

## Premier Frost Blasts Toronto Star, Hepburn Liberals, Speaking at Oakville

Liquor Policy Defended, Proud of Hydro Expansion, New Hospitals and Schools.

A large crowd braved a real blizzard in Oakville last night to hear the premier of Ontario, the Hon. Leslie Frost speak in the Gregory Theatre. There was entertainment provided by the Legion Pipe Band as well as a piano-acordionist.

Stan Hall, thrice elected member for Halton was introduced by the county president, S. A. B. McCleary. Mr. McCleary spoke of the many qualities Mr. Hall had displayed as a member of his unceasing work for any and all in his county, and of how no one had contributed more to the welfare and betterment of this grand old county of Halton.

Mr. Hall then spoke briefly, saying how honoured he had been to serve his county for the past eight years. He said it had been a privilege and honour, and he had tried to serve well. Mr. Hall then introduced the premier, Leslie M. Frost. Born in Orillia, Mr. Frost practices law and has made his home in Lindsay for many years. A veteran of World War 1, the premier had been seriously wounded and promoted in the field. He was proud of the fact that in the provincial cabinet no less than twelve of the fifteen members were veterans of

the two world wars.

Mr. Frost spoke first, speaking of the past record of his government, of which he was justifiably proud. He brought a rather personal touch to the town of Oakville by mentioning how happy he was to see S. Casey Wood, of the Trafalgar Journal, whose grandfather had, like Mr. Frost, been treasurer of the province.

He went on to point out the many achievements of this government, of the some thousands of new school rooms built, the terrific hydro expansion, the larger grants to the municipalities, and the many other great advances since the Conservative government took office in 1943. Mr. Frost defended his hospital policy in Ontario, telling of the thousands of beds in hospitals, as well as new hospitals built, made possible by grants from the Province, and compared this with the former Liberal government's sorry record of not one hospital built during the time they were in provincial office. He found amusing the attacks of Mr. Houck, Liberal member, whom the Liberal leader said was slated for a cabinet post in a Liberal government. He pointed to his deplor-

able record in hydro, during the past Liberal administration, when he had been head of the hydro and had managed to have built only 21 miles of rural hydro, compared to the present government's thousands upon thousands of miles of rural hydro.

In answer to criticism from what he termed "his old friend on King Street", the Toronto Star, he reflected upon the far cry of today's Liberalism from the days of Sir Oliver Mowat. He said Mowat and other Liberal leaders of the past "would turn over in their graves" if they heard some of the promises and the statements by the Liberal leaders of this province. Mr. Frost jokingly referred to the sight of Mitch Hepburn (the man whose chief claim to fame was for his willingness to "fire anyone at any time") on the same platform with Arthur Roebuck on a platform in support of the new Liberal leader, and said he had been a member of the legislature when Mitch had read Senator Roebuck out of the party, and said that he (Mr. Roebuck) had deceived him. These then were the people who wished to take over government in this province. Mr. Frost pointed out the utter inability of the Hepburn government to get on with anyone, even their own federal Liberal government. He said that one of Mitch's chief efforts at cooperation with his federal chief was that of calling Mackenzie King various names, including an "old mud-turtle." He compared this re-

cord of discord, ill-will, and hard feelings, with his government's record of harmonious relations with all the provinces, as well as the federal government. He said it was the sacred duty of every province to get along with the others. Mr. Frost said that true to form, various Liberals, including of course, Mitch, were once again talking of "firing" someone, this time hydro commissioner Bob Saunders, whose chief fault to the Liberals seemed to be that he had trebled Ontario's hydro capacity in his few years in office compared to the old Liberal government's record of not one solitary kilowatt hour added in their entire eight years of office. He said that statement reminded him of the first acts of the provincial liberal administration when they came to power at Queen's Park, that of firing with no reason, five hundred veterans.

The premier then turned his attention to a subject which he said he had read an editorial on in the Toronto Star. He said that the figures printed in that article were misleading. He gave the figures of all the provinces, and noted that Ontario's increase of liquor sales was the smallest in the Dominion, while at least two of the others had almost doubled. Mr. Frost pointed out that under his regime the issuing of licences had been fair and clean and decent, compared to the former government's sorry record of scattering them about. He said no

longer were licences issued to those with political "pull." He said that while he doubted if liquor control was absolutely perfect, he said it was better than it had ever been in the history of the province and that they were constantly improving it, and its enforcement. He said that law enforcement was the answer, and that here his government had a wonderful record. Mr. Frost then concluded his speech by asking the voters of Halton to get out and re-elect Stan Hall, as the premier and his colleagues needed men of his integrity, honesty and ability for advice in carrying on the work of providing good government for Ontario.

Major Thompson, (who asked the audience to note the way he spelt Thompson, and not confuse him with another) then thanked the premier, and led in three cheers for the Hon. Leslie Frost.

Correspondence was read from various people, including two letters from Gordon Graydon and Ellen Fairclough, at Ottawa and also one from Frank Leonard, MP for Wentworth South, wishing Mr. Hall success for a fourth term.

At the conclusion of the evening Premier Frost and Mr. Hall spoke to all those present as they left the theatre.

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## Five Youths Charged Break School Windows

Hallowe'en passed quite quietly in town, with the exception of one unfortunate incident which resulted in damage at the high school. A group of five teen-agers, only one of whom had ever been a student at high school have been charged with breaking nine windows in the rear of the building and writing obscenities on the walls and windows of the building. The damage was reported to the provincial police when it was discovered on Thursday morning and credit goes to Cpl. J. McBain for some good detective work which led to interviews and confessions by the culprits.

The smaller children contented themselves with attending the big party in the arena and with the usual calls from door to door for treats. There was a great variety of costumes. There were grown-up visitors at the houses too, and one party of four covered most of the town and amazed their friends with their clever costumes.

In the surrounding country road signs and mail boxes took more punishment than usual. At the Stewarttown corner, pranksters rolled a big oil drum from the service station formerly operated by Roy Smith to a position in the roadway where it might have caused an accident.

HAS 94th BIRTHDAY  
Yesterday, Mrs. Fred Taylor, of Hornby, celebrated her 94th birthday.

# Ontario leads the way



- ✓ Action by Premier Leslie Frost led to universal old age pensions for all over 70, effective January 1st.
- ✓ Old age pensions for needy persons from 65 to 70, effective January 1st.
- ✓ Pensions planned for the totally disabled from 18 to 65.
- ✓ Ontario is the first province in Canada to pass legislation to implement the Federal-Provincial agreement for security for the aged.
- ✓ Old age pension benefits increased 3 times by present Progressive Conservative government.
- ✓ Most generous Mother's Allowances in Ontario's history.
- ✓ First construction grants in Canada made to build and extend hospitals, 14,474 beds and bassinets provided.
- ✓ First province to pay 50% of construction costs of homes for the aged, plus 50% of maintenance.
- ✓ First grants to provide free school books to elementary schools.
- ✓ Increased contributions made for Children's Aid.
- ✓ Province pays one half cost of supplying free milk to school children.
- ✓ Ontario leads Canada in war against Cancer and Tuberculosis.
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