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ELECTION JULY 28th

Canada's sixteenth parliament has been dissolved and the electors will have a chance on Monday, July 28th, of choosing the members who will form the seventeenth. Dissolution took place on Friday last and the writs were issued immediately. In the parliament just dissolved the Liberal Party had 116 members, the Conservatives 91, other groups 38. What changes will take place as a result of the election no one can tell but it is expected that the Western provinces, from where 36 of the 33 independent members come, will be represented more fully by members of the two main parties. Ontario has the only two independent representatives east of the Great Lakes. The Dunning Budget will, no doubt, be the chief topic of discussion on the platform, throughout the country. The election campaign should be a lively one with all conditions favorable for the getting out of a big vote on July 28th. At the present time it is not known whether or not the Liberals will have a candidate in the field in South-East Grey. If they do it will make a lively scrap. Our guess is that the fight here will be left to Miss Agnes Macphail, the present member, and Dr. L. G. Campbell, the Conservative nominee.

BOOZE AND DANCERS

Apparently there is a percentage of the young people attending public dances who think that a little liquor is necessary in order to make success. The provincial police in Grey County have been active during the past few weeks in an endeavor to put an end to this practice and as a result several young men have appeared before the Police Magistrate and paid heavy fines. The young men who imagine that liquor, often bootleg of the vilest kind, is a necessity in connection with a dance are going to be taught a lesson which we hope will be a lasting one. If liquor must be consumed in connection with dances then it is better that we have no such affairs, but we know that such is not the case. The Liquor Control Act provides that the person who wants liquor may procure it legally and consume it legally but it makes no provision for drinking at public gatherings. The average young man is capable of making himself popular at public dances or other gatherings by many actions and proper demeanor and liquor will not assist any in this connection. There are plenty of ways in which to make fools of ourselves without soliciting the aid of the bootlegger. Of course, there have always been a certain percentage of foolish beings among us and we must expect that it will continue to be so. The provincial police have undertaken to curb some of this foolishness and we hope their efforts may be crowned with success.

ONTARIO SADDLED WITH GROTESQUE DIVORCE ACT

According to the highest legal authority, the new Ontario divorce law is a throwback to the ancient English law of sixty years ago, when the equality of the sexes was still unrecognized. In brief, "The Divorce Act (Ontario) 1930," just passed at Ottawa, is frankly based on the double standard of morality for men and women. A husband may divorce a wife for adultery, a wife cannot divorce a husband for the same cause unless she can also prove cruelty. Nor are the Ontario courts clothed with authority to rule in regard to alimony, the custody of children or property rights and damages. Women were distinctly better off in the hands of the Senate, which for a generation has held the balance even between the sexes. The law of England was long since modernized in this respect, and because of their wording the divorce laws

in Western Canada automatically follow the improved English model. The explanation of how this retrograde legislation came to be imposed upon this province reflects seriously upon the federal government. The Ontario divorce law is left in a hopeless muddle. Injured wives seeking justice suffer from a grave handicap which cannot be removed except by further legislation. There was a similar case of loose drafting in the new liquor export act, which was, however, fortunately observed in time by the Senate.—Mail and Empire.

Our Ottawa Letter

The House of Commons is at last at grips with the budget. That academic institution known as the budget debate having closed, the chamber is now considering clause by clause the various tariff changes which Finance Minister Dunning has proposed. As might be expected, controversy has centered principally upon the provision for countervailing duties. This retaliatory device, admittedly directed against the United States, has aroused criticism from C. H. Cahau, K. C. (Cons. St. Lawrence) and St. George on the grounds that it does not base Canada's tariff upon the peculiar conditions of production which face an industry in this country. Instead of Canadian conditions becoming the justification for a certain rate of duty, Mr. Cahau has pointed out, the mere fact that the United States see fit to impose such a duty becomes the determining factor. In short, Mr. Cahau has contended, and other Conservatives have agreed that the countervailing duties base Canada's tariff not upon conditions in this country, but upon conditions in another country. The government's reply has been that the countervailing duties do not make another country's tariff Canada's tariff, since the basic Canadian tariff remains, below which the countervailing duties are of no effect. The purpose of the countervailing duties, Mr. Dunning has insisted, has been to invite other countries to trade with Canada, on a reciprocal basis. The length of time which the tariff will spend upon the 500-odd tariff changes can only be conjectured. It is expected, however, that they will all be passed during the present week and that the "house" will have next week in which to clear up the odds and ends of legislation and the government and legislative member resolutions which remain upon the order paper. It is not expected that the session, when it is closed will have proved very profitable to the private members. In fact the government is already credited with having decided that the majority of their propositions must be jettisoned in favor of an early dissolution. The only major piece of legislation of possible controversy which is still to be brought into the house is the anti-smuggling treaty with the United States. The expectation is that the text of this pact will be introduced to the commons during the present week. The liquor bill has been held up in the Senate pending the tabling of the text of the treaty. The understanding is, however, that if the treaty is not available during the early part of this week, the Senate will give third reading to the Export Act. Of interest to both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is the debate on budget resolutions so far has been the contention of Conservative members that the countervailing duties should be extended so as to cover fish. J. C. Brady (Cons. Skeena) and H. B. Shortt (Cons. Digby-Annapolis) have united in arguing that the American fishing schooners enjoy free port privileges in Canada which Canadian schooners are denied in the United States because of the tariff. On this account, they have claimed, American schooners marketed 30,000,000 pounds of halibut in the ports of British Columbia last year in comparison with 3,750,000 pounds marketed by Canadian fishermen. The contention of Messrs. Brady and Shortt is that the imposition of a countervailing duty against American fish will place the fishing industry upon a reciprocal basis, and secure for Canadian vessels privileges in United States ports which they are now denied.

It was a labored conclusion which the Commons finally reached. There was no outstanding contention but for a time it seemed as though the debate had become endowed with all the qualities of Tennessee's brook, and would go on forever. Only by negotiation amongst the three party leaders was prorogation in time for a July election finally achieved. Outstanding amongst the developments during the last hours of parliament was the disclosure of the Government's uneasiness (not the forthcoming election should and in a stalemate. Premier King discussed the possibility with the members frankly, setting forth what the course of the government would be in such

a contingency. Considerable significance was attached to his pronouncement by political observers. It was interpreted as an indication that the Prime Minister viewed the outlook for his administration with so little optimism that the possibility of a draw, not the probability of a victory, was engaging his thoughts. In the course of his statement, Mr. King declared that the government, if faced by a stalemate, would not attempt to carry on this time, but would advise His Excellency to summon parliament immediately in order that the future course of events might not prove to represent Canada at the Imperial Conference in London until the issue of confidence should be settled. Apart from this statement the wind up of Parliament was largely a matter of winding up routine business. Anything of a contentious nature was jettisoned, with consequent loss to many interests. Christian Scientists lost the amendment to the criminal code relieving them of the obligation of summoning medical attention in cases of serious illness. Montreal lost Federal assistance to a bridge project at Caughnawaga. The Government, however, was the principal sufferer. It failed to get through a bill to add to the riding of "Concord-Rainy River, which the Minister of Labor did. Hon. Lucien Gagnon, Solicitor-General, claimed that the section in question had been left out of any riding in the 1924 redistribution. Hon. Mr. Bennett, however, denying this, charged the "most barefaced, bold, and iniquitous attempt ever made in the dying hours of a parliament to pass a piece of political legislation. The purpose of the bill, as the Opposition Leader saw it, was to make Hon. Peter Heenan's seat safe for the Liberal party.

Controlling Black-Rot

Root-rot of black-rot is a fairly common disease of strawberry plants. Apparently plants of any age may be attacked but they are most susceptible at two periods, shortly after being set out and at fruiting time. In some patches little or no evidence of the disease can be found, while in others 50 per cent or even 70 per cent of the plants are destroyed. The principal control measures which have been found useful are: 1. Practice a fairly long crop rotation. Strawberries should not follow a similar crop in less than five years if possible. 2. Avoid introducing the disease. When setting out a patch, secure plants from a field which was free from root-rot the previous year. Then discard from these any plants which have blackened roots. 3. Protect the plants during winter by means of a suitable mulch. As soon as the ground becomes frozen hard, cover the rows with two or three inches of clean straw.

Corn Helps

Quality corn either for silage or for husking is the result of suitable seed and suitable preparation of the soil. Ontario growers of corn for husking purposes are warned that planting this crop later than the end of the first week in June may prevent its ripening. Tests have been conducted at the O.A.C. relative to different dates of planting coupled with fertilization with high phosphate fertilizers. Records obtained show that a week's delay in planting could be largely overcome by the use of suitable fertilizers. Fertilizers of an analysis of 2-12-6 or 3-10-5 used at the rate of 500 pounds per acre at the time of planting, have been found to hasten the ripening of the crop at least a week.

Weekly Crop Bulletin

Most of the counties in the province report a rapid recovery from the inroads of winter on the fall wheat and alfalfa crops. Bruce county is assured of a good crop of hay while in Dundas both the above crops are making fine growth. The same applied to Frontenac but rains have delayed grain seeding. Grenville's report almost duplicates that of the latter. Potato planting is in full swing in Hastings while in Huron an increase in bean acreage is expected. Seeding is practically completed in Kenora while in Kent all crops are from a week to ten days earlier than in 1929. In Lambton, the report says, "Prospects for a bumper crop were never better." An exceptionally large crop is expected in Lanark while in Lincoln fruit prospects are excellent. A rapid growth of fall wheat has been noticed in both Middlesex and Norfolk while in Northumberland, orchards are ten days ahead of last year. Early barley is being sown in Perth in an attempt to kill snow thistle. The report, on the whole, is the most optimistic issued this year.

Farmers' Week at O. A. C.

Monday, June 16th—Counties of Lambton, Wentworth, Lincoln, Welland, Norfolk, Kent, Essex, Elgin and Haldimand. Tuesday, June 17th—Huron, Waterloo, Dufferin, Perth, Huron, Grey and Bruce. Wednesday, June 18th—Peel, Simcoe, York, Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Hastings and Eastern Counties. Thursday, June 19th—Brant, Oxford, Wellington, Middlesex, Muskoka, Victoria and Peterboro.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including Friday, June 6th, for the construction of the concrete abutments and floor for Burke's Bridge opposite lot 13, Con. 4 and 5, Glenelg Township. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the office of the Engineer, Court House, Owen Sound. A marked check for 10% must accompany each tender and the successful bidder will be required to furnish a contract bond for 50% of the amount of the contract. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. R. C. McKNIGHT, Engineer for Glenelg Township, Court House, Owen Sound

News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Ontario Department of Agriculture

Agriculture Leads
According to an eminent authority the annual value of Canada's agricultural and live stock products on the average of the past two or three years is around the two billion dollar mark. The mineral production is given as being 280 millions for that period; the lumber and pulp production 450 millions, and the fisheries 64 millions.

Raising Better Potatoes

Certified Dooley Potatoes secured from the Alliston and Acton Districts were distributed on May 19th from Mount Brydes to the one hundred and thirty (130) members of the Middlesex Farm Boys' Potato Club which was organized this spring by the London Chamber of Commerce and Middlesex Department of Agriculture. Each member received one bag of potatoes. The plots will be judged during the summer and also inspected for the certification, so it is expected that the majority of the members will have certified seed for field planting next year. The boys were also supplied with a sixty (60) pound bag of special 4-8-10 potato fertilizer. Potatoes will be weighed from fertilized and unfertilized portions of the plots.

Clover Crop Valuable

Clovers are among the most valuable crops grown on the farms of the province. Not only do they furnish a large percentage of the nitrogen supply in stock feeds but also a large part of the nitrogen supply in soil fertilization. These crops improve the mechanical condition of the soil and play a large part in making the soil fertile available for the use of other plants. In an experiment conducted for a period of seven years at the O.A.C. it was found that Mammoth Red Clover yielded 2.94 tons, Alsike Clover 2.82 tons, and common Red Clover 2.79 tons of hay per acre. In each case only one crop of hay was taken last season from Mammoth

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Improving Turnips

Late sown Swede Turnips of good variety, when properly fertilized produce high yields of high-grade stock. Authorities at O.A.C. recommend Keirway's Perfect Model and Canadian Gem, sown between June 15th and 25th. Well-drained and well-prepared soil is essential for a successful crop. Turnips benefit of heavy feeding. As a rule the turnip field is heavily manured, which insures good top growth. This should be supplemented by high phosphate and most lime potash fertilizers. O.A.C. tests have shown that average gains of 230 bushels per acre were obtained from the addition of 300 pounds of 2-12-8 or 3-10-5 fertilizers. The fertilizer is best applied by either drilling it broadcast over the turnip field before the land is ridged. Both stock feeders and turnip shippers prefer juicy tender turnips, to the woody, fibrous kind which usually result from early sowing. By close attention to the above points, high quality product results may be secured.

Red and Alsike Clovers while in most years during the experiment two cuttings were obtained from Common Red. Experiments are now in progress and it is hoped to produce a strain of Red Clover which will reach hay condition at almost the same time as timothy.

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