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: HOCKEY :

FEVERSHAM TRAMPLES PRICEVILLE UNDER 9—5

Feversham added another scalp to their already heavy belt on Feb.7, when they defeated Priceville 9—5.

Throughout the first frame Feversham were pressed hard, Priceville continued to hem them in their own territory. B. Mullin eased the strain when he banged one in from Elmer Mullin. Priceville came back with a quick counter by McLean. B. Springgay put Feversham one up on a pass from Mullin. Turnbull rallied for Priceville, scoring on a shot. The period ended a tie.

In the second Frook counted on a long shot giving Priceville the advantage. Bus Springgay made the nicest play of the evening when he carried the puck through to the goal and scored. Lepard again counted on a pass from Springgay.

The last chapter saw Feversham out-play Priceville, and bang in five goals to their opponents' one to cinch the agme. Mullin, Lepard 2, E. Mullin and A. Springgay. Bell and Frook counted for Priceville.

FLESHERTON LOSES TWO GAMES

The Flesherton Bombers lost two games in a row, to put them in second position.

On Friday evening Feb.,9, they lost 11—4 to Feversham. Throughout the game the home squad could not get their plays to work. On the other hand Feversham was a smooth working machine.. Feversham was a combination of fast skating and tricky plays who got them places. Flesherton, was entiley lost, it seemed.

Their second flounder came on Monday evening when Ceylon won 11—2. The boys appeared to have lost confidence in each other, seemingly playing alone. The spark from a once fast team was gone, leaving an unorganized group of players. Ceylon hal a lot of the play, and made this fact count. The home team was apparently in a slump, which is bad at this stage of the season, when a cup is at stake.

GRAND VALLEY TRIM FLESHERTON CENTRE-GREYS

The home team lost to Grand Valley Monday evening 8—5. Flesherton held their own even thongh they were handicapped for players. The game was fast and clean, Grand Valley eking out the decision. Dundalk and Flesherton will meet in the semi-finals.

PRICEVILLE.. WINS FROM.. ROCK MILLS

Priceville defeated Rock Mills 4—3 in a fast clean game, on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Priceville played with the knowledge that if they lost they were out for the remainder of the seacon. Ceylon and Priceville will meet in a sudden death game, the winner to meet Flesherton in the semi-finals.

ROCK MILLS SAWYERS BREAK FLESHERTON'S WINNING WAY

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, the Rock Mills Sawyers broke Flesherton's record of no games lost, and cawe out on the long end of a 5-4 victory. Perhaps the team is fading after so many wins, proving the old saying "A good start, a poor ending." If Flesherton has any hopes of beating Feversham, they will certainly have to show more team play.

FINAL STANDING SEMI-PRO. LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Tie	Pts.
Feversham	7	1	0	14
Flesherton	5	3	0	10
Rock Mills	3	5	0	6
Ceylon	2	5	1	5
Priceville	2	5	1	5

FINAL STANDING CENTRE GREY LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pts.
Shelburne	7	1	14
Dundalk	6	2	12
Grand Valley	5	3	10
Flesherton	2	6	4
Markdale	0	8	0

CEYLON

Miss Agnes Macphail M. P., Miss Lottie Whittaker, Mrs. Wm. Beaton and Mr. Peter Muir attended the convention in Hanover when Miss Macphail was again chosen to contest the Grey-Bruce riding in the interest of the U.F.O. party.

Miss Emma Oliver was home from Heathcote the latter part of the week.

Mr. Roy Piper accompanied Flesherton curlers to Owen Sound, where they took part in the bonspiel last week.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Muir on Thursday February 15, when the program will be a social evening. The roll call was answered by "Sing Say or Pray." Lunch com: Mrs. Jaynes and Mrs. McMillan.

Mr. John Niihol has completed compiling the voter's list.

Miss Agnes Macphail opened her election campaign, speaking at Dobbington on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Beatty of Orange Valley is visiting at the home of I. B. Whittaker.

Some T.B testing has been done on the West Back Line.

Mrs. Wm. Mathewson was called to Paris, owing to her mother's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wyville of Toronto, were visitors the latter part of the week with Mr and Mrs. McMullen.

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Miss Macphail's Letter

Since Parliament sat for only three hours with three speeches made it seems advisable and fair that the people should be thoroughly acquainted with the subject matter used.

The Prime Minister, Mr. King, immediately arose and said "Mr. Speaker, I rise to move that the House do now adjourn, but if the House would permit me to do so I should like to make a statement to Hon. members with respect to the paragraph in the speech from the Throne which refers to an immediate dissolution (election). "He thought the Hon. members would be interested in the reason for the appeal to the country. He then took considerable time to show that what he had promised last September was "that there would be no election between the last special session and the 'calling' of the present session.

In referring to his statement of last session he said "I was careful, therefore, to say that it would be desirable when parliament next assembled to have a careful review in the interval of all circumstances which would bear on the question of whether it would be advisable to proceed in a period of war with a pre-election session, or to have on the hustings such discussion as must necessarily take place—in other words, to avoid two political battles, one in parliament and one on the hustings as well.

The deciding factor with the Prime Minister was the resolution passed by the Ontario Legislature which Mr. King said was moved by Mr. Hepburn and seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. In this he was in error, McQuesten seconded the resolution and carried by a majority of the Legislature.

The resolution in question "regretted that the Federal Government at Ottawa has made so little effort to prosecute Canada's duty in the war in the vigorous manner the people of Canada desire to see". Mr. King stated that the criticism was being made in the name of the people of Canada and that it was passed to start a political campaign while the Federal Parliament was in session and to take advantage of Mr. King's double responsibility of carrying on war effort and meeting parliament from day to day, "and trying to conduct debates here with due regard for what is taking place in Europe and the care to be exercised with respect to whatever is said and whatever is done" (the British House exercises no such constraint).

The Prime Minister then stated that since the beginning of the war he and his cabinet had given every "once of our strength and every hour of our time in the most devoted manner possible endeavoring to further Canada's war effort in the interest of the nation" and pointed out that the press were in chorus in expressing the hope that the administration would continue to carry on (without an election).

"This Parliament was returned in 1935 and this is 1940", said Mr. King. (If you subtract the result is five years but actually the parliament return could have carried on without extention until November of this year). But the Prime Minister wants a mandate from the people before the war "begins in earnest" And while the Second Division of the Caadian Expeditionary Force is still in Canada to vote.

Mr. Cahan interrupted to ask if the Prime Minister intended to introduce legislation giving votes to soldiers at home and abroad and received the reply that the Prime Minister intends to make provision for the military vote beng taken overseas under the War Measures Act. That is by Orders in Council rather than by Parliamentary Legislation which brought from Mr. Manion "that is the way Hitler would do it" and from Lapointe, "Hitler does not take any vote."

At this point Mr. King shifted to post war legislation, mentioning especially unemployment insurance as necessary, and then closed with a long quotation from Lincoln which he told the House was being read from a volume given him by Lady Laurier (though at that moment the House was little concerned with sentiment). Mr. King concluded with: "If there is any group of men more capable of carrying on Canada's war effort and likely to do so more effectively then the people should have the right to entrust them with that great obligation. We propose to leave it to the people of Canada to say whom they wish to carry on the government of Canada in this period of world war."

"I move, Mr. Speaker, that the House do now adjourn."

At this point Dr. Manion rose and had just said the two words "Mr. Speaker" when he was interrupted by Mr. King pointing out that the notion was not before the House. 'Do I understand that no one is to be allowed to say anything in reply to the Prime Minister's prepared speech? Is it the intention to gag this house in addition to everything else? Is the Prime Minister to come before this House and make a prepared speech, of which no hint was given to anyone and then attempt to close the mouths of the rest of us? I ask him if he dares do that." After some further exchanges Dr. Manion was permitted to speak, which he distinctly stated involved no particular courtesy, anymore than there was courtesy in permitting the Prime Minister to speak on a motion which is not debatable.

It is the usual practice to send copies of the speech from the Throne to the leaders of Opposition parties and to the press before it is read by the Governor General so that all leaders have a knowledge of the government program. This had not been done Mr. Manion said so that he had no hint of what was coming and no opportunity of preparing a reply to the political speech just delivered by the Prime Minister. It was a discourteous act and this he regretted since he had often said that the Prime Minister was always courteous.

"What he has done, bringing members from all over Canada only to be dismissed is unscrupulous politics intended to gag discussion in the House and get a snap decision of the people of Canada on a great question", said Dr. Manion. "Why call approximately 245 members from all parts of Canada at great expense in many instances?" And here Mr. King interrupted to say that he had given a promise that the election would not be held until the House had been called. And that, but for that, he would have asked for dissolution the night the Ontario resolution was put through.

"Is the Rt. Hon. Gentleman telling me that he meant to put over a trick of this kind, that makes it much worse. The understanding was that the House of Commons would be called in regular session and that we would discuss the activities of the government, the effort of the government in the conduct of the war and so on, had we gone on for a few weeks the Prime Minister might then have decided an election might be called but to put over a political trick of this kind is disgraceful. And he went on to twit Mr. King and Mr. Lapointe on their verbal defence but actual disregard of democracy. This brought Mr. King to his feet to say that democracy was not responsibility to the leaders in the House of Commons but to the people of Canada. Dr. Manion retorted "through the House of Commons".

Since Parliament met last September the Government had used the various press liaison groups to release propoganda which was called news. There was not only one but several press release groups he said. Nor can you turn on the radio without hearing some minister of the government talking of what they have done.

"Having called this House of Commons together as the Prime Minister did why does he not make a report to it as he should? And why, too", he asked, "should any action of the provincial legislature of Ontario dictate to the Federal Government of Canada". "This is the forum before which the Hon. gentleman has to answer. "Mr. King had always talked about the supremacy of Parliament," Dr. Manion said, "And yet, with it in session he resorted to Orders-in-Council in arranging for the Military vote showing that his talk about the supremacy of Parliament was humbug. If the Prime Minister couldn't solve pre-war problems he (Dr. Manion) didn't see how he was going to solve post-war problems.

Continuing he lashed the Minister of National Defence on his handling of the department, lack of clothing and equipment for the First Canadian Division and failure to provide allowances for wives and mothers of soldiers, and condemned the Government as a whole on what he charged as a lack of co-operation with the British government regarding the setting up of Air Training Schools here. With a final tiff between the leaders on the place for free speech the country or Parliament, Dr. Manion concluded with "But the place to have questions answered is here in Parliament."

The last of the three speeches was by Mr. J. S. Woodsworth. He began by saying that for the first time in his political life he found himself very nearly in complete agreement with the Leader of the Opposition. I dare say that like me he stuck on "So far as I am concerned. I think Mitch is right, has been right all along", which Manion used toward the end of his speech.

"It is not a question," Mr. Woodsworth said, "whether we are to have an election or not, but the manner in which it shall be done and the time." Speaking of unemployment insurance he said that for years his group had orked for it but had been unable to get the government to move. They, the government, had raised all sorts of constitutional objections. Post war problems should be discussed now, in this parliament he said. Instead of giving a blank cheque to a government that has not shown itself particularly in favour of the common people.

Mr. Woodsworth suggested that the government should give a complete account of its stewardship during the last six months. The British parliament sits almost continually and is subject to a barrage of criticism from the opposition that has been generally considered to be a very good thing. But this government strives to avoid criticism. We are coming to the point where we are governed by Orders-in-Council, some of which take away the fundamental right of British people—the right to free speech, free assembly and the exercise of unionism under war conditions. And now we are to be denied the rights of Parliament.

"The people of Canada are anxious to know how some of the war contracts have been let." Mr. Woodsworth continued. "And they have a right to know. They are curious, too, about the dollar a year men—how they have been selected, what their qualifications are and what advantages accrue to them. The people of the country want to know, also why the government got away from the 5% profit arrangement to a 5% plus.

Mr. Woodsworth charged that economic conscription of men is operating "men who have been on relief for years have been urged to enlist and told that unless they enlist their relief will be cut off—thousands of our youth have been forced to enlist by the desperate alternative of starving to death if they do not. He told of a veteran in the city of Winnipeg saying to him just a few weeks previous "Yes, these young fellows that are going in now are very nattily dressed. They get good meals, they are provided for, they are heroes; but a whole lot of the fellows that went to the last war are eating in soup kitchens."

In conclusion he said that free speech was being strangled in Parliament and indeed in the country since under the War Measures Act Regulations one cannot with safety express what he thinks. His son, just returned from Great Britain, had expressed his feeling on landing here that in some way the people of Canada had been frightened and were afraid to speak out what they thought, which contrasted sharply with the speech and attitude in Great Britain. The Prime Minister did not look like a dictator or speak like one, he was acting like one, Mr. Woodsworth said.

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Agnes C. Macphail.

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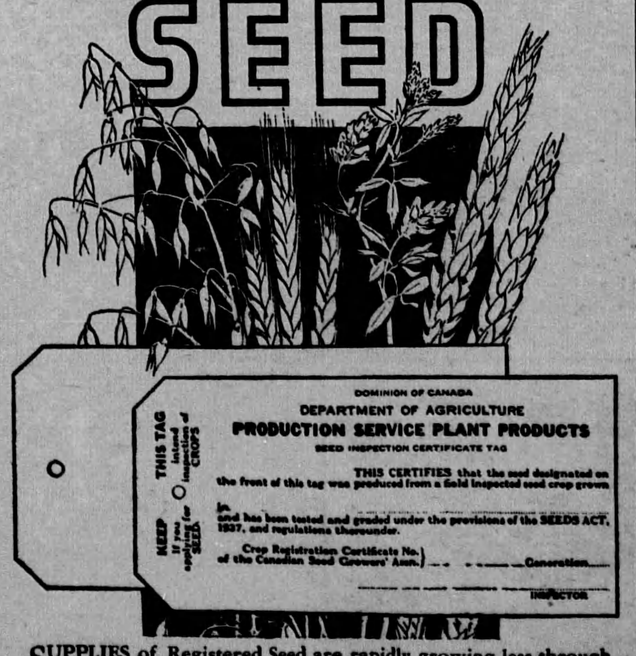

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