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The Bennett Proposals

The most interesting and far reaching occurrence in Canada in the last week was the announcement by Prime Minister Bennett that he intends at the coming session of parliament to enact laws that will greatly improve the depressed condition of business and liberate the people from the bondage of poverty and business depression under which they have been suffering for practically 50 years. Just how Mr. Bennett proposed to accomplish this is set out in his address to the House of Commons on Wednesday night. He paid particular attention to the farmer and cited the legislation that had already been passed for the amelioration of agricultural depression. Already, he said, groups of farmers from every province in the Dominion were seeking relief under the provisions of the marketing act. Farm loans were also mentioned and the promise made that the farmer will be assisted from the national treasury. The organization of the civil service was forecast in this address, the Prime Minister remarking that the finance department had already been revamped. But it was his promises to relieve conditions and regulate business made Monday and Wednesday nights of last week that contained the potential assistance the government propose to render business and the country at large. As was noted at the outset, the exact purpose of the Prime Minister is not known but from what he has already stated it is plain that the government is going to step in and eliminate abuses in the conduct of big business in this country. It will no longer be possible for a tobacco grower to pay the tobacco grower a price for his green product that will not recompense him for his work. It will no longer be possible for a canning company to contract with a farmer for tomatoes at a starvation price and then violate the contract by docking the farmer for inferior vegetables when the pack has about reached the desired limit, and it will no longer be possible for one farmer to dump a big load of ungraded, dirty, diseased potatoes into a carload and spoil the reputation of the potato growers of a whole province. Who knows but what the small town merchant is to get something approaching a fair deal again. A gigantic Toronto organization has a big paw stretched right across the country and the small town everywhere is suffering because of the aggression of this and a couple of others like it operating on a smaller scale. To give justice to the man who is honestly endeavoring to make a living by fair merchandising the clamps will have to be put on the Toronto organization and we look for just that. That the legislation when introduced into the house of commons will be drastic there is no denying. Few people realize just what has got to be cleared up and eliminated to take even a large portion of the grief out of the economic structure. Evidently the newly established Central Bank is to play a role hitherto unknown in the business of any country and is to be made to justify its existence from its opening. Be that as it may the Prime Minister's decision to make determined effort to end the economic woes is highly creditable and further details will be awaited with the utmost interest. Opposition to the new deal is to be expected and already the Montreal Gazette is violently decrying the proposals made by the Prime Minister. Some of the millionaires in that city may be hit and hit hard. The opposition in the house of commons has not announced its attitude but it is safe to say it will not be one of acquiescence. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec are likely to register opposition but as the Orillia Packet and Times observes it might be well to have some opposition from them now and reduce the provinces to their proper place as subservient to the Dominion parliament which will be supreme in the whole country at all times.—Allison Herald.

Winter Roads

Considerable complaint is being made because the roads under the jurisdiction of the County Council do not receive more attention during the winter months. The eleventh line of Euphrasia, which is a County road, is the one to which attention is particularly directed. During the past summer considerable money was expended on this road and now it is claimed that it is not kept in condition for those having teaming to do. Those having wood to haul over this road are not able to do so. The superintendent does not have the authority to keep it in shape for ordinary travel and is therefore in no way to blame for the present unsatisfactory condition. Those living along the line could, of course, at their own expense, put it in shape for heavy teaming but it is unreasonable to expect this.

The Good Roads Committee of the County Council have the responsibility of the roads belonging to the municipality and they should make provision for keeping winter roads in good condition. It is hoped that the local saw mill will begin buying logs in the near future and good roads will be a necessity if these are to be delivered as a paying proposition. The County Council at its session this week should take some action so that all roads belonging to the County will be kept in first class condition for winter traffic.

A Grateful Hen

Mr. John A. Cunningham, former patrolman on the Walkerton-Kin-cardine highway and who was the first in these clearings to lose his job when the government changed thought last week that the fate of the bird was not as grim as it had seemed. He had found a plump Leghorn that had got soaked in the water-trough, lying to all appearance frozen stiff on the barn floor, and with the temperature without hovering around the zero mark.

Believing that life had long since departed, but bent, nevertheless, on thawing the bird out, Mr. Cunningham threw it behind the cook stove in the kitchen, where a wood fire was crackling in the grate.

Believe it or not, as Ripley would say, but that bird came to, and to demonstrate that was no ingrate laid an egg, and then cackled vigorously for the boss to come and behold "Business as Usual". Nothing that he had lamped on the farm gave him more satisfaction than that bird's performance on that occasion.—Walkerton Times.

Religious Forum

What Is Truth?

The one who asked this question of Christ did not receive an answer, and it is very probable he was not very sincere in his asking. Jesus was not one to satisfy the mere curiosity or the insincere questioning of a perverted heart. He knew that if any one with true heart sincerely sought for truth he would not seek in vain.

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There is a great battle on between Falsity and Truth, and it does appear that since the fall of man in Eden there has been a mighty pull the wrong way and many, so many, seek either to disown God's right to their love and service, or even to deny His very existence. This is not confined to the illiterate and vulgar, but finds fertile soil in all ranks. Then we may be faced with the diverse views of truth until we may ask, "How can we know?" It is an undeniable fact that a biased mind without warp or bias, humbly ask Him to make known the truth to Him. We firmly and feelingly declare that he shall find the desire of his heart. He will not only learn the truth of God but the truth of himself, and in the union of both will find his happiness. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

C. R. Itic Has a Very Busy Week

Dear Readers,—I have had a busy and enjoyable week although it brought its disappointments as well as its pleasures.

On Tuesday I helped the little woman to do the weekly wash and we got along fine until the finish. We got the clothes all on the line in fine shape and were in the act of carrying the tub full of water to empty it in the back yard when an accident occurred. In going down the steps at the back door the little woman slipped and dropped the tub of water. This put me off my balance and I landed head first in the tub of water. I got pretty wet and as my overcoat shirt and underwear were hanging on the line I had to go to bed while the little woman dried the clothes at the store. It gave me a rest and I enjoyed the change.

I was kept busy on Thursday shovelling snow about the yard. On Friday evening I went to the hockey trim the lads from the Owen Sound Collegiate. I was there early and got a seat close to the players' box so I would be able to give the boys some advice and help the manager in the performance of his duties, but it was all of no avail. The fellows from the northern city were too fast for our lads and pulled out with a big lead. Of course they were bigger than our boys and no doubt had more experience. They allowed our chaps to retain their sticks and other playing equipment and perhaps at some future date the tide will turn in our favor. I noticed Bill Mann, Tom Bell, Bill Burnett and Ed. Colgan at the game and they seemed to be having about as much fun keeping their pipes going as the boys did who were playing hockey.

On Saturday I got a load of buzz poles delivered and I am going to make a bee to cut them into wood when I get a couple more load in. I have been around to see some of the fellows to invite them to join me at the bee but up to date I haven't been very successful in securing help. I saw Joe Richardson at the garage and invited him but as Joe had a sore back he didn't think he would be of much help so I slipped across the street to see George Kidd. He said he would come if I picked a good stormy day when things were quiet at the shop. Jack Johnston didn't think he could come but he promised to send a nice roast of beef over to help feed the gang when we had the bee. Bert Rusk said he'd be glad to help at the bee if I would wait until Good Friday or some other holiday when the shop would be closed. Gordon Fleming could come on Saturday if I would arrange to have the bee that day but he was busy with the telephone the other five days. Ed. Colgan couldn't get away during the day but he would be glad to help if I had a card party or dance a night. Bill Man said he would help in every possible way and would lend me two or three saws but didn't think it would be possible for him to get away from business long enough to be of any use at the bee.

I got into an argument here with a traveller about Bennett's new policy for curing the depression and it lasted so long that I didn't have time to see any more of the boys about attending the bee. If Mr. Bennett's new policy is going to be as good as this traveller claims things will soon begin to boom and perhaps I will be able to hire some person to cut my poles with a buzz-saw outfit. I have decided to wait for a while and see what turns up before the session of parliament has been finished. Here's hoping that the future may bring forth more brightness and prosperity.

Will Be Legend

It is a well known fact that those people who have been so unfortunate as to lose an arm or a leg, often feel cold or pain in the missing member just as acutely as if the limb were back in place. A young farmer whom we know had a rather odd experience in this respect.

This unlucky chap got his arm caught in a cutting box while filling a silo, and had to have it amputated. Months after the operation when the stump had completely healed, he was kept walking the floor nights, sleep or rest impossible because of the pain in an arm that wasn't there at all. Various doctors consulted could suggest no way of relieving the pain, so at last he sought out an old hermit who had a reputation for medical wisdom. This reclusé advised him to go to the place where the arm was buried and dig it up. If the hands were clenched he was to straighten out the fingers. The young man claims he did this, and finding the fingers pulled up into a fist he straightened them out according to instructions and claims he has experienced no discomfort since.

Now we all know that such pain is caused by irritation of the nerve ends in the stump of the limb remaining, but I would like to bet a pretty penny that after this story has been told and retold for fifty years or so it will take an honoured place in the supernatural legends which are current in every locality.—C.M.G. in St. Marys Journal-Argus.

House of Refuge Services

Jan. 25th—Rev. C. O. Pherrill.  
 Feb. 8th—Rev. H. S. Warren.  
 Feb. 22nd—Rev. A. Mills.  
 March 5th—Rev. T. O. Miller.  
 March 19th—Rev. C. O. Pherrill.  
 April 2nd—Rev. H. S. Warren.  
 April 16th—Rev. A. Mills.  
 May 3rd—Rev. T. O. Miller.  
 May 17th—Rev. C. O. Pherrill.

Farm Notes from the Department of Agriculture

Purchasers of seed during the coming season will be able to identify the red clover and alsike seed imported from the British Isles and New Zealand as it will contain stained seed according to origin, as required by the regulations under the Seeds Act.

Judging from the large demand for poultry marked by the official grades, it is apparent that Canadians are becoming familiar with those grades. More tagged poultry was displayed and sold on grade than in any year since grade tagging during the recent holiday season was introduced.

In 1930 Canada exported 470,000 barrels of apples; by 1932 this had increased to 1,238,000 barrels, and for the shipping season 1933-34 all records were broken with a total of 2,476,114 barrels shipped out of the country. In 1930 Canada's export apple trade was confined to nine countries; by 1932 thirty-six countries received Canadian apples.

Poultry Returns Up  
 Returns from poultry-raising in 1934 showed a slight improvement over the previous year, according to the Department's survey. The price of eggs averaged 3 cents per dozen higher during the first eleven months of 1934 than during the same period in 1933. November prices, however, were about 7 cents per dozen less than the previous year, accounted for by the milder weather and larger production as compared with very cold weather and limited production in 1933.

Conventions in February  
 Arrangements have been completed by the Agricultural Associations concerned to hold their Annual Meetings and Conventions as announced below:

Ontario Plowmen's Association—Tuesday, February 5th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers' Association—Wednesday, February 6th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions—Annual Convention, Thursday and Friday, February 7 and 8, commencing at 9.30 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association—Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. Convention, Wednesday, February 13th, commencing at 9 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

The annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario will be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, February 13th, 14th and 15th.

Ontario Horticultural Association, Annual Convention—Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22, commencing at 9 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Seed Display  
 The Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers' Association is to be congratulated on an enterprising feature planned for the Annual Meeting in Toronto, February 6th.

The members are being given an opportunity to display samples of their grain and other seeds. No prizes will be awarded and commercial rather than hand picked samples will be demanded. A number of educational exhibits will add to the interest and it is expected much discussion on crop production and good seed will be promoted by the show.

A suitable exhibition room has been reserved for the display which will be in position throughout Convention week so that delegates to the Plowmen's, Fairs and Livestock meetings may have an opportunity to inspect the best seed available in the Province.

Marketing Canadian Honey  
 Unfavourable weather conditions during three successive years have resulted in a honey crop considerably below average in Canada as well as in other countries supplying the United Kingdom market. This, however, has had a favourable effect on the marketing situation as it has enabled producers readily to dispose of their surplus stock at slightly higher prices. During the past five years Canadian honey has improved its position on the British market. To hold this advance on a strongly competitive market, it is essential that Canadian producers offer only a well graded high quality product, particularly as competition has been intensified by the recent restrictions imposed by continental countries and the consequent unloading of foreign honeys on the British market.

Livestock Decreases  
 All classes of livestock on farms in Ontario, according to the Department's survey last June, showed decreases from the previous year. The total number of horses on June 1st, 1933, was 574,300 and on June 1st, 1934, 563,700. Cattle holdings declined from 2,523,800 to 2,494,500; swine from 1,257,500 to 1,177,900; and sheep and lambs from 1,000,900 to 962,300.

What Farmers Get and Packers Receive

The Braebridge Gazette says: "According to last week's quotations prices for cattle ranged from \$1 a hundred pounds to \$5.25, the latter being top price for choice butcher steers, heavy. Good butcher cows were \$2. Thus a farmer who has a good butcher cow weighing 800 lbs. would get \$16 for her. Out of that he pays freight and many other charges. Good steers and heifers were quoted from \$3.75 to \$4. Practically no choice butcher steers, heavy, are sold, except for export or to high class hotels and dining cars where a helping of steak costs from \$1.25 up, or about \$3 a pound, served. You and I are lucky if we get good steers and heifers or even good butcher cows. You do your own figuring about the causes of spread from say 2 1-8 cents.

They tell me it works out something like this. A packing house has its various departments which buy and sell to others of its departments and each department must show a profit. Thus the buying department sends a man to the stock yards and he buys, say 10,000 pounds of cattle for \$300. That department sells the cattle to the killing department at a profit, say 1c. The killing department now has an investment of \$400 and the buying department has made a profit of \$100 less the cost of sending the cattle from the yards to the abattoir, and the wages of the man who did the buying. The killing department must show a profit and therefore the cutting department pays, say, \$500 for the original \$300 investment. This goes on through the various departments until the price paid by the selling department crashes, say \$700. The selling department must show a profit and therefore the prices of the various parts of the animal total, say \$800. Thus the original cost of \$300 becomes \$800 and nothing has been done but the butchering in its various branches. Yes, you are quite right. There are parts that are sold at low prices. I happened to see an invoice recently directed from a packing house to a fox farmer. The farmer paid 8c. a lb. for tripe, 5c. for beef liver, 3 1-8c. for ground ration tripe, lips, rubbish, trimmings of all kinds, and 4 1-2c. for the beef hearts. So you see, they charge more for the roughest offal than they pay the producer on the hoof. And of course they make money. I have here a recent advertisement of the profits of one packing house. After paying the enormous salaries of officers, get, after paying interest on bonds, paying income tax and after writing off depreciation, the net profit was \$1,429,670.17, or about as much as the assessed value of the townships of Monck, Macaulay, Muskoka and Draper. And the Dominion and Provincial governments do nothing about it. Farmers should give governments no peace till their wrongs are righted. There can be no legitimate reason for the simple act of dressing an animal increasing its value 300 per cent."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of ROBERT MCCLUNG, late of the Township of Sullivan, in the County of Grey, farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 51 of the Trustees Act, R.S.O. 1927, Chapter 150, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Robert McClung, who died on or about the 30th day of December, A.D., 1934, at the Township of Sullivan, in the County of Grey, are required on or before the 2nd day of February, 1935, to send by post, prepaid, or delivered to W. E. HARRIS, Solicitor for the Executor of the estate of the said deceased, their christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars in writing of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Markdale this 14th day of January, A.D., 1935.

W. E. HARRIS,  
 Solicitor for the said executor.

Slats' Diary

Friday—Ant Emmy says that down where she runs from they have had a rollover for over 50 yrs. and they ain't never had a collision so far. She admits that maybe having one one time on the rollover may have something to do with the small No. of rocks.

Saturday—Pa says that he is going to quit paternalizing the rest of town even if it is the oney, ant down town. Pa says that before he runs the other restaurant out of town why you end go in and out of town why you get served but the way it is now why you go in and set down and make a Plee.

Sunday—On the way home from school. Well I guess she is rite at that becuz the last time I kist Jane Sunday skool Jane told me she had been reading where Kisses causes de wife we was a playing Post office why I had a attack of Pulpitashun of the hart.

Monday—They is a new kid in skool today and I think he must be very very deeseafel prehaps becuz no kid eed Possibly be as good as that kid looks.

Tuesday—Joe Hicks says the depression has ben terrible and he de be glad when times gets Good agen and his wife has plenty of work and he can get in the hammeck and have his self respect back again.

Wednesday—well when I cum home from skool tonite I seen pa and ma a setting on the Davenport and ma was all smiles and Pa looked offly Blue. It was a long time before I found out what they was thinking of and I found out they was both of them thinking about the same thing. It was about the new dress ma wants to get this coming Saturday.

Thursday—Ant Emmy has found out what a Delegate at Large is. But she all ways that it ment a delegate who went to a convension and left his wife at home by her self.

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First Aid Dominion Champions



The Montzambert Trophy, representing the first aid championship for the Dominion of Canada was carried off this year by the Chapleau, Ontario, team of the Canadian Pacific Railway. First aid teams of the Canadian Pacific this year carried off all Dominion championships in competitions in which they were eligible. These symbolic of first aid championships included the Wallace Nesbitt Trophy, representing the championship among all uniformed police forces in the Dominion, which was won by the Angus Works Police Team No. 1, of Montreal.

The various trophies were presented recently in the board room of the Canadian Pacific at headquarters in Montreal in the presence of E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the C.P.R., and a large gathering of officers of the Company and officials of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Montzambert Trophy and medals were presented to the various members of the team by E. W. Beatty, who took the opportunity of congratulating the team and expressing his gratitude for the honor thus brought to the Company through their successful efforts. The work of A. G. Shakespeare, who had the instruction of the teams in eastern lines of the Company in hand, was highly appreciated by the President and other officials present, including Grant Hall, senior vice-president; A. D. MacTier, vice-president of eastern lines and J. J. Scully, general manager of eastern lines. Those representing the St. John Ambulance Association were: Col. C. A. Hodgetts, director general of the Association, and past president and connected with it since its inception; Sir George Burn, member of the general council and Fred Cook, past president of the Association.

The Chapleau team also won the Ontario Provincial Championship and the Taylor Trophy and the Scully Cup, representing the championship of Algoma district of the Canadian Pacific.

Members of the team are from left to right, back row: A. L. Smith (captain), H. Searle, holding the Ontario Provincial Trophy, and R. K. Smith, seated behind the Taylor Shield.

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