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## No Power Cut-offs in Ontario This Year: Frost

**Dominion Gov't. Scored as "Bureaucrats" . . . Forests Being Restored, Says Premier.**

by Lealle Clark

The annual meeting of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Association was held in the Royal York Hotel on Monday and Tuesday of last week. The Young P.C. Association had met the previous Saturday in the Royal York. As the officers of all three associations are elected every two years, the officers still have another year before elections are called.

The Senior Association's various committees met on the Monday, as well as the registration of all delegates taking place.

The ladies held their annual meeting on Monday afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Cameron McKenzie, who welcomed the delegates and guests and then called for the reports of district chairmen. She called on the Hon. Wm. Hamilton, Minister of Reform Institutions to give an address. Mr. Hamilton gave an interesting talk on his work, and stressed the work being carried on in modernizing our reform institutions and rehabilitating inmates to take a useful place in society.

Greeting were heard from Premier Leslie M. Frost, who welcomed the ladies and thanked them for the magnificent work they have been doing throughout the ridings of the province. Mr. Frost was followed by Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, of Hamilton, Canada's only woman M.P. in the House of Commons. She urged all women to take a more active part in politics and pointed out that if the women united, they could elect their own candidates every time with their voting power.

#### Mayor Welcomes Convention

Tuesday morning the General Meeting of the Ontario Association was held with Mayor Hiram McCallum on hand to welcome the packed hall of delegates and guests. His worship after his welcome, in which he humorously interjected "even the Windsor people are welcome in Toronto" invited all those present to a tour of the city and also warning them to watch their step due to the subway project on hand, offered to arrange tours of the city, if desired. Ending on a political note of his own, he said he hoped to be in office next year to welcome the 51 convention.

#### "Subs" for Miss Bennett

President of the Ont. Association, Alexander McKenzie, K.C., after conducting the general business of the day called on Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, M.P. to introduce Dominion President, George Knowlan, K.C., Mrs. Fairclough made reference to playing a role of "pinch-hitter" inasmuch as she was substituting for Sybil Bennett, K.C., of Georgetown, who was unavoidably absent on an organizing trip in her capacity as head of the Dominion Women's Conservative Association. Mrs. Fairclough, in her introduction of Mr. Knowlan, gave an outline of his history as a leading lawyer in his native province of Nova Scotia.

#### Calls Gov't. "Bureaucracy"

Mr. Knowlan, in thanking his introducer, said she had made one mistake, when she referred to him as the "Boss" Conservative, but that quite the contrary was the case, he being the servant of the Conservatives of the entire Dominion. In a fighting speech, the big Nova Scotia lawyer, who represents the county that for twenty three years was represented by Hon. J. L. Hiley, said that government had substituted bureaucracy for free elected representation, and propaganda, for opportunity. He likened Finance Min. Abbott to the wanderer in the "Lay of the Last Minstrel" as he wanders here, there and everywhere in what he calls his search for the most "rigid set of economies" in government spending, while at the same time being part and parcel of the same Government that authorizes the spending of some \$78,000 a day in travelling expenses for its officials. He stressed the vacillating policies shown by the government in the railway emergency and the Korean war. He also scored the government for their opposition to P.C. leader Drew and Opposition financial critic Jas. McDonnell, who had unsuccessfully urged months ago that the Canadian dollar be placed on the "free market to find its true value, only to find a few short months later, after an election had been fought the government following the policies advocated and first proposed by the leader of the Opposition and his colleagues on the Conservative side of the house. He ended his speech by calling on Conservatives to get out and work, reorganize and if they did this, they could and would be victorious in the next Federal campaign.

#### Drew in England

The morning session ended with the introduction by the Minister of Agriculture Tom Kennedy, of Mrs. George Drew, who expressed her

husband's regrets that he could not be with the convention, but that he had made arrangements some time ago to confer with trade officials in Great Britain feeling that he would best serve his country's and party's interests by having these conferences. Mrs. Drew read a cable she had just received from her husband, telling of his arrival by air that morning, in the U.K.

#### Afternoon Meeting

The meeting resumed after luncheon with a number of addresses by various cabinet ministers, including Attorney General Dana Porter, McKinnon-Phillips, Minister of Health and others.

The Hon. Chas. Daly, Minister of Labour introduced the Prime Minister of Ontario, Leslie M. Frost, Mr. Frost, in a brief biography of Mr. Frost, said that he was born in Orillia in 1896, was educated at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall. His schooling was interrupted by the war of 1914-1918, when he enlisted with the Simcoe Regiment as a private, went overseas with the Canadian troops and was commissioned and became finally, adjutant of the regiment. Twice wounded, the last time critically, he spent many months in hospital in England, before returning home after the war. He completed his studies and set up in general law practice. In 1924 he was married. He was first elected to the legislature in the 1930's and has continued ever since, becoming treasurer in the Drew government elected in 1943.

Premier Frost is at present, and has been since its formation, an active member of the Canadian Legion.

Mr. Frost, in his address, said how happy he was to see so many present, that he wished to commend Mr. McKenzie, and his officers on their great work.

#### No Hydro Cut-offs: Frost

In reviewing the progress made by the province in the past few years, he stressed the fact that this was the first year Hydro would be normal. He said this was due to Hydro finally catching up to the demand, due to the planning and expansion of hydro facilities until now they were double that of which the Conservative Government took office in 1943. He said that to keep up with our industrial expansion hydro would double and he double again its present capacity. He secured certain papers that had criticized the hydro shortage "pointing out the difficulty of getting labour in the war years, as well as the well-known critical shortage of vital materials. He said the very success of the criticism of hydro were the ones most responsible, and quoted from a public letter sent by the Liberal premier of the preceding administration stating emphatically that he would never allow a hydro project on the St. Lawrence, and terming the project wasteful and ridiculous.

#### New School System

Premier Frost then touched on the modernization of our school system, under Dana Porter. Under the new system, clever children would not be penalized by waiting for slower ones. Nor would the ones who are possibly a little slower to grasp, be forced to keep up with the others, but would be allowed to set their own pace, under the careful supervision of qualified teachers, who in Ontario under this government were becoming among the best paid and best looked after in the world. He noted the high number of modern new public and other schools being built, in

many cases only made possible by the increased grants from the Provincial Government. He stressed the fine work done in the Ministry of Health, and contrasted today's life expectation to that of only a few score years ago.

#### Forests Being Replenished

In an obvious attack on critics of the handling of the province's forests, he said that in 1943, after an 8-year Liberal regime, that had accomplished nothing, the Conservative Government had implemented a Royal Commission, under Major-General Kennedy, who handed down a complete report on the situation after some years' study. He said that this department has been working ceaselessly to find the most rapid ways of saving and improving our forests. He felt confident that we were doing so and that despite "all the misuse and ignorance of 100 years in the past" that we had inherited, in relatively a few years our forest would once more be on the increase. As an example of the scope of this work, the Dept. operates some 44 aircraft, 300 motorboats and 1,000 canoes to trace and fight forest fires, etc. Millions of acres of devastated land had been replanted and was once more reforested. He cited the many towns in northern Ontario, a few years ago ghost towns, now bustling and happy places, such as Kapuskasing, Steep Rock, Espanola and Marathon.

These, and many other examples in every department were given by the Premier as the signs of a progressive happy province, under a capable progressive government. As one last example, that "Old Man Ontario" was bursting at the seams he stated that immediately 15,000 skilled workers were needed in Ontario, citing as just one example, the new hydro project at Niagara. He said every effort was being made to get them in Canada, to be supplemented by a scheme by his Government to bring skilled labour out by air from the U.K. If the federal government would permit.

#### Halton Delegates Attend

After the Premier's address, a reception was held in the hall with the guests and delegates being received by Premier and Mrs. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McKenzie, Mrs. George A. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. George Knowlan and Mrs. Ellen Fairclough.

Among those attending the convention from Halton County were Stanley Hall, M.P.P. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fitzgerald, and Dr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Le-le Clark, Georgetown, Col. E. Pullen, Misses F. McCleary and Tom Lawson, of Oakville.

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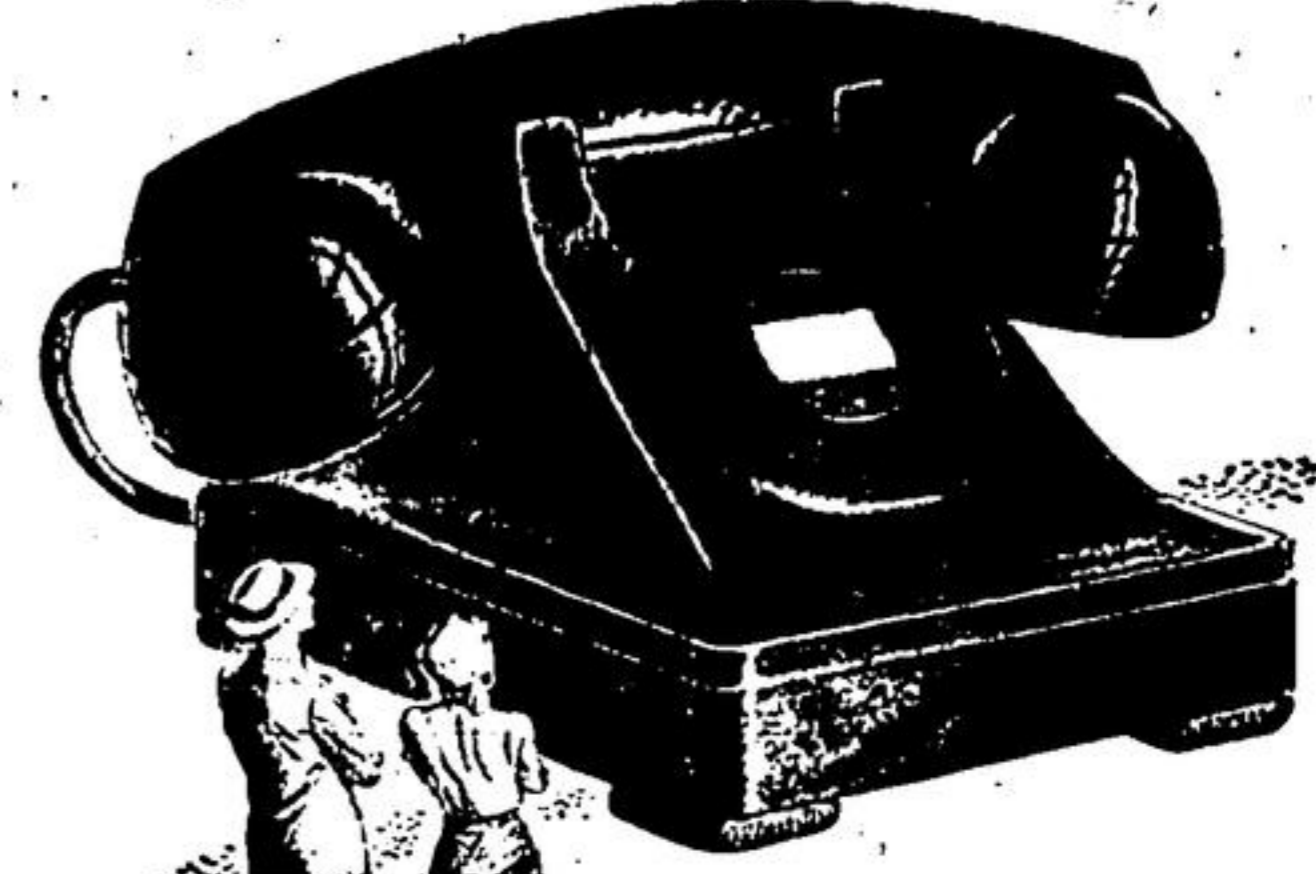
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