy, Clifford Littlejohns, Evelyn Leavell, Jack Loucks, Dorothy Welton, Fred Thompson (spelling), Thelma Miller (literature.)

Sr. 2nd — Alice Thompson, Ruth Turney, Iva Brown, Alan Chapple, Dorothy Patton, Edna Croft, Stewart McRae, Eldon Fisher, Joe Banks, Donald Graham.

Jr. 2nd — Bernice Leavell, Fred Conking, Jim Thurston, Florence Newell, Marjorie Thistlethwaite, Harold Graham.

1st Class — Jean Duncan, Jack Kennedy, Jean McTavish, Margaret Thompson, Bob Banks, Doris Loucks, Marjorie Newell, Evison Wilson, Ethel Taylor, Arlene Taylor, Charlie Meggitt.

Sr. Pr. — Colleen Thibaudeau, Jean Loucks, Diana Goldsborough, Earl Thurston, Ruth Leavell, Teddy McCracken, Carman Loucks, Bob Meggitt.

Jr. Pr. — Mary Banks, Ken Henry, Jack McDonald, Gordon Dungey, Norman Dungey.

ONTARIO HONEY REPRESENTATIVE RETURNS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

George R. Paterson, Honey Commercial Representative, Ontario Honey Export Association, London, England, returned to Canada this week. Mr. Patterson comes back after his first season's operations on the United Kingdom market in the interest of Ontario beekeepers and this year sold over one million pounds of various grades of honey. Prices realized have been fair and in the majority of cases above returns obtainable on the local market. Mr. Patterson will spend the next three months among Ontario beekeepers organizing matters for next season's shipping program.

AUTO KILLS DEER

Dr. N. M. Craig, a Fergus physician and author of a war play, "You're Lucky If You're Killed," narrowly escaped injury when driving north on the Fergus-Arthur highway. A large deer jumped from the ditch crashing into the windshield of his car. The deer was being chased from a nearby bush by a dog, and becoming confused as it crossed the highway plunged to its death against the front of the car. Dr. Craig was uninjured.

New Baseball League

The Centre Grey Baseball League is now an assured fact. At a well attended meeting held in Kimberley last Thursday evening the League was organized for 1933 with five teams entering, four of them, Dundalk, Flesherton, Vandeleur and Kimberley, the old rivals, with a new entry from the Beaver Valley. All clubs except Flesherton were represented at the meeting.

It was decided to allow each team to sign 20 players, who must play with the club nearest to their residence. The entry fee was set at $10 for each team, and any protests will have to be accompanied by a marked cheque for $15. A meeting is to be held at Kimberley this Thursday evening to pass the list of players and draw up a playing schedule. George Dundas of Markdale was appointed the official league umpire.

The election of officers, presided over by Matt Dillon of Thornbury, resulted as follows: Hon. Presidents, George Mitchell, Flesherton, Chas. Boland, Vandeleur, Geo. Hanbury, Dundalk, W. R. Fawcett, Clarksburg; president, Robt. Lawrence, Kimberley; vice-presidents, M. J. Dillon, Thornbury; Dr. A. D. McAllister, Dundalk; Elmer Warling, Vandeleur; Earl Dillon, Kimberley; William Turney, Flesherton; secretary-treasurer, H. J. Thompson, Vandeleur.

Letter to The Editor

Editor of the Advance:

The present school board of S. S. No. 7, Osprey, wish to inform the public as well as the ratepayers of the section that they have no "publicity agent", as Mr. Hale stated in his letter of last week. As for fairness and courtesy of the new trustees, just what does Mr. Hale mean?

Another statement re finances of school viz. $2300 surplus at the last audit is rather misleading. The audit shows a surplus of $1340 with township grant to come. But the former treasurer did not take into consideration the fact that the amount of the debenture $547.94 was deducted from the grant, also he takes the credit for decorating the new school, the bill for which was paid this year amounting to $80.00 with cleaning. And also blackboards amounting to $65.00. Deducting these items leaves an actual balance of slightly over $1600. Re $400 borrowed one year in June this was covered by extra maintenance grant which owing to someone's carelessness was not received on due date.

With the grants cut as they have been the board will need all the common sense (cents) available, but hope they will be able to carry on without the aid of the former secretary-treasurer and his colleagues.

—HOWARD SHORT,
—HARVEY PEDLAR,
—ERN HAWTON, Trustees

FROM THE FIRST ISSUE

Editor, The Advance:

I am pleased to know that you are trying to get some information regarding the "Old Timers of Flesherton". I for one have, (and always will) very pleasant recollections of my boyhood days spent in the Old Town, and will never forget my good friends when first I launched out to rustle with the world on my own account.

If my memory serves me correctly, I took the first "Advance" papers in the P. O. to be mailed out to various Post Offices in and around the country, from the late, and first proprietor, A. R. Fawcett, who was among my warmest friends, as I was there when the Advance was first published, and now have one or two copies that were printed some years after, in 1884 the year I left for the west. It is interesting to note the marked difference, for the better, of the Advance now, and when first published, they do not look much like the same paper. We have taken the "Advance" continuously ever since first publication and could not do without it.

Think I could write a small book on my memories of the people, village and surroundings of Flesherton, but I am aware that you do not want to be bothered reading long letters, so will wish you the best of luck, and hope you will get what information you require to make your work an interesting souvenir for all those who still remember the old "Home Town" and by-gone days.

Yours truly, "for old times sake."
—GEO. A. HIGGINBOTHAM,
Vancouver, B. C.

A man who insists on tearing into the stock markets at the first sign of a rise should make certain that his parachute is working well.

Parliament Prorogues

Redistribution has occupied the whole time of the House since I last wrote. Rumors were afloat that Parliament was to prorogue at this fixed hour and that, but it did not and has not. The "Elder statesmen" deliberated many hours and were, I believe, able to iron out some of the difficulties, but not a sufficient number to end the debate. Charles Bishop writing in the Ottawa Citizen sums up the whole situation amusingly: "The Dove of Peace which was fluttering round the House of Commons yesterday flew out of the window last night. There was thunder and lightning outside and at the same time some ominous rumblings within." And that was a week ago.

Mr. Motherwell's method of sticking his cane through the map has proved effective. His constituency has been restored—restored it is true at the expense of another Saskatchewan seat. The Hon. Robert Weir, Minister of Agriculture and the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King had a warm exchange of uncomplimentary statements. Mr. King took the ground that he had not been treated chivalrously, that the Government had deliberately sought to make his return as difficult as possible. Mr. Turnbull, the chairman of the Saskatchewan redistribution committee, was moved to ironic mirth at the talk of chivalry, reminding the House of the treatment given Mr. Meighen at Portage La Prairie.

The debate moved from Province to Province with only the members affected taking part in the debate and since the boundaries of ridings are known only to those who live in the locality, or who have studied intensively the map of one Province, the debate has been particularly uninteresting. The longest debate so far has been that concerning the redistribution of the Province of Quebec. Powerful speeches were made by Mr. Lapointe and Mr. Cardin. Mr. Lapointe stressed the importance in Quebec of the boundaries of counties, municipalities and parishes. His argument was that this redistribution violates them all and charged that there was a determination on the part of the Government to hive Liberals, making some seats perfectly safe for the Liberals, but diminishing the number in which they had a fighting chance. Mr. Pouliot made many forty-minute speeches and all the time groups behind the scenes were trying to reach an agreement. There was some talk that the Prime Minister would make the final decision but this he evaded, standing instead behind the committee's report and endorsing it as one of reasonable equity. The Prime Minister's view is that the Opposition.

Without going into the details, Mr. Chairman," Mr. Bennett said, "I must say that I have not reached the point where I believe that human nature is so constituted that those who for the moment are out of power are unwilling to recognise that fact. In all sincerity may I say that while reasonable justice is being done to the Liberal party is in the ascendancy provincially and federally in point of the numbers of members from the Province of Quebec, in this Parliament there happens to be in power a Conservative administration. Is it not fair to say that Hon. gentlemen opposite must recognise that fact and recognise the further fact that when a choice has to be made in one of two given ways you must expect that choice to be made in the way that will be most advantageous to the party in power. Is that unfair? Is that not what has always happened in regard to anything?"

The Liberal Leader, Mr. Mackenzie King, came out definitely in favor of proportional representation. "I believe that the only true method of securing a representative Parliament is by a system of proportional representation properly worked out with regard to the Dominion as a whole." He went on to claim that during his time as Prime Minister the Government had introduced a measure dealing with proportional representation in city constituencies, but the measure was not re-introduced because the government had not a majority in the Senate.

Immediately after 1921 Mr. W. C. Good, who was then M.P. for Brant, urged Parliament to adopt proportional representation and he kept the urging up session after session. He was undoubtedly an authority on the subject; I recall when he finished speaking there was practically nothing left to be said, though in brief speeches the Southeast corner did support him. His constant hammering at the subject induced the government to introduce the bill of which Mr. King spoke, but that the Liberal government at that time was not particularly interested in the legislation is shown by the fact that the bill only got first reading. There was nothing to prevent the measure being carried in the Commons since all our members would have supported it. It is to be hoped that by the time we get around to redistribution again public opinion will be strong enough to secure through Parliament proportional representation in thickly settled communities and a single transferable vote in any single-member constituencies left.

House of Commons, Ottawa,
May 27, 1933.
—AGNES MACPHAIL.

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COMMUNITY SHEEP DIPPING

Two dippings of sheep every year are advisable, the first in the spring and the second in the fall. Spring dipping should be performed as soon after shearing as possible. June is the most suitable month since in June all lambs will have arrived and the weather is favorable. Community dipping has a number of advantages over individual farm dipping. It costs less, there is less labor for each individual farmer, and an annual community dipping day insures that all flocks in the district will be dipped.

A community desiring to build a permanent community tank may make application for a set of forms to the District Sheep and Swine Promoter in any of the provinces. A concrete tank properly built is not expensive, is more permanent and gives entire satisfaction. After a suitable location has been selected as central as possible for the sheep owners in the district, the most economical method of building the tank is to arrange the work co-operatively, delegating someone to draw the gravel, another to haul the forms and cement, and others to dig the hole, mix the concrete and fill in the forms.

For the individual farmer with a few sheep where no community tank is available, it is not necessary to construct an elobrate dipping plant. A large barrel or trough large enough to immerse the sheep thoroughly will answer the purpose. A small draining platform can easily be built, so that the sheep when dipped can be allowed to stand for a few minutes until the dip drains out of the fleece and runs back into the dipping vessel.

COSTLY FISHING TRIP

Mothers' Day, May 14, will long be remembered by C. W. Hortop, of Rockwood. Bright and early he motored to Horning's Mills with his fishing tackle prepared to indulge in the sport on the private property of L. C. A. Strother. One of the owner's patrolmen spotted the intruder and he was placed under arrest by County Constable Robert K. Lambert, taken to Shelburne and turned over to Chief of Police Samuel R. McCauley, who brought the prisoner to the county jail here. That Attorney-General Price's officials are obliging was demonstrated Sunday afternoon when Crown Attorney R. David Evans and Police Magistrate Hugh Falconer met and allowed Hortop's release on $1,000 bail supplied by a brother and a neighbor who had motored here from Rockwood, a distance of about forty miles. Hortop, who did not have a chance to catch any fish, pleaded guilty to trespassing and was fined $10 and costs, the costs alone amounted to $24.40.—Shelburne Free Press.

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