

4th Victory Loan Features Agricultural Committee Discussion Period

W. P. Watson, Assistant Director of the Ontario Livestock Branch, was the special speaker at a recent meeting of the Halton Agricultural War Service Committee held in Milton on Thursday evening of last week.

The major part of Mr. Watson's address pertained to the question of meat supplies. The speaker pointed out that in pre-war days, two thirds of Great Britain's imports of meats came from south of the equator. Today stated Mr. Watson, while some of these supplies are going to North Africa, little if any is finding its way to Great Britain. Under present conditions, he stated, 40 per cent of both the U. S. and Canadian meat production is finding its way to Great Britain. Mr. Watson stated we are today producing more meat than in the previous history of the North American continent and consequently have two options—either to consume more ourselves than ever before, or share what we have with those on the first line of defence.

It is my opinion, stated Mr. Watson, that it is economically unsound for us in Canada to attempt to compete with South American in beef production once peace is restored. Consequently our aim in so far as beef is concerned, should be to produce more beef without increasing our number of beef cattle. On the other hand, from the standpoint of pork, we should be able to compete with any country in the world. It may mean, he stated, that there will have to be some further adjustments in the freight rate on grain from the west. He further pointed out that we can increase our production of pork much more rapidly than we can beef. An additional ton of pork can be produced 10 months after breeding. Mr. Watson also pointed out that while our marketings to date are somewhat lower than for the same period last year, nevertheless the response to the appeal which has been made here in Ontario has been magnificent, and added that he had no hesitation in stating that marketings in the last four months of this year will be up 20 per cent over those of the same period in 1942. Our objective today, he stated, should be not more units of production, but more production per unit. Reference was also made by the speaker to the shortage of protein concentrates. Supplies are higher than a year ago but people are feeding much more. Meat, he stated is just as plentiful but more has been slaughtered in places where much of the by-products have been lost. Black markets, stated Mr. Watson, have been responsible for the loss of a tremendous amount of tannage.

The speaker discussed alfalfa, flax, soybeans, and peas as crops having possibilities of producing a portion at least of the protein required for livestock feeding. Mr. Watson reviewed the labour situation and made reference to the various types of labour which the government is attempting to make available.

Paul Fisher, County Chairman of the Agricultural section for the Fourth Victory Loan, gave a brief but stirring appeal for farmers to increase their purchases of the Victory Bonds in the Campaign which will open shortly. It is essential, stated Mr. Fisher, for Agriculture to use its credit if the Loan is to be put over and in order to prevent inflation, it must be put over. Victory Bonds provide the best collateral which a farmer can have, said Mr. Fisher, since he can borrow up to the face value of the bond and for a period of 14 years at a rate of 4 per cent. In as much as the bonds bear 3 per cent, it means he is getting his money for 1 per cent. In other words a \$1000.00 bond if borrowed on to its face value, will only cost the individual \$100.00 a year, and that is a small amount for those of us who are at home to pay when we consider that many of our boys will give their lives.

Others who spoke at the meeting, which was presided over by W. E. Breckon, Chairman of the War Service Committee, included Amos Mason, County Chairman for the Victory Loan and Mr. McGinnis, County Organizer.

PROTEIN CONCENTRATES SCARCE AND LIKELY TO BECOME SCARCER

Halton dairymen, poultrymen, and hog feeders, are all very much alarmed over the scarcity of protein concentrates. While Federal officials are endeavouring to distribute available supplies as widely as possible, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure requirements. In so far as possible authorities are endeavouring to conserve available supplies for poultry and young pigs and it would seem as if dairy cattle will soon have to depend largely on home grown protein feeds. The best sources of home grown protein rich feeds, according to Agri. Representative J. E. Whitelock, are found in well cured alfalfa hay, soybeans, peas and flax.

Dairymen and hog feeders would do well to give consideration to soybeans and peas and in as much as seed supplies for these two crops are short, sources of seed should be investigated at once. Further information on these crops can be secured by contacting the local branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, at Milton.

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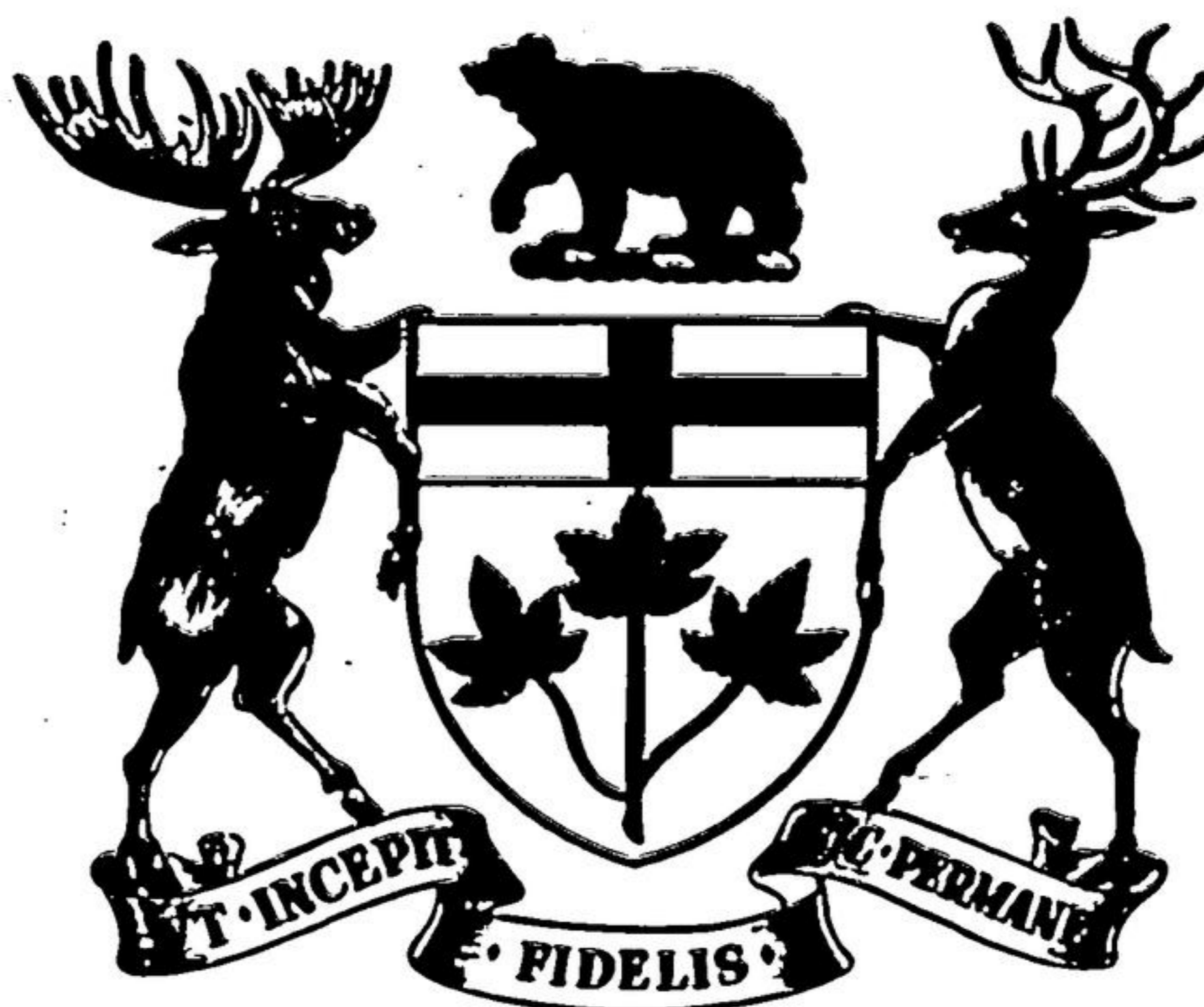
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Come on Ontario!

ONTARIO has done well in her contribution of manpower and resources to the prosecution of the war. Ontario must do still more in providing the sinews of war, by supporting the Fourth Victory Loan to the limit of the ability of every citizen. Our men in the fighting services will give all they have. Our people on the Home Front can do no less.

The Fourth Victory Loan is your opportunity to join with the Navy, the Army and Air Force in an all-out offensive. You cannot be there in person, but your dollars can be there for you, and will provide the materials and munitions so vital to the success of the armed forces.

The Government of Ontario is backing the Loan by the investment of \$5,000,000 in the new Victory Bonds. This is Ontario's official contribution towards strengthening the hands of the Dominion Government in its tremendous task of financing the total war effort that is needed. It is the tangible pledge of the Ontario Govern-

ment that it will co-operate to the fullest possible extent with the Dominion Government in the drive for final victory.

The action of the Government of Ontario is designed to give practical leadership to all the citizens of the Province, and should be an example and an inspiration to our people to accept this Fourth Victory Loan as a personal challenge to do their part to "Back the Attack" and hasten the day of Victory.

As the old Parish Rector said at the close of the remarkable film, "Mrs. Miniver", "This is the people's war! It is our war. We are the fighters. Fight it, then. Fight it with all that is in us."

We, the people of Ontario, must fight it with our dollars. Your purchases of Victory Bonds will help to send Ontario over the top again in support of our fighting men. They will do their part when the time of attack comes. We must do ours to-day.

U. D. CONANT
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Premier, Province of Ontario.

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C. C. F. HOLD CLOSING MEETING

The Peel C.C.F. Riding Association Council, together with delegates and alternates to the Provincial Convention met in Brampton April 14th, 1943. This was the closing meeting of this

year's Council. Final preparations were made for the Annual Convention of the organization, which will be held at Huttonville Orange Hall, April 28th, 1943.

The agenda for the Provincial Convention was discussed. Among the interesting resolutions placed before the

Convention by Peel is one that was introduced by our President, Mr. Robert F. Hardy, Etobicoke. It reads as follows:

Whereas we desire government machinery to be democratic in procedure and practice in a C.C.F. government; Therefore be it resolved when the C.C.F. comes to power in Ontario, the members of the Cabinet be selected by the elected C.C.F. candidates by majority vote, using a system of proportional representation.

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