

Department Says Ducks Plentiful But Hard to Get

Duck hunters in Southern Ontario are going to need the three extra days' hunting provided this year by the Minister of Lands and Forests, Hon. Welland S. Gemmell. That is, if they're going to get their bag limit of eight ducks per day. Early shooting this year hasn't been too good.

Preliminary counts by Lands and Forests officials indicated that birds were more plentiful than usual this year, hence the longer hunting season. But the birds have been farther out from their fall feeding grounds and the off-shore hunting conducted from blinds and hides has seen many irate hunters trying to stretch their shotgun charges to impossible lengths to reach them.

The difficulty experienced in Southern Ontario, where the season opened on October 3, has been reported also in the north, where hunting has been under way since mid-September — September 19 or, in the Hudson Bay district, September 15.

Most favored hunting localities in Southern Ontario seem to be the shores of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. There is reasonably good shooting in the marshes off Rouge River, Frenchman's Bay and Pickering Beach, within half an hour's drive of Toronto, too.

Most of the ducks shot in Southern Ontario are spoonbills, blacks and mallards—and they travel at anywhere from 55 to 90 miles an hour when they recognize danger below. With the difficulty of gauging distances at such speeds, few birds are killed at more than fifty yards.

There is quite a difference in decoys these days as compared with the decoys the average farm youth used to whittle out from a convenient block of pine. In the old days they did a fairly artistic job at that, with paint and for weight, a rock or a bolt of an old farm machine. Today, plastics and various other new substances have made possible decoys weighing ounces instead of pounds and exceedingly attractive. Generally, good retrievers are essential for recovering wounded ducks which otherwise would be lost to the hunter.

Choice of gun is dependent on the hunter. But the Department of Lands and Forests experts believe that the 12-gauge standard 2-3/4 inch with 1-1/4 ounces of shot produces excellent results in all types of guns. Shot sizes are BB, 2, 4, 5, 6 or 7 1/2. The 12-gauge shell is made also in three-inch length but it isn't absolutely necessary. Nor is it thought advisable to use the extra-powered shells in most old shotguns.

Thieves Miss Best Case of All in the Darkness

Local police are investigating two robberies which happened this month. One occurred at the Beatty Washing Store where thieves removed the glass and entered by the back door to steal supplies.

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Coming to Haileybury

Lieut. Craddock of the local Corps of the Salvation Army announces that Senior Major A. McEachern (R) will be conducting a series of meetings in the Salvation Army Hall on Browning street, commencing Nov. 1st and continuing through to Nov. 8th.

Sr. Major McEachern visited Haileybury in the fall of 1951 and those people attending his meetings found them very interesting.

The Major has had a long varied career as an officer of The Army, having held many appointments and he comes to Haileybury bringing with him many of the interesting stories of his experiences.

The services will commence each night at 7.30 p.m.

Craddock extends an invitation to all to take in those interesting meetings.

For the children there will be Young People's meetings every afternoon at 4.15 and all children are invited to come along after school.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAN CONVENTION ON SUNDAY IN TOWN

An occasion which has not occurred in Haileybury for many years takes place on Sunday, October 25th when the regional convention, comprising all Northern councils of the Knights of Columbus meet at the High Schools Auditorium.

Prior to leaving their home towns for the convention, all members, past members and anyone wishing to join hands with the organization will receive communion in their own parish for the success of the convention.

Officers assisting Grand Knight E. Cuirrier in the plans for the

meeting are as follows:

- Chancellor—A. Fauvelle.
- Warden—R. Rolland.
- Finance Sec.—Father Laronde.
- Rec. Sec.—Dr. A. Humphrey.
- Treasurer—C. MacDonald.
- Trustees—Leo Gough, R. La-bonte, E. Larouche, A. Soucie (Lecturer), P. Hasset, Advocate

At 2 p.m. sharp the convention will open.

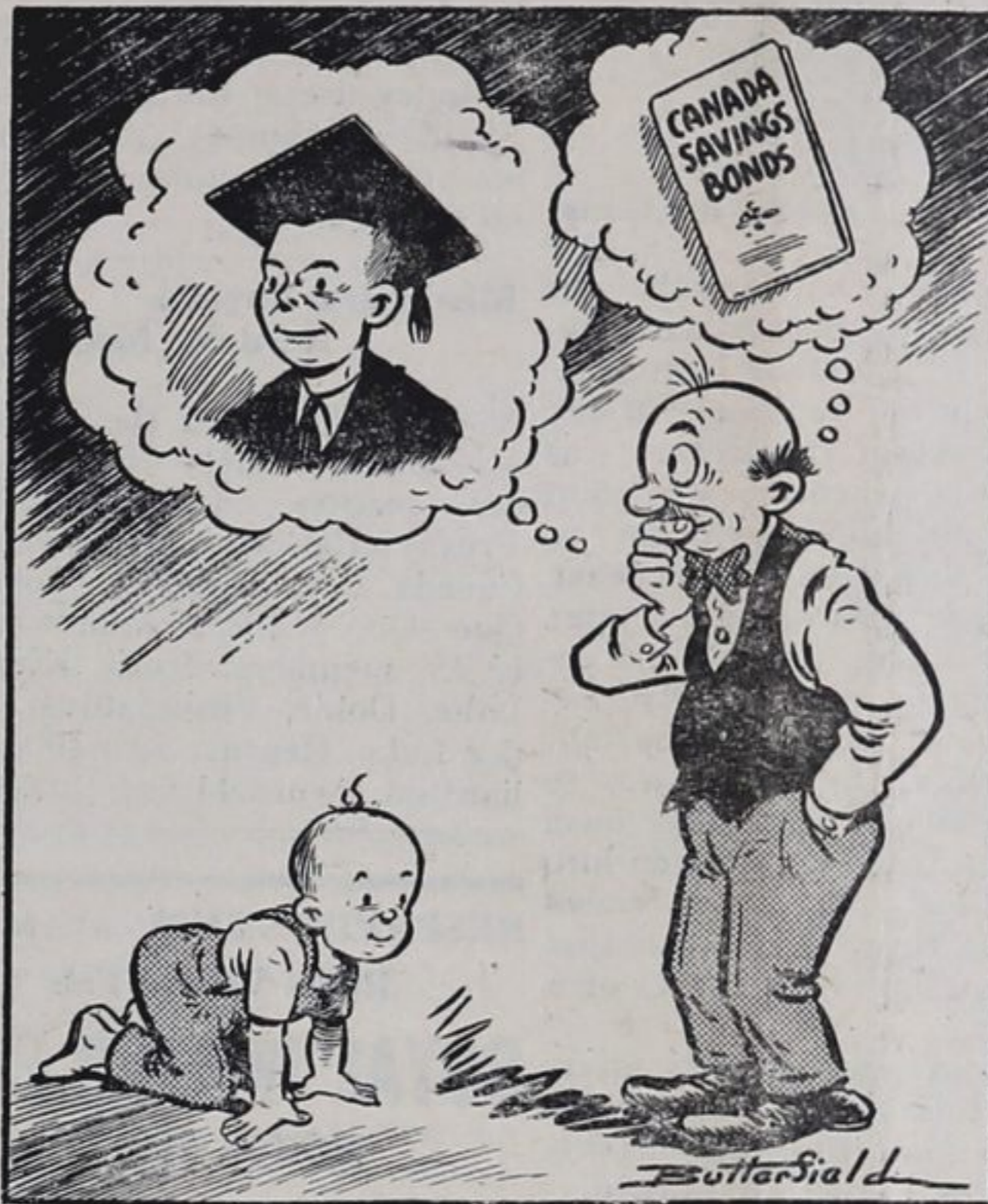
At 5 p.m. Father L. Brunette will officiate at Rosary and Benediction in the Holy Cross Church.

At 5:30 a banquet, catered for by C.W.L. will be held to which members are invited to bring their wives and friends. The convention itself is open to all mem-

bers and past members.

President E. Cuirrier said this week that "he is looking for the full participation of all members in a successful convention." Members are asked to state in advance if they will be present at the banquet.

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