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Ontario Rent Control Demanded by Thomson

New Liberal Leader Meets Halton Executive At Glenwood School Dinner

Declaring that rent-control "cannot possibly hurt an honest man, but can prevent dishonest men from preying on needy people", Walter Thomson, Ontario Liberal leader, called on the provincial government to establish rent controls, where needed, when the federal government vacates the rent-control field at the end of March.

"Fair to Both"

He said he believed landlords are entitled to high enough rent to cover interest, depreciation, taxes and a small percentage to cover vacancies "but the moment they get more than that they are indulging in usury. We put a stop to high interest rates on the grounds they amounted to usury. But what is the difference between the interest on dollars and the interest on bricks and mortar?"

He said in Toronto working girls had to pay up to \$180 a month for a bedroom, kitchenette, and bathroom. "I would like to ask landlords charging rates like that how they can sleep at night." The Frost government, he said, should introduce a rent control administration which will be fair to both landlord and tenant.

Mr. Thomson was guest of honor at a banquet in the auditorium of Glenwood School near Burlington, which was planned so that he could meet Halton Liberal Association executive members and their wives. It was catered for by the Women's Missionary Society of Appleby Church and James Cunningham of Hornby, county president, was chairman.

Mr. Thomson introduced to the gathering James Heffernan, head of the Ontario County Liberals and Fred Powell, president of Ajax Association, who accompanied the leader. Other speakers included Paul Fisher of Freeman, ex-reeve William VanStickle of Nassagaweya, Reeve Joseph Wickson of Trafalgar, Edwin Harrop, William Hampshire and Kenneth Dick of Milton and Al Cadeau of Burlington, who moved vote of thanks to the speaker.

Mr. Readhead of Milton provided entertainment with some vocal solos and Stewart Fleming of Trafalgar "banned the ladies for catering for the dinner."

Following the dinner the large gathering opened up to shake the Liberal leaders' hand. Among those present at the head table were Hughes Cleaver, Liberal MPP for Halton, Dr. Murray Deans, of Oakville also, and the county unit with S. H. H. MPP in the 1948 provincial election and many other prominent Liberals from the riding.

"Labor 'Has Something'"

During his speech Mr. Thomson said he was more friendly to labor than he had been given credit for, and said that, although he hoped price controls would be established

in an emergency situation, he felt labor "has something" when it states there should be no wage freeze.

"We must remember that in order to get wage increases labour has to go through the process of conciliation," he said.

Labor, he said, "is made up of our friends and neighbours and I think the best thing any government can do for labour is to make sure that Ontario's natural resources are fabricated right here in the province and not shipped south of the border."

"A Liberal government will make sure that pulp is processed into paper and iron is processed into steel here in Ontario. Mr. Frost has generously said that Ontario has all the industry it needs and others should have it but he forgets that in charge of a trust account and has no right to give away the resources of this province until he has a mandate from the people to do so."

More Power Resources

Quebec developed more new industries than Ontario last year, Mr. Thomson said, adding that this was chiefly due to the fact Quebec has greater power resources.

He said Ontario's housing program "has been pure myth, something for the government to play with. The greatest need for housing today is in the field of housing for our aged citizens. In my own riding I have seen old age pensioners living under conditions not fit for animals."

Mr. Thomson said he thought pensioners should be housed in units built along the lines of motels, where each pensioner would have a small apartment, renting at from \$12 to \$15 a month "where old people can live out their lives in protected security, instead of wishing for death, as many of them do today. These people will be taken care of by a Liberal government."

New Awakening of Party

The Liberal leader said delegates to the Liberal convention in November "entrusted me with a job which I unashamedly said I wanted because I felt I had the training, experience and strength to carry it out in 26 platform appearances since the convention I have not had one bad meeting. There have been full houses and standing room only, even in Toy ridings. To me this means a new awakening of the Liberal party in Ontario."

This has nothing to do with me personally I just happened to be on top of the wave when it rose to its crest. And I have no criticism of those who have led our party since our defeat in 1943. "The tide was against us but now it has turned."

He said he had been called names by the Conservative press, "but I would rather have those people do that than to stop talking about me. I feel that every knock is a boost. I have been criticized for not being more specific. But there is no need for that. The people know

CANADIAN SPORTS PARADE

THERE'S been a lot of ink spilled on sports pages recently about who deserves the title of "Greatest of the Half-Century" in various sports. You may recall that this came about at the request of Canadian Press, who invited all and sundry to name the Dominion's outstanding performer in lacrosse, basketball, hockey, etc. etc.

Despite an official verdict—add the fact that a flat-footed choice can cause a lot of arguments—this corner has a definite urge to nominate three of its favourites for the mythical awards.

The Hockey Award

For the greatest hockey player we suggest Edward "Eddie" Shore of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, who was born just two years after the turn of the present century. Generally accepted as the greatest defenceman in the game, Eddie Shore can very well be considered as the greatest hockey player—period! Never a gentleman to the point of losing the puck or a goal, Shore nevertheless brought a tremendous amount of colour and talent to the game.

As a player, Eddie Shore built his hockey career the "hard way", following the ice game through the Melville Millionaires in 1923, through Regina and Edmonton and finally to the Boston Bruins, where he literally "sold" the game to the casual Bostonians. And incidentally the Boston management seem to need someone to do the job over again in 1951, but that is another story.

In his first year with Boston, the dynamic Shore pulled the Bruins up by their bootstraps, from a cellar position in the N.H.L. of the two previous years—to second place in the American section of the league in 1924. He is the only player to ever win the Hart Trophy four times, and is now, of course, elected to hockey's Kingston Hall of Fame.

Eddie Shore did nothing "for fun", he asked for and got his price. That he was always worth the money he commanded no employer ever questioned, for Shore played hockey like a "atomic machine" at top speed and that.

The Rugby Crown

For the greatest football player we nominate Dave Sprague of the Tigers and Ottawa for his long playing efficiency and powerful contribution to the game.

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Admittedly, other players have proved as strong, as courageous and sometimes as tough—but few of them all of these things, for so very long a time. We think of Brian Timmis, Ted Reeve, Joe Wright, Senior, Lionel Connor, Don Beach, Royal Copeland and before all of them—Smirle Lawson. We think of linemen and backfielders, runners and kickers and smashers—and we still come up with Big Dave Sprague, with his sixteen touchdowns while 15 years of age at Delta Collegiate in Hamilton—to his last Eastern Canadian Championship with the Rough Riders in 1940 at thirty years of age!

Dave Sprague was first, last and always a rugged football player, and his driving, knee-high, plunging sprint could be counted on for sixty minutes of every game he played. Asking no quarter, he was offered none and his scars are well and honorably won.

The Rowing Laurels

As for the greatest oarsman—we nominate Joe Wright, Senior. Following in the great tradition of Ned Hanlan, "Big Joe" carried Canada's colours proudly skimming along the waters of the world and increased the Dominion's sporting prestige.

During his 23 years in a rowing craft, Joe Wright, Senior won 130 championship races here, there and everywhere. He won 12 United States championships; he was the first Canadian to win a heat in the famous Diamond Sculls and the first Canadian to win the coveted Bedford Cup. Although the Diamond Sculls eluded the big man throughout his own career, he coached his son Joe, Junior to many championships and on July 7th 1928, he realized his last ambition in rowing—when the name "Joe Wright" was inscribed on the Diamond Sculls.

So it is—Shore and Sprague and Wright. Your nominations please!

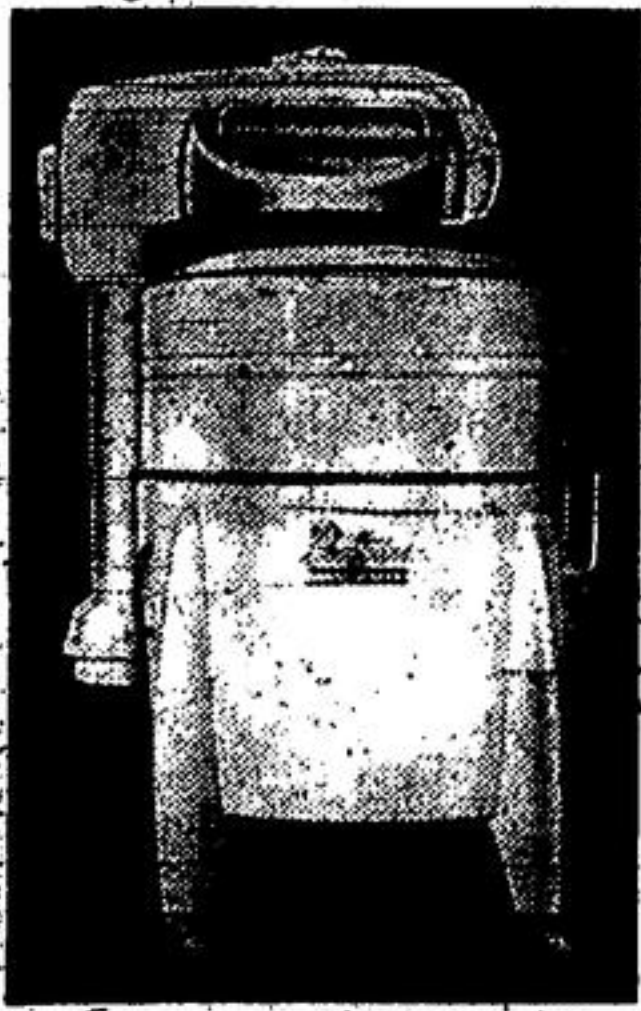


NEW YEAR'S PARTY FOR AYPA GROUPS

Members of various Young People's organizations in town, numbering 35, attended a New Year's party staged by the AYPA of St. George's and St. Alban's churches last week.

Danny Hewitt and Lois Dickenson, Los Dickenson, Martin Armstrong were prizewinners in a grand match. The members of the Georgetown AYPA there.

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and feel that things are not right at Queen's Park."

Mr. Thomson called on the Halton Liberals to put forth a special effort on behalf of Dr. Deans in the next election. "He lost by some 80 votes the last time, but he was a 'big' starter. Remember that in 32 riding we lost by less than 1,000 votes. Now we must take opportunity at the flood or again be lost."

Hopes to Change Trend

Hughes Cleaver paid tribute to Mr. Thomson's "dynamic leadership" and said that although Halton has had "four straight-wins" in the federal field in Halton after 46 years of Conservative representation "the trend is against us provincially. But we hope that under Mr. Thomson that trend will be changed at the next election."

The Liberal leader was introduced by Dr. Deans, who said Mr. Thomson had promised, when named leader, that he would devote all his time to the job. "Anyone who has been reading the papers knows he has kept that promise. If all of us devote a fraction of the energy to the task ahead that has been displayed by Mr. Thomson we cannot fail to win the next election."

LIMEHOUSE

Shows Work Samples Banff Fine Art School

Miss Jean Ruddell, local teacher spoke to fellow members of Limehouse W.I. on Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Smethurst in Limehouse village. Everyone enjoyed hearing of her summer at the Banff School of Fine Arts, and seeing her samples of woven belts, bags, aprons, guest towels and scarves. Coloured photography and souvenirs also added interest to the travelogue which was delightfully given.

Mrs. A. Norton sang "The Songs My Mother Used to Sing" and Mrs. Karn favoured the group with piano selections. Current events prepared by Mrs. Ern Batkin were read by Mrs. J. Noble. The motto "Take your hat off to the past and your coat to the present" was prepared and given by Mrs. R. R. Corbett. Roll Call was answered by naming a Halton industry and its location. Readings on the following subjects were given: "Beware of Nothing to Do" by Mrs. E. L. Miller; "The

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