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The Conservative Leader Promises House Cleaning

Nominated for Federal Seat from Which He Resigned Prior to Provincial Election

Pledging himself to rebuild the Conservative party "from top down as well as from the bottom up," Hon. Earl Rowe took the first step toward becoming a "remote control" leader when he received the unanimous nomination for the Federal riding of Dufferin-Simcoe, the seat he resigned some months ago to contest the Provincial constituency of Centre Simcoe against Hon. Dr. J. J. Simpson, Minister of Education.

Voting day in the bye-election is November 15th, and from present indications the Conservative Leader will not be opposed, the Liberal Association reportedly being prepared to give him an acclamation.

Looking fresh despite his 17-hour caucus session with his followers Monday, Mr. Rowe was welcomed back by his supporters, who heard him indirectly throw down the gauntlet to the "old guard" within the Provincial Conservative ranks; promise to resign as Leader if a better man appeared on the horizon; and give assurance that so long as he remained Leader he would not "sell the great Liberal-Conservative party down the river for any short-cut to power." He made no reference to the party caucus other than to say that from present reports the public probably gathered it was a hectic session.

"I do not propose to reveal what took place at that caucus, but will leave it to you to gather from the reports so kindly and honestly compiled by the press, what took place," said Mr. Rowe.

The Conservative Leader made it clear that while he is re-entering the Federal field, he has no intention of relinquishing control of the Provincial reins. He stood in an unprecedented position, he admitted, but there was an unprecedented Government in Ontario as well. As far as becoming a "remote control" leader was concerned, the precedent had been established by the present Prime Minister of Ontario, who sat in the House of Commons while holding the position of Ontario Liberal Party leader. Mr. Rowe took full responsibility for the election campaign of the Conservative party and its subsequent defeat at the polls. He had nothing to apologize for, he claimed. He denied there was a board of strategy in the Conservative party and said the only advice he took was that tendered by his friends in the rank and file. He frankly admitted that the task of re-organizing the party in eighteen months—the period he had been leader—had proved impossible. The time was too short, he declared.

INDIAN SUMMER

There is a period of poetic and mellow charm in the latter days of autumn, often called Indian Summer. According to tradition, the indolent Indians of old times depended upon these days of late fall to complete the tardy harvesting of their crops.

The poet Longfellow thus described these days of late fall: "The wind is soft and low, it wafts to us the odor of the forest leaves, that have withered on drooping branches. The birds have taken wing, and have left their roofless dwellings. Not the whistle of a robin, nor the twitter of an eavesdropping swallow, nor the caw of one sweet familiar voice. All are gone."

There is another side of Indian Summer. It is a period of great calm. The earth seems to lack the feverish activity of spring time, in which it is set for a great and mighty effort. There is now a kind of hush, of waiting for the storms of winter.

The earth has just accomplished mighty deeds, has produced great stores of grain and fruits, and now it is resting from its labors. Under the sun of cooler days, it seems cheered and comforted by the work it has done. There are no more pleasant days in all the year than a fall day when the weather turns warm. It seems like the rich old age of some grand man or woman who has performed great deeds, and who now rests quietly contemplating the things that have been done.

The sun still shines with genial light. It gives life and cheer, without the scorching fierceness of August. With many of the trees bare of foliage, you can see long distances and get distant views that were hidden in the full tide of summer. Let us take advantage of these days all we can, before old winter chills us with his freezing blasts, and drives us to the shelter of the fire-side—Aylmer Express.

OF COURSE

"That's your mouf, Sam. What yo' allus complainin' of? You'll lose yo' job. Yo' 'ar better keep quiet if yo' know what side yo' bread's buttered on."

"Wha't I care what side it's buttered on, man? I've rep'ed the butterw'at Sam. I eat both sides, doesn't I?"

VISITED CANADA



CORDELL HULL

United States Secretary of State, who was welcomed to Ottawa by a distinguished group, including a representative of the Governor General, Prime Minister King, the United States Minister to Canada and Mrs. Norman Armour, and other members of the staff of the United States Legation and Consulate-General. Mr. and Mrs. Hull visited Ottawa and then Toronto, where an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him at a special convocation at the University of Toronto.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TO SLOW DOWN

A general order to slow down all road construction work in Ontario has been issued from Queen's Park by Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways.

In many cases paving projects will be halted altogether, because of threatening frost and weather conditions. Necessary programs will be completed—but the re-sidery engineers have been instructed to put all jobs under their respective jurisdictions in shape for winter with all possible speed.

"We figure the season is just about over," Mr. McQueen declared, "and we are making customary provision for its wind-up."

WON ANNUAL AWARD

The winner this year of the annual award for obtaining the highest marks of any Acton pupil at the Entrance Examinations was Polly Porty. Presentation of this award, given by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E., was made at the last meeting of this organization.

POTATO CROP IN 1937 HIGHER THAN IN 1936

According to the first official estimate, the 1937 potato crop in Canada of 69,665,000 bushels is slightly larger than the 1936 crop of 65,000,000 bushels. As usual, there were considerable differences in the varying weather conditions. Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, after an unusually dry summer and autumn, are estimated to harvest lower yields on an increased acreage, with a total production somewhat below that of 1936. New Brunswick and Quebec are also estimated to get lower yields per acre, but the increased acreage of New Brunswick will give that province a slightly higher production.

Consequent upon dry conditions during the period of tuber development, yields per acre in Quebec are running lower than in 1936. In Ontario, both acreage and yields are higher than in 1936. The ample rainfall in Manitoba in 1937 has contributed to a notable increase in the 1937 crop over the drought-affected crop of 1936. With the exception of Saskatchewan, the Western Provinces show a very substantial increase over 1936, which appears to preclude any possibility of higher prices.

The general outlook may also be affected to some extent by the fact that one of the largest crops on record is reported in the United States. Unless an appreciable export demand for table potatoes develops in the Maritime, there reducing the quantity available for central Canada, it does not appear as if there will be any substantial price advances during the season. Present price levels are comparatively low, due to the large volume of local truck investment. With colder weather, however, and the narrowing down of trading to normal commercial channels, the price established will be more indicative of what may be anticipated during the season.

According to the recent estimate, the 1937 production of potatoes is estimated as follows: Prince Edward Island, 3,370,000 bushels; Nova Scotia, 3,116,666 bushels; New Brunswick, 9,708,000 bushels; Quebec, 20,325,000 bushels; Ontario, 16,315,000 bushels; Manitoba, 4,008,333 bushels; Saskatchewan, 3,251,000 bushels; Alberta, 4,303,000 bushels; British Columbia, 3,843,333 bushels.

Fall Work on Electric Lines Well Advanced

Monthly Power Account Shows Acton Hydro Load is Again Increasing

Reeve McCutcheon and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present at the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening.

The Secretary was, by motion, authorized to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 4.90
H. E. P. Co. of Ontario, office supplies	11.87
H. E. P. Co. of Ontario, September power	2,357.79
C.N.R. and Transports, express freight	3.14
W. H. Cunningham and Hill, Ltd., supplies	8.68
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	14.15
Rose & O'Hearn, Ltd., supplies	55.98
Canadian Line Materials Ltd., supplies	25.73
Dominion Carbon Brush Co., supplies	16.70
Wm. Finlay, range allowance	15.00
Thos. Watson, range allowance	15.00
Dr. J. A. McNeven, range allowance	15.00
H. C. Heilig, range allowance	15.00
Hydro Inspection Dept., fees	3.40
	\$2,464.46

Letters from the Toronto Hydro Commission were received, regarding the collection of outstanding accounts.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued for their disposal. The Superintendent reported that tree trimming and other outside work was advancing satisfactorily.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Charters, for many years prominent residents of Brampton, celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday, when they were at home to their friends in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Charters was for about twenty years Member of the House of Commons for Peel, and has been prominent in the public life of the County and Dominion for many years. He is the well known publisher of the Brampton Conservator, and his editorials are widely quoted. His wife was the former Miss Jane Ellen Pearson. Following their wedding they lived in Woodstock for a short time, and have since resided in Brampton.

A family party was held on Monday, at which their five children, Rev. H. P. Charters, Toronto; Messrs. C. V. and R. M. of Brampton; Mrs. H. McParlane and Mrs. Elgin Delaney; their daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren were all present.

At the . . . Gossip Stage

What? you might ask. Why, Hockey, of course!

Acton will have both an Intermediate and a Junior entry again this year.

And, of course, the Bush League is hardy, and promises to be a real treat again this year.

Norm Morton, who last year was in the North, will be back in the Intermediate line. But, having had a transfer, will, of course, be considered as an import.

Three Milton boys have decided to cast their lot with the Acton crew, the Bush brothers and Tostler will wear Acton uniforms, since Milton is not likely to get an Intermediate entry on ice.

Eberard, also of Milton, may again be with Acton, but his place in this year's hockey is, we understand, not yet definitely decided upon.

There have been no removals of last year's line-up, and of course, Terry, Walters, Gibbons, Bus Morton, Mooney, the Marro brothers, Greer, Woods, Jack and Fred Kentner are all at home.

Maybe we've neglected to mention some, but at any rate it looks as if a team of good calibre can take the lot for Acton again this year, with a couple of reserves.

Dicky Carroll is the subject of controversy between Chatham and Granby this year.

The Guelph man seems to be able to capture the headlines before the season opens.

But the last we heard of Carroll was that Granby had won the toss, and would have him for coach this year.

Don't know whether it was the recommendations from Georgetown or Acton that made him in such demand.

You'll recall the heading please, about "just gossip."

THIS WEEK'S WINNER

The answer to last week's Puzzle Poem was "Nelson, Trafalgar, Victory," and the first correct solution opened was from Mr. F. Salt, who wins the award this week. The answers were again numerous last week and showed keen interest in the contest. It has been drawn to our attention that several readers in the district near Acton are not allowed sufficient time to mail their answers and thus qualify for a prize. The time will therefore be extended to Monday evening of each week, so that all may compete. Use the coupon and see that your answer is at this Office by Monday evening.

GHOST STOLE THE MONEY BOX

Witches and ghosts and hoboes and all the spooky things connected with Halloween made a hilarious time at the meeting on Monday of Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. D. E.—In fact, the members were all welcomed at the door by a witch, a hobo and a ghost. The grand march, that followed assembling, led the party out of doors and spoofs were encountered at every turn.

Halloween games were on the program and a ghost story, that sent shivers up and down the spines, provided an atmosphere suitable for the occasion. Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Miss Bell won the prizes for costumes. Miss McMillan and Miss Bruce were winners in the Halloween games.

Halloween dainties featured the lunch, which was served at the conclusion of the program. And to climax it all, a ghost stole the money box. Miss Velma Murray was hostess for the Halloween event, at her home near Acton.

MAY STOP RADIO STATIC

Workmen installing new catch basins and surface drains on Mill Street are finding quite a variety of old drains and former installations. At the Frederick Street drain an old wooden framework unsundered would seem to indicate that the street width had been considerably increased. It was well under the present paved surface. Big logs, well under the street surface, would seemingly indicate that there had been considerable of a fill-in on the street some years ago.

Many of the drains have not been in use for some years, but are now being removed to install the standard catch basins, which are three feet square on the inside and covered with heavy iron grating. The new basins are large enough to allow a man to enter and clear out the sediment. They are being connected to the present street drainage system. In all, twelve new catch basins are being installed in the three blocks on which work is at present being done.

CONSERVATIVES ACCORD ACCLAMATION, TOO

The Conservative Party will not contest the Federal bye-election in Frontenac-Addington on November 15th, the Frontenac-Addington Conservative convention decided at Enterprise yesterday afternoon at a stormy session. Eight candidates were nominated by the convention after turning down a recommendation from the Association Executive not to put a candidate in the field. All candidates withdrew their nomination, leaving the bye-election uncontested.

The vacancy was caused when Hon. Colin Campbell, Ontario Minister of Public Works, resigned to enter the Provincial election.

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JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB ORGANIZED

At a meeting last night Acton Junior Hockey Club was organized and the following officers elected for the year: Honorary Presidents—A. Mason and O. A. Dilla. President—Ben Bayless. First Vice-President—Bill Coon. Secretary-Treasurer—E. Dron. Executive Committee—Matt. Tyler, R. W. Cook, H. Holmes, Jr., and Reeve P. McCutcheon. Manager—H. Holmes, Jr. Coach—R. W. Cook. An O.H.A. Junior Team will again be entered this year, and the Club also decided at this meeting to hold a Bingo in the near future.

APPOINTED TREASURER

Mr. D. A. MacRae, Principal of Acton High School, was on Monday, appointed Treasurer of Acton Free Library Board, to succeed Mr. H. N. Farmer, who filled the position so well for the past eighteen years. Mr. MacRae has been Secretary of the Board for the past year and now assumes the combined duties.

The committee to purchase new books for the library visited Toronto on Tuesday and secured a splendid assortment of new books, which will be available to readers during the season.

HALF MILLION VALUE OF FOOD TO WEST

More than half a million dollars worth of foodstuffs has been collected through voluntary efforts for the sufferers in the arid areas of Saskatchewan, where crops, for the most part, were a complete failure this year. It was learned yesterday.

Some time ago Protestant and Roman Catholic churches throughout Canada, decided to pool their efforts to secure foodstuffs for the starving people of the Prairies, and under the direction of a Joint Committee, headed by Rev. Canon W. W. Judd, of Toronto, sought contributions of fruit, vegetables, flour, canned goods and other food products from the more fortunately situated people in the Dominion.

"The response has been magnificent," Rev. J. R. Mulholland said. "We're confident there will be as many as 800 cars of food distributed among the needy of the West. With the free gift of food and the free transportation provided by the railways, the aggregate value of the contribution to the people in the drought areas will exceed \$500,000," he added.

Some 325 carloads of foodstuffs have been shipped from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, with the larger part of this from Ontario. Manitoba has forwarded 183 carloads. The more fortunate people in Alberta have sent 90 carloads to the arid districts of their own Province. From the Prairie Valley in British Columbia, some 30 cars have been despatched by the needy areas in the "eastern" prairie, and from the Okanagan Valley more than 80 carloads have been sent.

By-Laws Passed and Amended by Erin Council



DR. A. FRIGON

Who will be one of Canada's representatives at a conference to be held in Havana, Cuba, to rid Canadian radio stations of static, originating from powerful transmitting stations in Mexico, Solution for the static now troubling Canadian and American stations, is expected to be found in the pooling of bands and a re-allocation of wavelengths.

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PEEL PLOWMEN COMPETE

Peel County plowmen held their annual match at the farm of Harry B. Laughlin last Friday afternoon. There was a large entry in all classes except the high-jointing, in which Eric Hargrave of York County, was the only entry. Outstanding tractor work was done by George Hartmeyer, Milton.

Calderon farmers who had never entered a match, but were in the money, included A. Fred Madill, Acton; T. E. Houston, Acton; Stewart Black, Belfountain; C. H. Storey, Belfountain, won the Gordon Graydon Trophy for the youngest plowman.

A banquet, at which 120 attended, was served in the Calderon Township Hall in the evening, when prizes for the day's contests were distributed. Besides the Executive, were Gordon Graydon, M.P., W. J. Lowe, Reeve Sam Kinnawin, Deputy Reeve A. D. McBride, C. H. Reed and others.

\$1 A MILE FOR SPEEDING ON THE MIDDLE ROAD

Speeding on the new Middle Road Highway at 63 miles an hour cost Edwin Macklin, of Burlington, \$13 and costs when charged before Magistrate W. Woodliffe in Port Credit Traffic Court on Tuesday afternoon. Fifty-eight miles an hour on the same road cost Peter K. Marshall, of Toronto, \$8 and costs.

William Kuhn, Toronto, who skidded into a construction barrier at the Port Credit check-point, crossing paid \$10 and costs on a reckless driving charge. Similar charges against George H. Pitt, said to have passed a tow-truck near the brow of a hill on the Dundas Highway, failed when His Worship decided to "give the accused the benefit of the doubt."

AN EXCEPTIONAL STATEMENT FOR THIS YEAR

The County of Peel Agricultural Society will pay all obligations incurred by its fall exhibition in September in full, D. E. Smith, Secretary of the Society, announced on Saturday. Besides having obtained sufficient funds to pay 100 cents on the dollar in prize money and other expenses, the Society has repaid its mortgage on the agricultural grounds by \$780, and has spent \$900 in renovating the buildings and in improving the grounds.—Toronto Telegram.

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Penalty Imposed for Non-Payment of Taxes—Borrowings Are to be Increased

The Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at Hillsburg on Monday October 18th. The members were all present, except Mr. Neil E. McKinnon.

By-law No. 11 was passed imposing a penalty of 3% on unpaid taxes after December 31st, 1937, and after that date a statutory penalty of one half of one per cent. per month or fraction thereof, until paid and all taxes unpaid by April 1st, 1938 be returned to the County Treasurer for collection.

By-law No. 12 was passed increasing the municipality's borrowings at the Royal Bank, Hillsburg, by \$5,000. The County Treasurer was requested to forward all money in his possession due Erin Township to the Township Treasurer.

By-law No. 9 was amended and the amount raised for Municipal purposes was reduced from \$11,884.57 to \$10,884.57, to comply with Government regulations re Government Subsidy to Municipalities.

Mrs. Agnes Sommerville was granted the sum of Eight dollars on her relief rent.

The following amounts were paid: For sheep destroyed by dogs \$ 39.75 For relief 27.36 For roads 2,874.56 Miscellaneous 118.04

The Council adjourned to meet at Hillsburg on Monday, November 15th, 1937, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENTATION TO NASSAGAWEYA COUPLE

A pleasant evening was spent at Brookville Hall, when a large number of friends and neighbors gathered to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norrish, who were recently married. During the evening the bride and groom were called to the platform. They were presented with several lovely gifts, including a clock, table and reflector, and a set of crystal including a waiter set, cocktail and silver glasses. A splendid address, written in rhyme, and signed by Rita Blacklock, Mrs. Rae Blacklock, J. Reinhart and Mrs. D. Henderson, on behalf of the assembled guests, was read in their honor. The groom made a suitable reply. Following the serving of a delicious supper, dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

INDIAN WOMAN PAYS TWO FINES

Charged with reckless driving and with operating a motor vehicle without a permit, Mrs. E. E. Lyons, an Indian from Clarkson, was assessed \$10 and costs on each charge and had her newly acquired permit cancelled for one month by Magistrate William Woodliffe in Oakville Police Court on Monday.

Others who paid fines included George Dubek, New Toronto, \$10 and costs for reckless driving, and Kinley Transport of Orillia, who were taxed for overloading a truck.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, for extra or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 5 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 5c.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I. O. D. E., will meet in the Presbyterian School Room, Wednesday evening, November 3rd.

Acton Conservative Women will meet at Mrs. J. E. Gamble's, No. 1 Crescent, on Wednesday, November 3rd at 3 p.m. for election of officers.

The monthly meeting of Acton Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Francis Wilda, on Thursday, November 4th, at 2:30 p.m.

Anniversary Pwll Supper and Concert of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, on Monday, November 1st. Supper served from 6 to 8 o'clock, followed by splendid concert. Auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Adults 35c; children 20c.

At Gregory Theatre, November 11th, "Lloyd's London," under auspices of Lakeside Chapter, I. O. D. E. Matinee at 3 p.m. Two evening shows. Tickets will be sold by members of the Chapter. Proceeds for Christmas welfare work.

There will be a Bible Study Class, Friday evening, 8 p.m., October 29th, at the home of Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Graham. Subject: "The Present World Situation in the Light of Bible Prophecy." All interested invited to come.