

Turn of a Worm

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REGINALD was slight and pale and stooping. For thirteen years, as assistant to a bookkeeper's assistant, he had received each Saturday seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents. "The twenty-five cents," the bookkeeper's assistant told him loftily, "is a matter of tradition."

Reggy suspected that it was, instead, a matter of making the total salaries come out even. Round numbers were a passion with his boss—a passion which finally cost Reggy his job. There were twenty-six employees in Baker and Company; the urge to make it a round twenty-five was eventually too strong.

"I wouldn't mind so much," Reggy mumbled gloomily to his girl friend that night, "if I'd ever found out whether my salary rightly should have been seventy-five cents more, or twenty-five cents less."

"You should've gone right up and told that Mr. Baker something," Mabel fretted.

"Aw, Mabel," wined Reggy, "I'll find another job. We'll get that money saved yet for getting married. Though why we can't chance it without . . ."

Mabel shook her head firmly. "No, Reginald Tupper, we'll have that thousand safely banked, or I won't stir a step toward the altar."

The excavation for a new office building was in process near his room. The following morning, Reggy dallied pleasantly, watching the fascinating antics of the automatic shovel. Today, he noticed, the mild gray horse that made its steady trips back and forth from the uprooted clay, was idle. And the foreman was fuming.

"Hey," he said abruptly to Reggy, "want a job?"

The man was psychic! "I most certainly do," Reggy answered. "Well, think you can lead old White for us till we get another man? Just from here . . . where they load up . . . over there where they unload."

"Absolutely," Reggy agreed, galloping to the waiting beast. "Only," he panted, "I'd really prefer permanent employment."

"O.K., O.K.," the foreman closed the matter. "If you do your work all right. Forty cents an hour."

Forty cents an hour. Reginald figured busily as he led White back and forth. Three twenty a day mmm, nineteen twenty a week! So rosy were his dreams that he didn't notice at first the increasing ache in his feet.

"How're you making out?" the foreman asked him. "Oh, fine, fine," Reggy assured him automatically. "I just won't turn up tomorrow," he added to himself.

But, limping past the construction office that evening, he heard the foreman booming solicitously to the straw-boss, "Kind and obliging and all that, but feeble. Too feeble. At the end of the month, we'll have to turn 'im off."

His angry stride had carried him to his rooming house. There was an open magazine on his landlady's table, showing a powerful gentleman in an advanced state of undress, bulging biceps that would never, never be called feeble. Reggy, looking closer, read the glaring print, then, hypnotized, cut out the little coupon in the corner.

His job grew easier. When the foreman was near, he whistled or even burst into song, and often flexed his muscles absent-mindedly, as if thinking of something else. "Just let him try to fire me," Reggy muttered on Mabel's porch one evening.

"What's that?" Mabel glared. "I said," repeated Reggy louder, his mind elsewhere, "we'll settle this here and now. You'll play my way or we won't play at all!"

"Reginald!" Mabel gasped. "Oh, Reginald, don't talk like that! Don't even suggest leaving me. Oh Reginald, you're so—so masterful!"

Reggy goggled—her head was suddenly on his shoulder. His mood of triumph still with him the next morning, Reggy strode into the construction office, chin out. "Bivins," said Reggy sternly, "we'll settle this here and now."

"What the so-and-so," the foreman stuttered, "is eating you, Tupper?"

"That kind and obliging stuff," Reggy reported stinging. "Kind and obliging but feeble, and has to be laid off the end of the month. Don't think I didn't hear you!"

"But," Tuppert, the foreman gasped, "White is pretty feeble—pensioned off."

"White," pensioned off," Reggy echoed weakly.

"Matter of fact, Tuppert," the foreman confided genially, "we have a better job in mind for you. We're starting your next month as straw-boss to the straw-boss. Fifty cents an hour."

"Fifty," Reggy quipped. He waved an arm vaguely, became aware of his biceps, and flexed them thoughtfully.

"Fifty," he repeated. "Hm . . . for the present."

"Yes," said he strode from the office with only the slightest wave of his hand.

Harold Stalford Elected President Canadian Legion

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to conduct the election of officers which was done in a very able manner. The scrutineers decision was final and Comrade President Chapman of Action proceeded to call out the names of the officers elected for the next term.

Comrade Col. Cousens then proceeded with the installation of officers and pointed out the duties of each individual office and finally handed the gavel to the new president who completed the meeting.

The newly elected President, in a few well chosen words thanked the Comrades for electing him to the high honour of president of the branch. Before bringing the meeting to a close it was moved by Comrade Chas. Parton, seconded by Comrade Carney, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Comrades from Action and the Zone Secretary for accepting the invitation to come and help in the elections. Comrade Parton mentioned that in these war times, with the shortage of gas and tires that these Comrades, in accepting to come here, showed the real comradeship that existed between all branches of the Canadian Legion. A hearty round of applause greeted the comrades.

The meeting was brought to a close by the new president with all comrades joining in the singing of "God Save the King."

Newly Elected Officers

Past President—Comrade Fred McCartney, 16 years a member of the local Branch, served as President for four years held the office of Secretary and Financial Secretary and was one of the 36 original members who applied for the charter.

Past President McCartney, at the conclusion of the meeting was the first to offer his hearty congratulations to the newly elected President and expressed his personal feelings by stating that he was willing at all times to help the new president whenever called upon to do so.

Comrade McCartney explained that when he was appointed president of the branch four years ago that he started on what he called "buttermilk" then on to "skim milk", finally ended up with "cream". It has been the hardest years of the Legion and I hope my comrades are satisfied with my services during the term. It is not the man elected, but by backing this man up it is solely for the interest of the Legion which I have at heart.

The Legion, stated Comrade McCartney has been my "baby" since 1938 and as in the past I will take added interest for the welfare of the Canadian Legion. Having more time now on my hands, I will endeavour to see that the Legion interests are carried out, so in conclusion my best wishes and good luck to all the newly elected officers.

President—Comrade Stalford when interviewed for a statement spoke as follows: To all my comrades of Branch 120 I as your elected president for the forthcoming year wish to extend my sincere thanks for your confidence in electing me to this high office and that I can fully depend on your cooperation at all times.

I fully realize the undertaking and with the assistance of the Executive and members, I will endeavour to see that the welfare of our sons and daughters now serving our country shall be one of our main objects. I greatly appreciate the honour you have bestowed upon me and through your help and guidance in the coming year I will see that the Legion will not deteriorate but advance. To you pioneer members who have built this Legion you have erected a monument for those who may follow in your footsteps. So Legion members that we may call "Old Sweats" of the last war, let us take care of the many acts and responsibilities we will have to face in the coming year. Let us be prepared to receive this coming generation who are sacrificing themselves for us today.

I have found, in my short stay among you the true spirit of comradeship and the great spirit of loyalty to the Canadian Legion, and as a parting thought let us all comrades bear in mind that we need Unity as united we can accomplish many deeds and actions for the benefit of all comrades and the welfare of the Canadian Legion.

In conclusion I wish to state that I hold myself at all times ready to undergo the initiation ceremony as well as constitution duly recommends and feel and know that all members holding office who are not already initiated, will join me in this ceremony.

1st Vice President—Comrade Herb Harlow a member of the local branch for 12 years transferred from Norwich where he held all offices but that of president. 1st and 2nd Vice for two terms secretary for 3 years and on the executive for 3 years.

2nd Vice President—Comrade Fred Gilmer a member for over 11 years and held office of chairman of canteen last year 1st time elected to the office of 2nd Vice President.

Treasurer—Comrade Wm. Roney is a charter member, 16 years in the local branch, former Past President and held the offices of 1st Vice for 3 years, 2nd Vice, chairman of Entertainment, Chairman of Property and re-elected Treasurer. For 15 years in charge of the Christmas Tree Fund.

Secretary—Comrade Wally Thompson has been at one time Treasurer of the local branch and has been in the Legion for 15 years and we are sure he can carry out the duties of secretary in a capable manner.

Canteen Chairman—Comrade Jimmy Roberts has held the position of secre-

tary in the Legion and held the office of Chairman of the Imperial Section, member for 14 years. We are waiting for the promises he has made regarding the duties of his office.

Chairman of Entertainment—Comrade Robt. Muir has made a name for himself during the past years and we are all looking forward to one of the best years since he has been chairman. Transportation and Publicity—Comrade J. Fry has been a member of the local branch for a number of years and we know that he will fulfill his duties as a member of the Executive.

Property Committee—Comrade Johnny Oliver has held this position last year and has several good suggestions to offer for betterment of the Property of the Legion during the coming year.

Imperial Section—Comrade Charles Parton, chairman has been a member for 12 years held the office of 1st Vice President on two occasions and was Chairman of the Imperial Section on two occasions also was treasurer of the Imperial Section and Chairman of the Poppy Fund for 4 years.

Sergeant at Arms—Comrade Harry Hale has been a member for 15 years, has always taken a keen interest in Legion affairs and has allowed his name to stand for this office. We all know Harry will do a good job.

Standard Bearers—Comrades Harry Watkins, 16 years in the Legion and Comrade Chas. Davis 10 years as a member. We are sure both these comrades can fully do justice as color bearers.

NOTES

S. M. Henry Shepherd, R.C.A.S.C., Fire Prevention Service, formerly stationed at Newmarket, has been transferred to Montclair. Henry is a popular member of Branch 120 and all his comrades wish his the best in his new assignment.

Buster Hale and Walter Pothier, stationed with the R.C.A.F. in Toronto spent last week end with Comrade and Mrs. Harry Hale.

Our regular ration of "biscuits and cheese" offered by Comrade Muir after the meeting disappeared rather fast. Bob had provisions for about 30 members and had to cater to close to 70 members.

On motion from the floor it was decided that the ballots used in the election be destroyed. Col. Cousens who had charge of the elections emptied the ballot box in the fire-place in the hall and in 60 seconds all was gone up in smoke. The fate of those running for office and the ballots dropped in the locked ballot box is past history. To know that you are defeated by two or three votes is heartbreaking but in this election no one member running for office knew the results but the scrutineers.

According to most Comrades the ballot system used this year for elections proved very popular. The only drawback was if one member was defeated for one office he could not run for any other office. No doubt next year some improvement will be made in deciding how the ballots should be used.

Congratulations are in order to Comrade Jim Blair, Sergeant at Arms for the last meeting for the efficient manner in which he fulfilled his duties.

Comrades, here is something that might interest you. Did you ever stop to figure how long it takes to write up the Legion Notes? It is understood that 2 to 3 hours weekly are required to pick up the news to appear in this column then another 3 or 4 hours to write them up, this means that on the average 7 hours weekly is spent roughly speaking, so during the past year only 336 hours were required by the publicity man to do his stuff.

Note—Delighted to have spent these hours for the welfare of such a wonderful organization as the Canadian Legion—J. Boley.

Special Notice to Comrade Robt. Muir: How about a "stag party" in honour of our newly elected officers of the branch? We will see to it that the bulletin board in the Club Rooms is kept clean so as you may write your answer.

So Comrades before the editor of the Herald calls a stop, it is better that I "sign off", but before doing so, I as a defeated candidate along with all other comrades who were not successful in holding office this year we all join together in extending a hearty vote of thanks to all those who marked their ballots in our favour. The election is over and it is our duty to give all our support to the present officers.

At the Executive meeting held Monday evening it was moved and seconded that Comrade Boley be asked to carry on the duties "pro tem" of publicity until the next regular meeting of the Branch. (The above story confirms the acceptance.)—J. Boley.

ONTARIO HEALTH PLAN

If the Ontario Government is sincere in its announced intention regarding the setting up of a provincial health insurance plan the action is worthy of support. The proposal, however, bears certain indications that it is conceived as a move to confuse the national situation and embarrass the Dominion Government. If so, the ultimate victim will be the individual citizen. The Ontario plan has with it the possibilities for persecuting him. Thus there is distinct danger that certain people may find themselves paying double taxes for one service.— Windsor Star.

Brampton Team Wins Col. McCamus Trophy

(By O.S.M. Logan, K.G.)

Spring with its sunshine can roll along any time now as we closed out the Winter sports by capturing the beautiful mug donated by Col. J. A. McCamus, M. C., emblematic of O.A.S. Hockey Champions.

The contenders from the northern camp put up a game fight to the last, they having lost the first of a three game series to the tuns of 9 to 7.

The second and what proved to be the final game took place in the Arena at Midland, Monday night, Brampton Bullets going in confident and with a one game lead against the T & S from Camp Borden who had plenty of support in spectators but were short handed in players.

The 2000 hockey fans were treated to a clean fast game, 190 of them were hoping to see a third game.

The game got under way handled by Ted Burke in the absence of Red Farrell.

Thorpe for Brampton started the scoring at 2:38 on a face-off from McLaughlin. The same combination clicked again at 8:43, McLaughlin centering the pill from a pile of sticks and legs to Thorpe who beat Mazze for the second. Morrison and Thorpe get two minutes off for roughing at 13:14 and Lister at 14:40 leaves the Bullets short handed for boarding.

Boddy beat Abram on a goal from Brydson & McGuire at 17:46. Ingoldby & Hamilton each getting a penalty in the last minute of the play. Ayres crashed through the T & S defence alone at 9:17 of the second period to build the score to 3-1. Ingoldby followed with another at 10:58. Morrison and Thorp visited the penalty box together with the second trip at 11:32. Lister scoring on a pass from McLaughlin at 11:41 for Brampton. Young and Hamilton roughed it up a bit at 12:36 and got 2 minutes to cool off. At 17:32 Brydson, clicked with the second and final goal for the T & S.

The 3rd period the T & S boys were outclassed, unable to stand up to the withering fire of the Brampton Bullets. Ingoldby and Young scoring a single each and Thorpe getting twins. Both Goalies played a good game, at one stage of the first period, Flash Abram had to handle 5 shots in 3 seconds but luck was with him. Final score that wrote Pints to our Hockey season was Brampton 9, Camp Borden 2.

The standing of our players for the two playoff games and the two Finals.

Players	Goals	Assists	Pts.	Pen.
Thorpe	11	7	18	8
Lister	8	4	12	4
McLaughlin	3	9	12	2
McComb	7	3	10	2
Lannarelli	4	5	9	4
Ayres	1	8	9	4
White	3	2	5	-
Dixon	2	3	5	2
Young	2	2	4	2
Creighton	-	3	3	-
Ingoldby	2	-	2	4

THE PRICE OF EGGS

The rather sudden drop in the price of eggs from ceiling floor a few weeks ago, was disconcerting to many poultry producers, and brought sharp criticisms, as did the new export paying prices set by the special products board, which act as "floor" prices to domestic markets.

The sudden drop to floor prices, occurring within the short space of a couple of weeks was similar to what occurred a year ago about the same time, and was due largely to the fact that the egg price situation just now in Canada is an artificial one, with little opportunity for prices to respond normally to market conditions.

There is a fixed ceiling beyond which egg prices cannot go, and the purchasing power of the people is such today that they have been able to pay up to ceiling prices for eggs for a longer period than would normally be the case, so that when egg supplies reached a saturation point in the domestic market, the drop came more suddenly and prices went to the floor more quickly than would have been the case if prices were able to respond normally to market conditions.

Technically speaking, there is no floor on egg prices. The export paying price for eggs under the British contract provides the floor, for the reason that the special products board is committed to accept delivery of all eggs offered at the price set under the British contract, and that price automatically becomes the floor for the domestic market. Some say—why not set a domestic floor price closer to the ceiling price. The answer is that it would not then be possible to get eggs for the British contract at the price under the special products board are able to pay under that contract. In fact, the products board was unable to fill its contract for Britain completely last year, because the domestic price rose above the export price before buying for the British contract could be completed.

The situation at the moment is that there are ample supplies of eggs for domestic requirements. Not only that, the special products board is being offered eggs for the British contract at the export paying prices at a rate four times that at which they were buying at this time last year. This winter has been more favorable than last for production, and the meat situation is improved. Even beyond these factors, production generally is higher than last year.

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TERMS—CASH
FRANK PETCH, Auctioneer

BRAMPTON
When the air had cleared after Monday night's meeting, the Town Council found itself facing the prospect of raising the tax rate by three mills.
Three telegrams arrived in Brampton last week-end bringing sorrow to three families and sadness to many others. The telegrams were from the Department of National Defence and they reported that three young armen are missing. The armen are F. O. Robert Lagerquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lagerquist, Main St. N.; Flight Sergeant John Martin Newman, whose wife lives at 51 West St., and Sergt. Robert Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burt, 141 Queen St., East.
Keith Merle McBratney, 18, was drowned Saturday evening when the car he was driving plunged into the Etobicoke river. Alex and James S. Martin suffered head injuries in the accident.
W. A. Bates was elected chairman of the Brampton Rehabilitation Committee at the inaugural meeting last night—Conservator & Gazette.
WON'T MIND
Farmers won't mind if the proposed floor under prices of their products leaves in place—Kitchener Record.