NEWS PARADE

The National Government idea was overwhelmingly defeated in last week's Canadian federal election when the Liberal party, led by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, swept back into office . . . the Liberal landslide was attributed by the Conservatives' Ontario organizer to fear on the part of the people that a national government would bring in conscription, would amalgamate the two railways, and that a change in government at the present time would tend to disrupt the Dominion's war effort . . . .

The storm over, the attention of Canadians turned immediately elsewhere — to the war in Europe; to the question of what would become of Ontario's Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn in his renegade stand . . .

Changing Picture

During the seventh month of armed conflict in Europe, the war picture materially changed in four ways: 1. Following the Russo-Finnish peace, the diplomatic initiative was wrested from the Allies to be wielded energetically by Germany; 2. As a result of the German diplomatic drive, Italy appeared to be drawn into closer collaboration with the Reich; 3. Allied rejection of any patched-up peace cleared the stage for intensification of military activity, if such there was to be; 4. Governmental changes in Allied countries were carried out with a view to assuring a much more vigorous and positive prosecution of the war.

Two Strategies

Yet the lull on the Western Front continued . . . nor was it believed last week that new theatres of war would open up presently, although many eyes turned to the near East where it was known that the Allied army of the Orient was constantly receiving more men and more material . . . New York Times correspondent Archambault summarized the basic policies of the belligerents in two formulas: Pledged to respect of pledges and no rash adventures, the problem for the Allies is to induce or compel the enemy to attack rashly himself. To get him to do this, the blockade must be made effective or a coalition organized against him. The Germans, fully realizing this, direct their efforts toward warding off both blockade and coalition. Hitler's last card, then, was seen to be decision by battle — "he will not attack either the Maginot Line or the army of the Orient until he has been forced to" . . .

The War-Week

Rumania remained the hot-spot of Europe during the week, while rumors flew of a Nazi "ultimatum" to King Carol . . . the war on the sea entered another phase when Britain sank German merchant ships in the Baltic, presumably carrying iron ore to the Reich from Sweden; more Danish vessels, bearing butter and bacon to Britain, were sent to the bottom by German U-boats . . . world communications were blacked-out in a bombardment of the earth by a shower of electrical particles from a huge sunspot . . Franco-Russian relations became strained when the Soviet Ambassador to France, Jacob Suritz, was recalled . . . large concentrations of German submarines were noted outside Norwegian territorial waters . . . a British raid on the Nazi base of Sylt was successfully carried out . . . in the Far East Chinese reported successes over the Japanese on war fronts as far separated as Southern China and Inner Mongolia . . . the Finnish war cabinet resigned, to be replaced by a coalition government with Rysto Ryti as premier . . .

Revenues Rise In Dominion

Customs, Excise, Income Tax Yield Higher Than Year Ago

Customs and excise duties, excise taxes and sundry collections during February totalled $26,770,462, an increase of $6,982,474 over February, 1939, the national revenue department reports at Ottawa.

Net income tax collection amounted to $4,040,789 in February, an increase of $703,475 over February a year ago.

Customs duties during February totalled $8,385,751, an increase of $3,058,876 over the same month a year ago. Excise taxes, at $13,815,155 were up $2,551,243 and excise duties at $4,521,012 showed a $1,291,537 increase. Sundry collections decreased $19,183 to $48,507.

R.C.A.F. Fliers March to Parade Ground For Colorful Ceremony

Camp Borden was the scene of a colorful ceremony recently as 33 young airmen received their wings. These young fliers, representing every part of Canada, were the first group to enter training with the R. C. A. F. after the outbreak of war. The proud young fliers are shown as they marched to the parade ground where they received their coveted wings from Wing Commander F. S. McGill.

Farm Forum

(Conducted by Prof. Henry G. Bell, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, assisted by other members of the O.A.C. faculty)

BARLEY AND BACON

Without benefit of bonus but in anticipation of better prices, the Canadian farmr since the war in Europe began has brought many more acres under the plough, a typical example being in Nova Scotia where Dr. W. S. Blair, secretary of the N. S. Farmers' Association, Prof. K. Cox, Agricultural College, Truro, and others conducted an aggressive campaign for 50% more land in grain. At the annual convention of the N. S. Farmers' Association, held in Truro the other week, Prof. Cox gave a very instructive talk on "Grain Production on Old Grass and Pasture Lands Depleted in Fertility", emphasizing the need for liberal applications of the proper fertilizer.

IDEAL NURSE CROP

Barley will be grown more extensively this year, because of the prominent place accorded it in the feed ration for bacon hogs, and barley with its shallow root system requires a fertile top soil. Unlike malting barley, feed barley is not fastidious, demanding only the liberal feeding which promotes vigorous, healthy growth and fills the kernels. Speaking of kernels: in order that these be not full of smut, a disease that takes a heavy annual toll of our grain, the seed barley should be treated with ethyl mercury phosphate, the dust fungicide for cereals, at the rate of one-half ounce per husbel.

Barley is an ideal nurse crop and may sometimes be sown with grasses and clover. When these are seeded down the fertilizing should be more ample to ensure success of the following hay crop.

Could Make 500 Trips To Moon

Wtihout An Accident — 3,000 Ontario Truck Drivers Travel That Far in Complete Safety

Ontario has some 3,000 truck drivers who could make 500 odd trips to the moon — and safely, too— if only the moon had the needed road connections.

But the distance could be just as great. For Ontario's safest truck drivers have turned up 12,000,000 collective miles without an accident.

And that, says the Ontario Safety League, is a performance worthy not only of merit cards, but of medals as well.

Both medals and merit cards were bestowed on the 3,000 drivers by A. G. Partridge, President of the League. Some of the truck wranglers, it was disclosed, were receiving them for the seventh consecutive year.

And in case some amateur statisticians may say that the distance to the moon is not a fair way of measuring this safety performance, the drivers reply that one can, after all, compute it in terms of circling the earth.

COLLECTIVE MILEAGE

Their collective mileage — all without a mishap, remember — would take them around the Equator approximately 5,000 times.

Or, if one wants to be practical about it, there are 410,808 miles of highways in the Dominion of Canada.

Gardening ....

HANDLING SHRUBBERY

In the informal garden plan the taller shrubs, such as the common spirea, honey suckle, forsythia, syringa or lilas to be placed farthest back. In front go the smaller shrubs, like the barberry in different shades of foliage, the low spireas, the deutzia or similar things that never exceed three or four feet in height at maturity. In this class, too, will come many of the perennial flowers, iris, phlox, peonies, plants of medium height and which, like all perennials when once planted and established, will come up each year and flower with very little further attention.

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BROKEN LINES

Nature detests straight lines. In gardening the amateur is well advised to follow this natural example.

Straight, narrow fences, abrupt and cramping corners around garage or house, narrow, straight side walks, all unduly emphasize the confining limits of small lots. These, however, can be made to appear many times more spacious if the fences and walls are partially covered with vines, if corners are screened with shrubbery, leading down to tall annual flowers.

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BARE SPOTS IN LAWNS

Beneath bare spots on the lawn will usually be found poor or sour soil underneath; it will be necessary to dig up, remove any gravel or stones, filling up with good earth and sewing thickly with a good quality of Canadian grass seed. For this purpose and for new lawns it is always best to get a good mixture of high quality packaged grass seed blended by expert seedsmen.

Goes Down Smiling

Hon. Dr. Robert J. Manion, leader of the National Government party which was defeated at the polls in the March 26 Dominion election.

Trees In Place Of Snow Fences

Farmer's Advocate Points to Nature's Usefulness In Providing A Windbreak

The original cost of snow fences together with the expense of putting them up and taking them down each year, is an item of no small dimensions in the Province of Ontario, says the Farmers' Advocate, and when we add to this the cost of ploughing out highways and country roads the figure is considerably increased. This cost will grow rather than become less, for the townships and counties are undertaking to keep sideroads and concessions open during the winter in order that farmers may market their product any and every day of the week.

HEDGES OF FOREST TREES

There is growing enthusiasm regarding the usefulness of trees to replace snow fences. Hedges of forest rtees planted around 30 feet from the road lane are being tried in several counties. The railroad have already demonstrated the effectiveness of tree rows in preventing drifting and municipal officers have inaugurated a similar policy but as yet only in an experimental way.

In many districts it will probably work out so the strip of land between the trees and the roadway will be cultivated. Fences will be eliminated and a weed-cutting problem will be solved.

Canada's Food Exports Rise

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports Canada's domestic exports rose to $71,078,946 in February, compared with $57,571,572 in February, 1939, with notable increases being shown in food, lumber, newsprint and partially manufactured copper.

Principal exports with figures for February, 1939, in brackets: Wheat, $5,775,465 ($3,531,726); wheat flour $2,135,700 ($886,944) fish, $2,203,615 $2,080,671); furs, $1,763,579 ($1,774,870); meats, $3,879,338 ($2,448,011); cheese, $742,444 ($132,718); planks and boards, $2,912,646 ($2,530,755); wood pulp, $3,398,752 ($1,781,886); newsprint, $8,246,807 ($6,533,514); automobiles and parts, $1,925,504 ($2,448,520); partially manufactured copper $4,081,741 ($3,796,196); unmanufactured nickel, $3,956,155 ($4,551,196).

VOICE OF THE PRESS

THE OTHER WELLES

If Roosevelt had only sent Orson Welles to Europe he could have scared the foe silly.

—Brandon Sun.

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ONE'S SUFFICIENT

Many electors felt like the farmer who remarked, after hearing the two candidates in his riding: "Thank heaven they don't both get in."

—Financial Post.

HURRYING THE HOG

Hogs are said to be the only animal that, given an unlimited supply of food, will not overeat themselves. They don't have time, being wanted for bacon just as they're getting the rhythm.

—Toronto Star.

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SEEING YOUR SLAYER

"A pedestrian walking in the roadway should walk facing vehicular traffic. In this way he can see the car before it hits him", advises an American contemporary. It helps, when you know just who killed you.

—Hamilton Spectator.

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AN IMPORTANT GROUP

There is a group of workers in this community as well as in all communities in Christian countries who go about their work quietly and without ostentation. They are the people who staff the Sunday Schools of the various churches. Theirs is a never-ending work. Like the day school teachers, they see the children go through their classes and out into the world.

—Tillsonburg News.

The Blue Jay

The blue jay comes and gobbles crumbs,
Sunflower seeds, and buries them
A few yards off; he screams at birds
Who hop too near and tells his mate
To stand back while he scratches deeper.
His testy nature though is clothed
In plumage of a shade so rare
That all a watcher can recall
Is blueness coloring the air.

John Ritchey

"A Farmer Today Needs $500 More"

Federal Department of Agriculture Says He Requires It To Maintain Adequate Living Standard

"The days of self-sufficing agriculture have been left behind, and the Canadian farmer finds himself today attempting to deal with high living standards and greater cost," H. R. Hare of the economics division, federal department of agriculture stated last week. He spoke in Milton, Ont., at a Halton farm management short course, emphasizing the necessity of cutting down farm costs of operation and production.

"We need an additional $500 a year to maintain those living standards we didn't have a few years ago. A farmer today has a bigger job to race than had his father or grandfather, contrary to the opinion of many," said Mr. Hare.

SPECIALIZATION AT END

Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock of Halton deplored the lack of account books and records to be found on Halton farms. Describing records as a necessity to the successful farmer, he added "of course, when the farmer knows he is losing money, he hates like sin seeing the figures in black and white before him." The representative expressed belief that the day of the highly specialized dairy farmer is "at an end", and appealed to dairy specialists for a more diversified effort. The growing of commercial seed grain, and hog-raising, were suggested as a promising sideline.

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