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## Whats and Whys of The MFNC Voters

Perhaps you wonder what MFNC stands for in the Voters List. We did too, so we checked with the town clerk and pass this on to those others who don't know.

The Voters List, which is revised and reprinted every year contains the names of all property owners and tenants, and their spouses who have voted in the municipal elections. It is compiled by the town clerk from the assessment records.

Each person is listed by name, occupation, place of residence and status, and all those eligible for jury duty are thus indicated.

The MFNC bobs up, after the name of a wife whose husband is sole owner of a property and the wife of a tenant, and in a few places where the wife is sole property owner. It means "Manhood Franchise Not Counted" and is used for county purposes in establishing how many votes a municipality is entitled to at county council.

The Municipal Act gives every municipality in a county one representative with one vote on the county council. When the Voters List has reached 1000 qualified voters, a deputy reeve is allowed. Georgetown reached this in 1947, and Jack Armstrong was the town's first deputy-reeve. With 2000 qualified voters the reeve gets an extra vote; with 3000 the deputy-reeve also gets an extra vote.

It is here that the MFNC's apply for they do not count as qualified voters when county voting privileges are summed up.

In one other case a voter may be listed as an MFNC. That is when he is an owner or tenant of property in Georgetown assessed at less than \$300. A few owners of vacant lots in town are the only ones in this classification.

The Voters List in Georgetown is divided into three wards with each ward subdivided into Parts 1 and 2. Names in Part one are actually resident in the ward. Part two names are owners or tenants not resident in the ward.

This year the division into wards will have little meaning, as election of councillors will be made for the first time by general vote. At the time this by-law was passed, school trustees were overlooked so these are still elected by the old ward system.

## Future Cheese Market Is Here: Col. Kennedy

We have heard much about Britain being the market for our cheese, but the future market for Canadian cheese is right here in Canada, stated Col. the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture in a press conference. The occasion of the conference was a presentation of some good Old Canadian Cheddar cheese to Col. Kennedy by Charles Harkness, President of the Ontario Cheese Producers Marketing Board.

In making the presentation, Mr. Harkness stated that the per capita consumption of cheese here in Canada was substantially smaller than in many of the other countries of the world. The Fall Cheese Festival, which was featured across Canada from October 16 to November 15th is for the purpose of promoting the greater use of cheese by Canadians. He thanked the Minister of Agriculture for the interest he had taken in the cheese industry and for the assistance which had been given in one form or another over the years.

In accepting the cheese, Col. Kennedy expressed the thought that Canadian cheese was among the best produced anywhere and that this cheese Fiesta aimed at promoting consumption of our cheese at home was a good thing. He thought Canadians should be made aware of the excellent food value of cheese and of the fact they had the best cheese right here in the product made at home. He said in the past Britain has been the most important market for our Canadian cheese and a great deal of effort has been put forth to sell our cheese in the Old Country. However, he predicted that the low cheese consumption of Canadians would be stepped up over the coming years to the point where all our Canadian cheese would be consumed at home. In other words, the home market would become the important market for our cheese.

Col. Kennedy also called on Dr. M. Phillips, Minister of Health for Ontario for his opinion on cheese. Dr. Phillips stated cheese was recognized as good food for anyone but he particularly commended it as a high protein food for elderly people. He said that for years, elderly people have been starving themselves of protein because many of them had difficulty in digesting the meats which provide the protein for them when they were younger. Cheese, he stated, was the answer to the problem for it will provide these people, as well as the younger ones, with animal protein which is easily assimilated by the body.

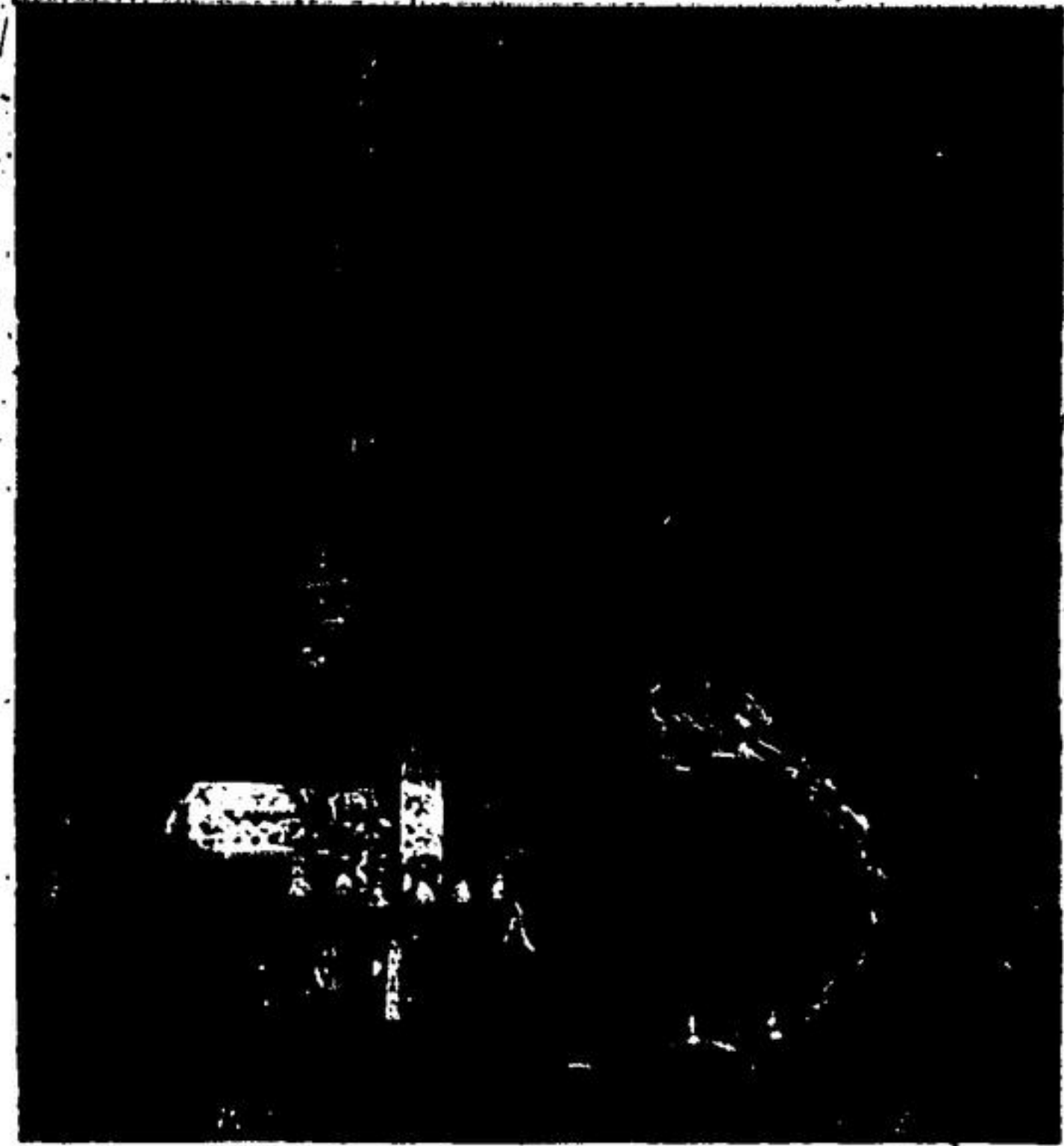
The question of the availability of good cheese was raised, and Charles Heath, secretary of the Ontario Cheese Producers Marketing Board, said this Producers Association was tackling the problem. The first major step was the construction of a large cheese curing and storage warehouse at Belleville, which is now under way. He said their organization had received substantial aid from both the Ontario and Federal Governments for the erection of this building. It will be used to cure and store large quantities of good Canadian Cheddar cheese and will provide a service from which well cured quality cheese can and will be made available to the trade. This should help to overcome the complaints of the past that such cheeses could not be obtained by the consumer on a regular basis.

Another cheese expert on hand for the conference was B. D. Thornton of Kraft Foods Ltd., who pointed out that while probably ninety per cent of the cheese production in Canada was cheddar, there has grown up a considerable industry, producing various types of the specialized cheeses which gladdens the heart of the cheese connoisseur. A large display of the various types of cheese produced in Canada had been set up in the office of Col. Kennedy, including Blufort, Oka, Camambert, Gouda, Ermitte, Brick and Limberger, along with the several forms of cheddar. The members of the press were given the opportu-

ity of trying these for themselves and when they left, they were all agreed that Canada produced a cheese for practically every taste and lay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan that with cheese of these types and this high quality available in Canada, Col. Kennedy's prediction of consuming all our cheese in Canada would soon be true.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A party in honour of her seventh birthday was held for Barbara Finlay, on Saturday at her home on Durham Street. Those present were Judy Richardson, Sharin Harkness, Carolyn Biehn, Gail Malcolm, Judy Bonathan and Paulene Watson.



**NEW WORLD'S WHEAT KING**—The new world's champion wheat king, 12-year-old Rickey Sharpe, of Munson, Ala., proudly displays the Canadian National Railway's trophy, emblematic of the world's wheat growing championship, and engraved silver tray which he won at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, together with a cheque for \$100. Rickey received the awards from A. J. Lomas, vice-president, central region, C.N.R., at the world grain championship presentation ceremonies at the big fair.

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