

Ontario Food Problem Tackled In Big Way by Peel Member

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Hon. T. Kennedy

When I started to write these pieces about some of the men who are now running Ontario in the new Drew Cabinet it was the intention to talk mainly about the three Ontario members—Dunbar, Doucette and Challice. But there is one other man who holds such a key job he cannot be neglected. Col. the Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy is the dean of the Cabinet by reason of his age, 64 years. Has 40 years in public life, because he will deputize for Col. Drew when the latter is away, but mainly because he is Minister of Agriculture and food is going to be the biggest problem in Ontario this winter.

A Toronto newspaper the other day said everybody called him "Tom", even people who had only known him a short time. I don't think that is true. He is a farmer, a good one and very successful, and he looks the part. He is one of the most affable and easily liked people in public life. He has a natural dignity, a kindly attitude and a way of getting respect without obviously seeking it. One naturally calls him "colonel". If he was in Kentucky everybody would.

"A Canny Kind of Enthusiasm"
He is so enthusiastic that persons two-thirds his age meeting him for the first time must naturally start worrying about themselves—wonder if they may not be slipping a little. He is enthusiastic even about farming at a time when most farmers take it for granted they should have a grouse and carry a chip on their shoulders. But it is a canny kind of enthusiasm. There is a great deal of shrewdness behind it and nobody is going to use that enthusiasm to put across any fancy deals. He is very liable to get an intense dislike for someone he thinks is not on the level.

For instance, the other day he asked his deputy to send in a certain official and added, "Say, what's the matter with that fellow, he's been dodging me for a week?" He doesn't like people who try too hard to keep out of his way.

Within half an hour of walking into the Minister's office—he already knew it well as he had been Minister of Agriculture before—he called in all his department heads and told them frankly there were going to be no wholesale discharges or firing. "Do the work and you have nothing to fear and that goes for everybody in the department", he told them. Something new for Queen's Park.

"The thing I hate is inefficiency and I won't stand for it around here. That and election day are my two pet worries."

Likes to Get Out and See for Himself
Col. Kennedy—he commanded a Toronto unit in the last war and was badly wounded in the face and has a twisted grin to show—likes to get out and see for himself what should be done and what is needed. Only a few days in office he had already toured part of Western Ontario, met many farmers and did a lot of personal investigating. He is coming down to Eastern Ontario in a week or so.

He is pretty worried just at present—and thinks a lot of other people should be, too. The overall food picture is not too bright, he says, and it is going to take a lot of fixing to get the people of Canada through the winter without a terrific amount of kicking. He has an idea the situation is just so bad that

ACTON

At council meeting it was decided that a complete stucco job of the lands and ticket office at the park should be done rather than patching the present stucco.

Mr. A. Mason heads Fifth Victory Loan committee in Acton.

AC 2. O. W. Willard, of the Writings School, Guelph, sustained injuries in an accident on the highway just east of Acton on Saturday that resulted in his death a short time after being admitted to Christie St. Hospital in Toronto.

Fire which was first noticed about four o'clock on Thursday afternoon destroyed a section of the house on Victoria Avenue where Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dodds reside. The whole structure was threatened with destruction for a short time. A strong wind was blowing when the fire was discovered in the kitchen at the rear. By the time the alarm was turned in and the Fire Brigade had reached the scene the whole rear section was a mass of flames.—Free Press

BRAMPTON

Total receipts from the Floral Park swimming tank for 1943 were \$1124.15 as compared with \$1075.50 in 1942.

Miss May R. Hutchinson former head of the English and History Department at the Brampton High School, passed away at the home of her niece in St. Paul, Minn.

The Brampton Bowling Club Rose Tournament held recently was a big success. Twenty-six teams competed in the mixed doubles and the winners of the Arthur O. Peaton Memorial Trophy were Miss Ada Blackwell and Harry Upouole of Brampton. This team scored 64 points in three wins.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining help and the effect of lower prices now offered for salvage, the Brampton Red Cross have requested Messrs. Kuyup and Sons of Brampton (Salvage Dealers), to pick up for the Red Cross in the future.—Conservator and Gazette

Some old ideas will have to be discarded in a hurry—both in his own department and at Ottawa. It is going to take realism to get sufficient food, he says, something more than plans and talk.

He puts it this way: "Food is necessary to win this war; food here at home and food to be sent from here overseas. In many respects it is as important as soldiers and equipment. War workers must have sufficient food or they will be cranky and discouraged and will not work as well as they might. We have to have that food and, just at present, it is hard to see where it is coming from. Somebody may have to spend a lot of money to get it and some drastic measures may be necessary. To win the war is the thing we must strive for and food in sufficient quantity for all is an important factor."

Evisors Badge as Token for Special Workers

He would like to see the farm worker given a little more recognition; like to see the boys and girls and city people who help out farmers get something more than pay for their efforts. "They should have a badge, should be considered like soldiers or munition workers."

Not that the people of Ontario are likely to go hungry, mind you, he says. There will be plenty of flour and potatoes and apples, a fair amount of dairy products and meat. But a lot of other things, especially canned goods, are going to be decidedly scarce. The weather and labor shortage are the cause and Col. Kennedy has called about 400 of the best farmers in Ontario to Toronto to find out what the answer is. He is prepared to spend money to get the food but wants to be sure first the money is going to be well spent.

MILTON

Milton held open house for the Women's Army and Auxiliary Services this past week end and visitors were here from near and far. Mrs. Tom Brown arranged hostesses for twelve girls from the Barbados who are taking their basic training at the C.W.A. O. Centre at Kitchener, Ontario. These girls belong to the Auxiliary Territorial Services and are sent to Canada as the nearest training centre. From here they will go to the British Legation in Washington to do clerical work there.

The third annual Novelty Fair, under auspices of the John Milton Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held in the town hall last Thursday with games being played on the street in the evening. This was a very successful event and the Chapters funds were increased by \$500.

A community shower was held on Wednesday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Patterson. In honor of Howard Gosland and Miss Jacqueline Freeman, whose marriage takes place the latter part of this month.—Champion

GLEN WILLIAMS

(Intended for last week)
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walters, of St. Catharines, and Mrs. A. J. Williams, of Guelph, were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen. Also recent visitors at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Masales, Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jones, of Barrie, spent the week end here, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford.

Mrs. George Allen, who has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, for the past month, returned home last Tuesday.

Rev. A. W. Foreman, of Burlington, will be the guest preacher at the United Church on Sunday evening.

Melvin Beaumont, who is taking a course at Central Technical School, Toronto, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Beaumont.

Lieutenant Bertha Schenk, C.W.A.C., has been spending a leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schenk.

John Wainstiffe, who is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, underwent an operation for appendicitis last week and is now progressing favourably.

Rev. Donald McCleod, of Toronto, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Addy for the week end. Mr. McCleod was the preacher at the United Church on Sunday evening.

The Rev. Norman Pick was presented with a well-filled wallet of notes on Sunday afternoon at the United Church. Mrs. Jack Addy made the presentation on behalf of his congregation. Mr. Pick, who has been in charge of the Glen church for the past twelve months, has now left for the Western Canada Mission Field.

Wren Sarah Blick is spending a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blick.

LIMEHOUSE

(Intended for last week)
Field day at Limehouse school was held on Thursday afternoon. Miss Jean Ruddell was in charge of the sports events. Mrs. H. Devereaux judged the displays from Victory Gardens which resulted as follows:

1st Margaret Spitzer, 2nd David McVey, 3rd Marion Norrie. Miss Helen Devereaux judged the school box lunch, 1st Margaret Kirkpatrick, 2nd Marion Norrie, and dining-room bouquets, 1st Ross Norton, 2nd Marion Norrie, 3rd Allan Ellerby, 4th Margaret Kirkpatrick. Prizes of War Savings stamps for these three classes were given by Miss Ruddell, Mrs. J. R. Ellerby and Mrs. A. W. Benton.

During the summer the victory gardens of twenty school children were judged twice. These were planted from seed provided by Limehouse Wo-

men's Institute according to a set plan. Seventeen proved fit for judging which resulted as follows in order of merit: Allan Ellerby, Vivian Hill, Margaret Spitzer, Ross Norton, Jim Brown, Marion Norrie, Helen Shelbourne, Wilma Brown, Russell Miller, Bruce Norrie, David McVey, Neil Benton, Allan Norrie, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Douglas Scott, George Cousins, Colin Cousins. Twelve dollars worth of War Savings Stamps were given by the W. I. as prizes for the gardens.

Hot dogs and tea with soft drinks for the children were provided at the end of the events. The ladies were well pleased with the efforts put forth by the children.

Mr. S. Norrie and Mrs. Grant were highest score holders at the W. I. euchre held in Limehouse school on Thursday evening, while consolations fell to Douglas, McCallum and Miss Helen Devereaux. Nine tables of cards were played. Mesdames Ellerby Miller and McVey were the committee in charge and the entire proceeds went towards the library fund. Following lunch of coffee and sandwiches, all enjoyed dancing to music provided by Messrs. Garnet Norton and Carl Karna, of Glen Williams, with Mr. Joe McDonald as floor manager.

Mrs. Grant, of Toronto, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall.

Colonel Lindsay Sutherland spent a day with Mrs. J. R. G. Sutherland and family last week. Mrs. Lindsay Sutherland remaining for a week.

Mrs. W. I. Newton, of Barrie, spent the week end with the Newtons.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meredith and Miss Helen visited the Lookers at Orton on Sunday.

Miss Mary Appleyard visited Miss Shirley Wright on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dobbie, of Cleveland, visited relatives in the community recently.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon and sons and Mr. Hall to the village. They have recently moved into Mr. and Mrs. Millaire's house.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McDonald and



NEW SCHEDULE PRESERVES RATIONING EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 1943

Preserves rationing gives the consumer a number of choices both of products and size of containers. Because of the wide range of container sizes and the variation in buying habits across the country it was necessary to put the system into operation and then make adjustments on the basis of experience.

Now that preserves rationing has been in effect for several weeks, it is possible to make some increases in coupon values. The new schedule is announced below and is effective September 30th.

The new doubled ration allowances for molasses, extracted and comb honey will enable consumers in areas where consumption of these products is heavy, to buy more and still leave enough for districts where the total demand is light.

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Maple Syrup	- - - - - 1 LB. NET
or	
Molasses	- - - - - 20 FLUID OZ. (1 PINT)
or	
Corn Syrup, Cane Syrup, or any Blended Table Syrup	- - - - - 14 FLUID OZ.
or	
Canned Fruit	- - - - - 10 FLUID OZ.
or	
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The validity date of these coupons has been moved forward from the original October 14th to September 30th.

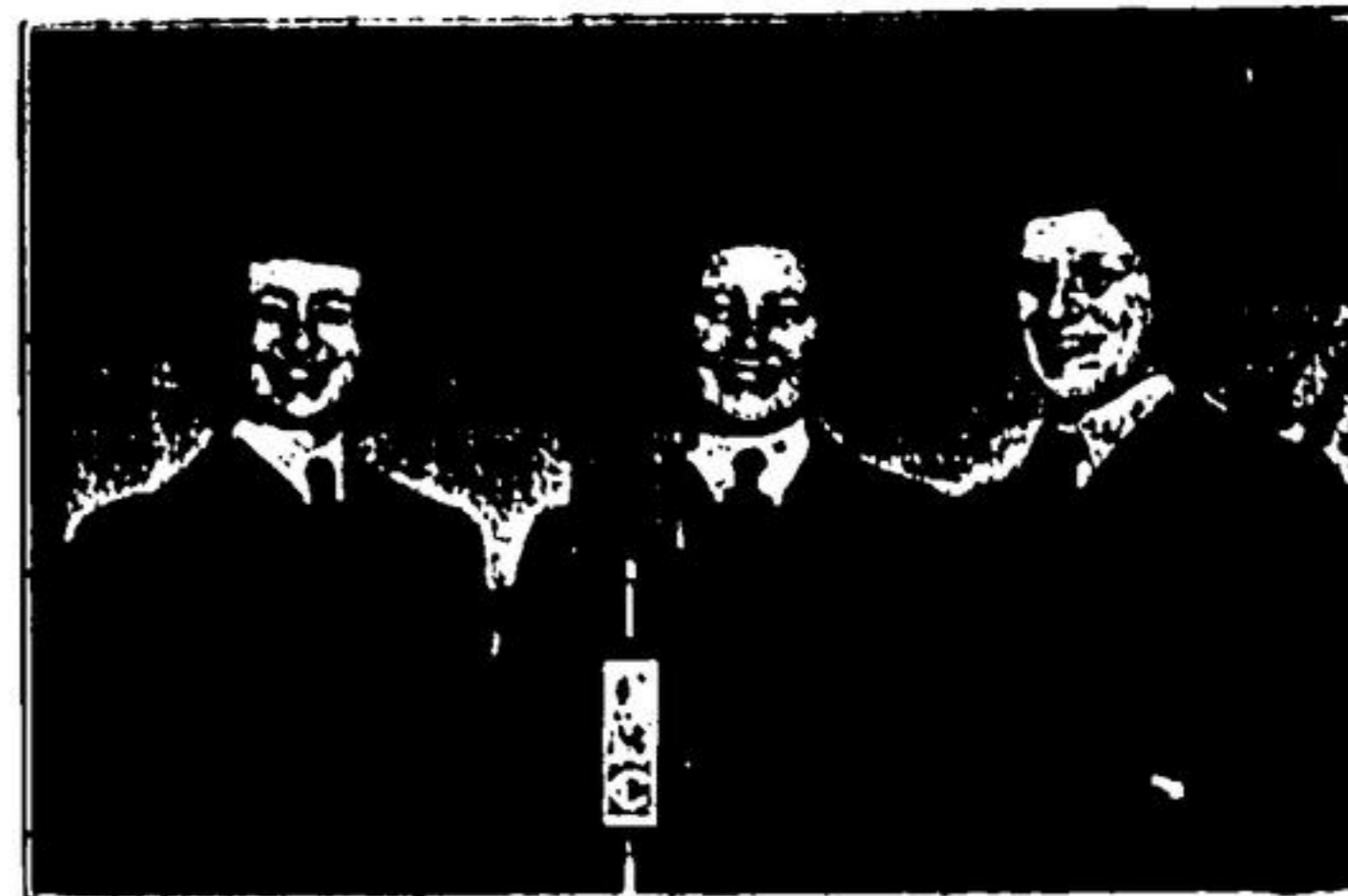
This has been done to accommodate purchasers of some items which at this season of the year are normally bought in large units.

Coupons D-6 and D-7 will become valid on November 11th and the original schedule will be continued from then on, with two coupons becoming valid every four weeks.

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BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY FOR WRENS

Three former members of the OBC, now in training with the woman's division of the Royal Canadian Navy, paid a visit to the Halifax studios recently. Happy as could be in their new service, the trio nevertheless said it was like old times to see the fam-

ily. Left to right: Delores Tinney (National Office), Marie Cronin and Marie Elder (Toronto Studios). The girls are on leave of absence from OBC just like their brothers-in-arms who left radio to go into the forces.

Dorothy, and Mrs. and Mrs. S. Glaby visited friends at Milton and Ash on Sunday.

Rally Day will be observed at Limehouse Presbyterian Church next Sunday.

A number of the ladies completed a quilt for their W.M.B. bale on Friday afternoon.

Limehouse was well represented at Acton Fair on Saturday.

Miss Ruddell and her pupils of S. S. 9 won first for the rural school victory garden display at Georgetown Fair.

Theresa Beoney was second in Grade 3 penmanship, Margaret Beoney, first in Grade 6 penmanship, Ruby Mitchell first in Grade 6 art and Margaret Beoney third in the same class.

These Limehouse children attend S. S. 16. Eleanor Spitzer of S. S. 9 was first in Grade 3 penmanship and Allan

Norrie third in Grade 5 art. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, of Thornloe and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burns and children of Kirkland Lake visited friends in Limehouse last week.

RATIONING LIMIT

(Taken from Dunnville Chronicle)

A North Carolina rationing board reports that one of the mountain farmers living nearby has just about found a limit to his patriotism.

"I'm trying to do my bit, patriotic-like," said the farmer, who had sworn that he and his family would abide by sugar rationing regulations, but I'm married, have eight children, and I'm darned, if I can afford to keep on a-buying all that sugar."

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