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Halton's Member Gives Views on Farmers' Problems

Address In House of Commons Tells Of Speculator In Butter—Organization Is Urged

The following speech of Mr. Hughes Cleaver, Halton's member in The House of Commons gives such interesting information on the farm problems that we are reproducing it in part. It was delivered in the House of Commons on Wednesday of last week:

Mr Speaker, I am not unmindful of the fact that at this time our war effort demands all of our thoughts and all our efforts, but I also appreciate the fact that if we are to have a maximum war effort, all types of producers, all classes of people in this country must be fairly treated Therefore, in taking up the time of the house on this occasion to discuss the problems of agriculture, I feel that I am not only doing my duty to my constituents but also making some contribution to our war effort.

To me it is a matter of great regret that politics should have been deliberately interjected by the sponsors of the amendment into a debate on the problems of agriculture As we all know, the amendment is in the form of a vote of want of confidence in the government If the amendment is carried, the government is defeated Two hon members who originally sponsored the amendment, the hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Senn) and the hon member for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Perley) are both experienced members of this house They knew full well when they introduced this amendment in its present form just what they were doing. I am not questioning their right to do this, but I want to make it quite plain that the responsibility for the form of this debate is theirs and theirs alone If the hon. members had wanted a fair, impartial and non-political discussion of the problems of agriculture, they could have had this when we were considering the agriculture estimates If they were not willing to wait for the agriculture estimates, they could have had the debate at this very time but without moving a vote of want of confidence in the government

During the depth of the depression we all suffered losses, but a study of the annual statistics shows that agriculture suffered a much more severe loss than any other type of industry in Canada Agriculture not only had to face the results of the depression but suffered from a disastrous trade policy Looking at the figures, I find that the total annual income in Canada in 1929 was $4,726,900,000 This receded to $2,604,600,000 in 1933 and has since climbed back to $3,594,200,000 in 1940, thus showing in 1940 a net decrease of less than 3 per cent compared with 1929 As to agriculture this industry showed in 1929 an income of $691,400,000 This receded in the depth of the depression to $444,500,000 and has since climbed back to $508,800,000 in 1940 thus showing in 1940 a decrease of 26.5 per cent compared with 1929 During the depth of the depression the total income of Canada receded 45 per cent, while in the same period the income of agriculture receded 79 per cent

These figures show conclusively that while agriculture did not suffer alone, it suffered a decline of nearly twice the severity of the decline in incomes generally As a result the farmers used up all their surplus Many farmers had to mortgage the farms so that in 1934 it became necessary to pass the Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act to prevent thousands of farmers from being dispossessed. That was the state of affairs we found when we took office in 1935.

My hon friend now says that conditions have gradually grown worse [illegible] since 1935. The only way to deal with a statement of that sort is, I suggest, simply to state that it is wholly inaccurate and to give the figures to prove the assertion. I should like to read into the record the yearly income [illegible] for the last ten years as follows:

1929	$691,400,000
1930	[illegible]
1931	[illegible]
1932	$411,000,000
1933	375,700,000
1934	462,200,000
1935	496,900,000
1936	496,400,000
1937	422,900,000
1938	421,800,000
1939	505,700,000
1940	508,800,000

My hon friend says that agricultural conditions have grown progressively worse I say that the figures prove that agricultural conditions have improved by $217.9 million

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I.O.D.E. Disapproves Ruling Regards Empire Day

The regular meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of Empire was held at the home of Mrs. J. M. McDonald, on Tuesday evening with a splendid attendance. Mrs Barr the Regent presided The usual routine business was attended to Group No. 1 reported a very gratifying result from their concert held for the war fund

It was decided to give the Public School students the books as usual on Empire Day. The Chapter went on record expressing regret at the request of the department of Education at this time in asking that the Public Schools not formally observe Empire Day as usual. The Chapter received invitations to attend teas at Kitchener and Guelph this month Miss Emma Cole gave the current event for the month and a talk by Mrs F Beer on Hungary proved very interesting At the close of the meeting tea was served by the hostess for the evening and a pleasant half hour spent.

NELSON ROBINSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED JERSEY FIELDMAN

Announcement has just been made by President Charles McKeown, president of the Halton Jersey Cattle Club, that Nelson Robinson of Norval has been appointed a County Fieldman and Sales Agent for the club Mr. Robinson is well and favorably known in most sections of the county and his selection should not only be a popular one but his previous experience should stand him in good stead in rendering excellent service to the Jersey breeders of Halton

DUBLIN LITERARY PROVIDE PROGRAM AT WOODSIDE

On Friday last, Woodside Literary held a meeting with Dublin as guests Dublin Literary presented a very enjoyable program of music, readings and a play.

In the absence of Mrs Fisher and Harvey, Miss Black and Mr. S. Elliot supplied the music for dancing after lunch was served.

Cemetery Board Appointed by the Council

Messrs. V. B. Rumley, H. R. Force and Geo. Musselle Consent Assume Office

At a special meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening Councillors A Mason, E Jones, F Davison were present and Reeve J B Chalmers presided

Mr Earl Lambert was present regarding the purchase of lots on Agnes Street He desired to use the land for a parking lot and ask restrictions regarding the parking of cars on streets adjoining The clerk reported he had an offer from another party of $75.00 for the lots which was the price set by the Corporation Mr Lambert was asked to put his proposal in writing The matter could not be settled as this was a meeting for a special purpose

This special meeting was to deal with the appointment of a Cemetery Board and Messrs V B Rumley, George Musselle and H R Force were present at the request of council to discuss the matter Councillor Mason expressed appreciation of the Council that these citizens had shown an interest and come to council to discuss the matter.

Following a discussion of matters relating to the work a motion was passed appointing Messrs V B Rumley H R Force and Geo Musselle as a Cemetery Board Council agreed to give every help possible to assist them in carrying on these duties. All books of accounts, documents and [illegible] to be transferred to the new cemetery board

Members of the new Board [illegible] self appreciation of council in confidence shown them in their appointment and a willingness to do all in their power to fulfil the duties.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the auditors and arrange an audit and after all books are transferred the new board will assume the duties

A second special meeting of council was held on Tuesday evening to deal with the sale of the lot on Agnes Street It was agreed by council to sell this property to Mr J. H. Creighton for $85 if the property is not redeemed from the tax sale list.

Newspaper Editors In Convention at Hamilton This Week

Russell T Kelly of Hamilton, Left, and Hon Angus MacDonald Minister of National Defense for Naval Service, Right, will address the annual convention of the Ontario Quebec division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association which will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 9 and 10 The J T Clark Memorial Trophy, centre, will be presented at the convention

Extra Allowance Made on School Teacher's Salaries

Board Makes Plan for Improvements to be made at Public School during Summer Vacation Period — Board Refuses Payment of Fees to Other School When Tuition Can Be Secured In Acton School

Trustees V B Rumley, J. H Boyd, G A Dills and Dr F G Oakes, were present on Tuesday evening at the monthly session of Acton School Board and Chairman F S Blow presided.

Principal G McKenzie was present and reported regarding the visit of Inspector S Skuce. The need for more books for the first three grades was pointed out The cost of the books needed was about $30 These books were to be secured Not more than three of one kind were to be purchased

Permission was granted to cut down some trees in the school grounds that were considered of no use

Principal M Leitch, presented accounts for supplies which had been O K'd and gave details of other supplies to be required

Mr Leitch recommended purchase by the Board of three sets of books, namely, the "Books of Knowledge," "Popular Science" and "World Peoples" The total cost of these was $129.50 and the government grant of 50 per cent was applicable to this purchase The matter was to be taken up with the department before being secured

Caretaker George Mann presented a requisition for varnishes, floor oils, etc. These supplies were to be secured by the Secretary

The matter of repairs to the public school was discussed and the following resolution was passed:

That the secretary advertise for tenders for eavestroughing on the Public School, retreading the stairs in the rear portion of the Public School, for supplying the paint, for seven rooms and for the painting of seven rooms of the school and that an estimate be secured on repairing the stairway in the front section of the school Tenders to be in the hands of the Secretary by May 1st.

The Secretary read letters from teachers on the staff regarding increases in salaries and the matter of salaries was discussed thoroughly by the Board

In view of increased cost of living it was decided to make living allowances on all members of both Continuation and Public School Staff. Five increases of $50 were granted in salaries, that of Principal Mackenzie and Miss Henderson, Miss Young, Miss Ricketts and Miss Hullinger. These were in full the order as arranged at engagement

Extra living allowances were given of $100 to the principal of each school and $50 to all other members of the staff The Secretary was instructed to write the teachers informing them of this offer of the Board and requesting that replies be received before the June meeting

The fourth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Bell Telephone Co., service	$ 2.65
Huntington Laboratories supplies	3.78
A M Darling, supplies	17.75
F Jennings, Acton Garage	7.00
Heintzman and Co., supplies	.80
Empire Hanna Coal Co., coal	120.81
W D Talbot, supplies	7.10
Frank Toth, supplies	2.25
J H Boyd, account paid for supplies	1.76
E J Hassard, supplies	2.10
W D Talbot, supplies	1.95
	$170.05

The secretary read a letter from the county clerk giving a list of the pupils attending Guelph Collegiate for the year The Secretary was instructed to notify the Clerk that Acton would not be responsible for the tuition of June Powers in view the fact that she was a Grade IX pupil and could receive similar tuition in the school here And that notice to this effect had been given the Guelph Collegiate Most of Acton pupils this year attending the Collegiate, are taking vocational courses for which Acton contributes only 50 per cent of the cost and the county 50 per cent.

NEW PASTOR AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Rev Vincent J Morgan who comes to St Joseph's Church, Acton to start his pastorate here next Sunday has just concluded a pastoral service in Linwood and Marion of fourteen years

Following his graduation from St Jerome's College Father Morgan took his Doctorate in Canon Law at St Augustine's Seminary Toronto He was ordained on June 5, 1926 at St Mary's Cathedral Hamilton by Bishop Dowling. He was appointed assistant priest at Merritton and Linwood charges to which Port Colborne and Welland was then added

ACTON BOYS ENLISTED

This Week's Register

Jack Stewart and Neil Jamison are now enlisted with Lorne Scots for Active Service overseas.

F. L. Holloway is with the Air Force at the Chatham Training Centre.

Erin Township Consider New Road Machinery

Road Employees Insurance is Placed—Other Items of Township Business

The Municipal Council of the township of Erin met on Monday, when the following business was transacted.

Council issued a [illegible] road machinery with the A I Wilson Co. for the year at a price [illegible] of $7

Earl Jessop was appointed Sheep Inspector for the West Division to replace Ernest Awrey who resigned

Council is contemplating purchasing a power road grader and snow plow combined

The following amounts were paid:

Roads	523.48
Relief	31.82
Sheep	23.00
Miscellaneous	58.52

Council will meet at Hillsburg on Monday May 2nd for Municipal business and as a Court of Revision on the assessment roll.

Ceramic Plant Re-Opens Under New Management.

The plant in Acton of Canadian Ceramics which has been closed for several months during legal entanglements, opened again on Monday It is now being made ready to operate again and produce crucibles used in the mining industry

Mr C Armand who made the first successful crucibles here is again in charge of production and associated with him in Acton will be Dr Stein, an experienced chemist It is expected the plant will again be in operation within a week.

TOURNOUR-LAZENBY WEDDING YESTERDAY AT BRIDE'S HOME

A pretty spring wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Cpl. and Mrs G H Lazenby, Brock Avenue on Wednesday May 7th at 4 o'clock, when Dorothy Mary became the bride of Pte Florio Louis Tournour, Hamilton Rev A E Brooks of St Alban's Anglican Church officiated

The home was tastefully decorated with pink and white streamers, white bell and pink snapdragons The lovely bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a street length dusky rose silk crepe dress with white accessories and corsage of American Beauty roses and baby's breath She was attended by her cousin Miss Faye Wakefield, Guelph, attired in tea blue chiffon with white accessories and corsage of American Beauty roses and baby's breath The groom was attended by the bride's cousin, Mr Thomas G Lazenby, Timmins Mrs Samuel Snow played the wedding march and during the signing of the register

At the wedding reception, the bride's mother received wearing soldier blue crepe with a corsage of pink carnations and baby's breath

Later the young couple left amid a shower of confetti and good wishes on a short trip For travelling the bride wore a powder blue crepe dress, three quarter length blue plaid jacket and matching accessories

CORRECTIONS IN DETAILED REPORT OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

In the report published last week in The Free Press, of Halton County Music Festival, errors unavoidably crept into the detailed report in three classes Following is the correct report in the three classes

Class 7, Rural Solo for boys 7 to 10 years Crawford Leifso, S S 10, Esquesing, 82 David Pelletterio, S S 17, Trafalgar St. Austin Husband, Linbrook, 80 Lewis Webster S S 8, Esquesing, 80

Class 23, Urban solo, boys 11 years and over Jimmy Cowan, Oakville Central, 84 Jack Stewart Acton 83, Harry Imber Strathcona, 82

Class 22, Urban girls' solo 11 years and over Donna June Hutchinson, Milton 86 Gladine Tacing Burl Central 85 Joyce Dosenrodt Acton, 86

L.O.L. HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING HAS VISITORS

The Acton Loyal Orange Lodge No 167 held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday at the home of Bro J. E. Gamble, Worshipful Master, with a good attendance and visitors from Burlington L.O.L. 2129, present Bro George Brain, County Master, Bro George Clark, Bro Archie Laddie and Bro Robert Hanes, each gave a few words of encouragement to the lodge.

Artillery Unit Passes Through Here On 1,500-Mile Trip

Citizens who were on Mill Street about four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon gathered some small idea of an army of the present mechanized type was like when on the move. The 12th Field Battery and 97th Field Battery Royal Canadian Artillery were on a journey covering 1,500 miles and passed through Acton

There were more than fifty vehicles in the unit including trucks, artillery pieces, ammunition carriers, Bren gun units mounted in trucks, motorcycles, etc They had left Petawawa that morning and stopped in Guelph for Tuesday night Some of those who watched the unit remarked the vast difference from the last war when armies passing through were on the march and distances were more difficult to cover

LAKESIDE I.O.D.E. HEAR ADDRESS BY MISS ANDERSON

The regular monthly meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I O D E was held on Tuesday evening in the Y M C A social room with the Regent, Miss Emma Robinson presiding

Three new members were installed into the chapter. Plans were made to have an open meeting in June when Major Wanstaff will be guest speaker

Very interesting and informative reports were given on the provincial convention at Hamilton by the delegates, Mrs. A J Buchanan, Miss Marguerite Ryder and Miss Emma Robinson.

After the transaction of business, the chapter was very pleasantly entertained with several vocal selections by a group of boys and girls under the direction of Miss Muriel Ricketts

The highlight of the evening was a very interesting talk by Miss M E Anderson on her mission work among the Koreans in Japan Miss Anderson was presented with a lovely bouquet of spring flowers by Mrs Robinson Lunch was served at the close of the meeting

AVERTED DISASTER

PORTSMOUTH, (CP) Four former veterans, their combined ages 230 years, towed a blazing motor boat away from flotillas of merchant men and warships here, into open water where it exploded damaging nothing but itself

Esquesing Council Plans Tax Sale Revision Court

Township Must Pay Tax On Fuel Oil Used to Operate the Grader

Esquesing township council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon Deputy Reeve C H May, Councillors G W Murray, Edwin Harrop and George E Cleave were present Reeve Wm A Wilson presided

A letter from the Department of Highways stated that $1.10 per hour would be allowed for the time the township grader worked on roads during the year The township will pay a tax of 8c per gallon on fuel oil used to operate the grader A letter from Mrs Bailey complained of stock running at large in Stewarttown

The treasurer was authorized to pay the following accounts

Wheeler & Co supplies	$21.17
Corporation of Acton half Clerk's fees and rent of town hall	[illegible]
Bell Telephone Co service	$ [illegible]
H Robertson slings	[illegible]
Jas Russell 2 steers killed by dogs	[illegible]
A S Wilson valuator	[illegible]

Moved and seconded by May and Murray that the treasurer pay the relief account as presented by the relief officer of $177.18 Carried

Moved and seconded by Cleave and May, that the treasurer pay the school sections (absented [illegible]) the Boys Superintendent $90. Carried

Moved and seconded by Cleave and Murray that the Council meet as a Court of Revision on June 3rd, 1941 at the hour of 10 a.m. Carried

Moved and seconded by Harrop and Cleave, that the Reeve be authorized to issue a warrant for the holding of a tax sale Carried.

Moved and seconded by May and Murray, that this Council do now adjourn to meet on Monday June 2nd, at 1.30 p.m., or at the call of the reeve. Carried.

Parish Honors Rev. Fr. McBride Closing Pastorate

Has Been Twelve Years In Acton and Now Moving to Charge In Hamilton

On Thursday evening last the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church gathered to honor Rev Fr McBride before his departure from their midst The C Y O orchestra rendered a few musical numbers after which Rev Fr McBride was called on and the following address read by Mr Wm Duval, president of the Holy Name Society Mr Thomas Gibbons then presented Fr McBride with a purse

Reverend Father McBride and fellow Parishioners

We have gathered here to night as a farewell to our beloved pastor Father McBride who has laboured among us the past 12 years And now that the time of parting has come we regret his going. I am sure we can all look back with pride and see how hard he has worked for us and our church What improvement he has made in the appearance of our church, both inside and out, our altar never looked so nice, our cemetery, today we are proud of it We must thank him for the time and labor he has given to us not only for the temporary things of this life but for the spiritual things as well That good advice he has given us and especially to the parent in the upbringing of the child, and again for his work among the young people His forty hours, his missions, the May Crowning, the number of communion and all the other little things that have helped us to lead a better life as a Catholic These things I am sure we will never forget him for and now that he is leaving it will be our sincere prayer that our God will spare him for many years to come so that he may carry on his work among so many and when his life work is done he may receive his reward of joyful eternity and wherever he may go our thoughts and prayers will follow him

And now I will ask you Father to accept this offering of thoughtfulness from the congregation with our best wishes for your health and success and may God bless you and your work

Fr McBride replied in well chosen words Although regretting his departure he said he would still remember his parishioners in his prayers and expressed the joy he had experienced in working among them He also said he would be carrying on God's work in another field and asked to be remembered in their prayers

Lunch was served and in conclusion the remainder of the evening spent in music and dancing.

On April 28 the Acton Georgetown CYO were entertained by the Brampton C Y O in Brampton On behalf of the Brampton C Y O Enrico Lattuso, president of that club expressed the regret they felt in learning Fr McBride was leaving the Acton Georgetown Parish He hoped the present friendship and fraternal spirit would continue and that Fr McBride would be very successful in his new parish. Annie Haggerty then presented Mr McBride with a beautiful military set

Fr McBride replied saying that he

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Coming Events

Acton editions of Meetings, Concerts, Other Events, [illegible] reading are listed in this column free of charge [illegible]

W A Rummage Sale in Parish Hall Saturday May 10th [illegible]

[illegible] Chen [illegible]

The C I T are holding a Sale of Bunny chit [illegible] Saturday May 10th at 2 p.m. Proceeds for War purposes.

Relief Wed Card Food Sale Town Hall tomorrow night Friday Auspices Acton Branch [illegible] Orchestra [illegible]

Annual Dance of Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. in Acton Town Hall Friday May 16th Music by Gibson Boys and his Orchestra. Novelties, refreshments

Limehouse Church Concert, Friday May 9th, at 9 p.m. D.S.T. Dialogues "Sister Sue," by Dublin Literary Society and "Housekeeper Wanted," by Bible Class. Musical Selections. Refreshments. Admission 25c and 10c.