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Formidable Pistols Came From Ireland

Frank McIntosh showed the Free Press recently two of the relics of early days not seen for a long time. They were two flint pistols which originally came from Ireland. One of them had a brass circle on the handle labeled "Prince Waterloo."

The pistols were quite formidable looking weapons. They had the wooden peg attached for tamping in the powder and from the size of the barrel, would fire a small cannon ball. Frank was very fortunate to secure them for his already fine collection.

Teller: "Look here, Zeke, we've been honoring your cheques signed with two X's for years. Now you've suddenly added a third 'X'. What's the idea?"
Zeke: "Waal, ye see I'm fegerin' to get married an' Duley an' she thinks I orter to have a middle name."



SYBIL BENNETT

I am the Progressive Conservative Candidate for the County of Halton and as such, through the columns of this paper, wish to deal with the issues relevant to the Federal election campaign in which we are now engaged. In the next few weeks, therefore, I shall discuss some of the problems facing Canada as a whole and Halton County in particular and deal with my Party's platform and the election issues as they arise.

The Progressive Conservative Party has accepted the challenge to aggressive and positive action in facing the problems of this Country and laying down a program designed to deal with the needs of the people by straight-forward and immediate action.

The Progressive Conservative Party platform in brief is:

1. Contributory health insurance in co-operation with the Provinces.
2. Tax reductions of \$500,000,000 yearly.
3. Sales and excise tax exemptions for Municipalities.
4. Dominion-Provincial conference to revise tax system.
5. Reduction in the cost of Government by increased efficiency.
6. Restoration of the supremacy of Parliament.
7. Senate reform.
8. New laws to curb Communism.
9. Restoration and expansion of world markets.
10. Fair floor prices for farm products.
11. Review of national labor legislation.
12. Low-cost housing program.
13. Improved freight rate structure.
14. Review of civil service legislation.
15. National policy to exploit national resources.
16. Full support for the Commonwealth, U.N., NATO and other world bodies.

In the articles to follow I shall deal with those points of the platform that pertain and have direct relation to the people of the County of Halton such as reduction of taxation, contributory health insurance, a low-cost housing program for men and women in the medium and lower salary brackets, improved prices for farm products by the restoration and expansion of world markets to increase the finishing returns to the farmers of this Country and the Country as a whole and the other points especially applicable to us.

Before commencing and introducing this program to the people of this Country every point was fully considered, studied and weighed in the light of our present National and International commitments for performance. In the matter of tax reduction alone there can be a saving of half a billion dollars yearly and still take care of our present defence, social security programs and those increases which will be called for by the proposals we have made for the improvement of the different Government services by applying sound business methods, by ending waste and extravagance, losses and inefficiency which have been reported by every independent enquiry of which Parliament has been permitted to see the report.

There can be no reduction of taxes, however, by the return of a Government to Office, which spends \$13,500 for every day of the year, including Sunday, for telephones and telegrams in the Defence Department alone, which spends \$10,000,000 a year on publicity and \$28,000,000 for professional and special services when most of those services could be performed by the highly qualified and trained civil servants which this Country has at its disposal. As I said to the people of this Country in a National broadcast of recent date "it is evident that the Government has lost not only its supervision and control over the management and spending of its Departments but it has also lost its sense of responsibility to the Canadian people to such a degree that it has neither the will, the energy nor the competence to remedy or correct the same."

Meanwhile, may I say to you, the people of the County of Halton, that I am proud to be the Progressive Conservative Candidate for this County and that pride is tempered only by the sense of responsibility it carries to every man, woman and child.

I am proud to be the Candidate for my Party because the Progressive Conservative Party has stood side by side with the Liberal Party through the centuries in what has been commonly known as our two Party Parliamentary System in laying the foundation and maintaining the freedom of Democratic Government in this Nation.

During the past three years, as President of the Women's Progressive Conservative Association of Canada, I have travelled from Coast to Coast and into many remote areas of this Country and nowhere have I found anything finer than Halton County lying at its door in the heart of the industrial

development of the North American Continent and supported by richly productive agricultural lands. Over all this is the genius and resourcefulness of the men and women of Halton County which has in time past and will in years to come give it a place of leadership in this Nation.

I know the County of Halton and the progressive history of its people for I come from a family that has lived in this County for over one hundred and fifty years. For the past sixteen years I have practiced law in Georgetown and during that time I have been concerned with the problem of the farmers, industrial workers, merchants, professional people and all other classes of citizens of Halton County, and my business, social and other interests are centered here. I have a deep and abiding faith in the future of this County and I feel that I can serve you diligently and effectively.

Readers Add Detail To Tintype Column

Thanks to the many readers who have written and told us how the latest Free Press feature—"Tales on Tintypes"—is being enjoyed. We are happy to be able to reproduce so many of the photographs which A. T. Brown preserved down through the years and made this feature possible.

We had a letter from "Chuck" Matthews of Toronto and learned that he was the official collector for John Williams when the sprinkling wagon laid the dust on Mill St. He tells us his pay was 15c per week. Also he recalled all the men in the picture at the opening of the first chartered bank in Acton. He says our memory was better than his to recall the name of Reuben McNabb's dog as Tim.

We must confess we found the name in the little black book in which A. T. Brown kept all the records of the pictures.

We also had a letter from N. L. (Monty) McMillan who assisted Mr. Brown in the drug store from 1902-1905. He says he recalls Mr. Brown warning him that if a fire ever occurred in the store, the first thing to be removed would be these glass negatives. At that time Monty says there were hundreds of pictures of Acton.

Many will recall that Mr. Brown also operated the telephone exchange in his store and 50 years ago there were 21 telephones in Acton. Monty has given us a list of the numbers and the business places from memory. Here is the list of phones in Acton at that time.

1. Chapman's Tannery.
2. Agnew's Hotel.
3. Dr. Gray.
4. The Grist Mill.
5. Hodgeson's Store.
6. The Barber's Shop.
7. J. A. McGrail.
8. Beardmore Tannery.
9. Free Press Office.
10. H. P. Moore's residence.
11. Dr. McKague.
12. Grand Trunk Station.
13. Moore's Lime Co., Limehouse.
14. Storey's Glove Works.
15. Patterson's Butcher Shop.
16. Mrs. Bell's Saw Mill.
17. Merchants Bank.
18. William's Livery.
19. Dr. Macdonald.
20. R. B. Scott.

It is interesting to note that the Storey Glove Co. has still the same number today, the C.N.R. station is still No. 13 and the Bank of Montreal is 18.

Yes, there'll be more Tales on Tintypes appearing in the Free Press from week to week. Some readers have been clipping them for a record of Acton's early days. Sorry we are not always able to supply back issues.

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Japanese Visits, Was Enemy Pilot

A former Kamikaze pilot with the Japanese air force, a Christian who is now working for his degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the State College of Iowa in the States, visited on a recent week-end with the members of the Y's Men's club in Acton.

Tamio Kato, who was shot down by allied aircraft three times during the war, is visiting several Y's Men's clubs in Ontario and Acton was specially selected to be included on his itinerary. Mr. Kato arrived Saturday, June 27, from Kitchener and was met by Jack Greer.

Last month he received degree of Master of Arts in education from Iowa University. On his return to Japan, he will teach at Kobe College for Women in Nishinomiya, which was founded by Congregational missionaries in 1875.

The son of Christian parents, he is married and has two sons. He has not seen the youngest yet.

During his visit in Acton, Mr. Kato visited with Y's Men Garnet McKenzie, J. McGeachie, Cliff Sutton and John Malca, attended service at St. Alban's church and enjoyed a dinner at Terra Cotta Inn. Members of the Acton club gathered at the different homes to talk with the young Japanese.

Interested in adult education and Y work, he was shown through the Acton Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Kato told of being in the ocean for three days after being shot down. He was beaten unconscious when he was caught reading his Bible while he was in the air force. He explained that of a population of 80 million in Japan, about four million are Christians. About half of these are Protestant and half Catholic. He himself is a Congregationalist.

Discussing bombing raids over Tokyo with an American pilot in the States, Mr. Kato said he reached the conclusion that he shot down the American pilot, who was bombing the city. That American is now one of his best friends.

Monday morning he left Acton for Niagara Falls and from there he returned to the States. As well as Acton, he visited in Windsor, Chatham, Brantford and Kitchener in his first trip to Canada.

Mr. Kato is also expected to attend the International Y's Men's convention in Davenport, Iowa, this month. J. McGeachie is Acton's delegate.

In Japan, Mr. Kato expects to write a thesis on his trip.

Pot Luck Supper, Contests at W.A.

The Woman's Association of the United Church met in the Sunday school room recently, opening with the ode and prayer. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. F. Cleavey and the roll call answered by neighbor.

There will be no meeting held during the month of August, it was announced. After a reading by Miss E. Hawthorne, the meeting closed with the March benediction. Several contests were held, prizes going to Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Theohard, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Earl Lambert and Mrs. Cooper. Lucky cup winner was Mrs. I. Harris.

A pot luck lunch was held and an enjoyable time was spent together.

Pop: You never kiss me except when you want money.
Mam: Well, isn't that often enough?

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