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Farmers Must Help Themselves: Brodrick

Speaking at the annual meeting of Halton Federation of Agriculture in Milton town hall last week, Jack Brodrick, Ontario federation president told of his trip to Mexico last year where he had gleaned a picture of a nation lifting itself from feudalism.

Mr. Brodrick spoke of Canada's potential as an exporting nation and quoted remarks of minister of agriculture Gardiner that the farmers of Canada have one of the greatest weapon for peace in the world. Mr. Brodrick said the government will not continue indefinitely in the marketing field but is providing machinery to make it possible for farmers to do the job themselves and he stressed the fact that Canada cannot afford to be without an effective organization to look after farmers' interests at home and in the export field.

The 1952 executive elected is composed of M. J. Brown, president and provincial director; R. S. Heatherington, secretary-treasurer, vice-presidents, A. R. Service, Clarence Ford, Bert Davidson, M. A. Campbell.

Mr. Brown, in his presidential address reviewed some of the federation's successful projects which include hospitalization, insurance and the community park. He also mentioned a proposed surgical plan which might be added to hospitalization..

Mrs. Roy Ellenton, county secretary of farm forums, reported twenty active forums this year and told of the success of the folk school held in the county. Karl Parr, manager of Milton Co-Op addressed the gathering. He pointed out that all farm groups in the county have the same objective — to improve conditions economically and socially for farm people. Net earnings of the Co-Op in Halton had more than doubled this year, he said, and added that the new Georgetown branch has been increasing business successfully.

J. E. Whitelock, county agricultural representative complimented the federation for the work it is doing. Referring to the present slump in prices of poultry, meats, eggs, and hogs, he said it appears to him that packers are not going to be caught with their coolers full of high priced pork. Some sort of organization is necessary to take care of the surpluses, he said. David Pelletterio, junior farmer president, brought greetings from that organization.

Apt for a province which boasts the Canadian Rocky Mountains, the province of British Columbia has as its motto -- "Splendour Without Diminishment."

High Taxes, Living Cost Close School at Cobourg

High taxes and living costs have written finis to Hatfield Hall School for Girls at Cobourg. A. R Willmott, Cobourg barrister and chairman of the board of trustees has announced that the school will not reopen after the Christmas holidays.

A local girl, Jane Milne daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Milne has been a student there for the past year and a half. Miss Milne plans to continue her education at Havergal College in Toronto when the spring term opens there.

Originally, the school was the Cornell summer home. Katharine Cornell, leading lady of the U.S. stage spent girlhood days there. In 1929 Henry Fullerton, A. L. Jex and Dr T. Stannage Boyle persuaded Cobourg citizens that a private school for girls, in the British tradition, would be a fine investment for the town.

The Cornell property was purchased for $13,000; another $30,000 has been spent on improvements. Miss Winnifred Wilson and Miss Winnifred Ellis were made joint principals. they had previously served at the Bishop Bethune School in Oshawa.

Under their guidance, the school prospered until several years after the Second World War. Among the 500 girls they taught were Mrs. Boris Volkoff (Faith Baldwin), Mrs. David Partridge (Rosemary Annesley) one of the few women in the Canadian Navy to serve as a meteorologist, and Susie Ketchum, daughter of P. A. C. Ketchum, Trinity College headmaster. She is now serving with UNESCO in Paris. Maximum enrolment was 50 girls, during the war years, when British parents sent their children to Canada for safety.

Miss Wilson and Miss Ellis — they taught languages and English literature, and mathematics and science, respectively, retired in 1949. In the two years since their retirement, rising costs of living and increasing taxes have reduced the enrolment to 30 girls; the same factors have increased the operating costs of the school.

The board of trustees, Mr. Willmott, G W Taylor, J R McIlraith, Miss Wilson, Miss Ellis, J J Fullerton and Miss M E. Medd, was faced with a difficult decision. It was felt impossible to increase charges to the girls' parents. The staff consisted of four teachers, a part-time mistress of the junior school — there was tuition in Grades 1 to 13 and a nurse dietitian, and domestic staff

It was obvious that this staff was too large for the economic tuition of 30 students And it was apparent that with continued inflation, no larger enrolment might readily be obtained.

It was therefore decided to close the school while its financial position was still solvent. Total debenture indebtedness is less than $20,000 Set against this debt is a very substantial property. Miss Wilson and Miss Ellis had voluntarily assumed a considerable proportion of the debenture debt the school, although it was happily associated with St. Peter's Anglican Church, was never endowed with a capital fund

One endowment, however, of a practical nature was made. The Clive Pringle Memorial House was placed at the disposal of Hatfield Hall so long as it should remain a school In the event that some other group should take over the hall and operate it as a school, the Pringle building will still be a part of the establishment — subject to the approval of the building's trustees.

If, however, the only means of satisfying the school's debenture debt is the sale of Hatfield Hall as a residence or for conversion into apartments, the Pringle Memorial Hall reverts to the control of St. Peter's Church.

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MRS. LLOYD MARSHALL CHURCH W.A. PRESIDENT

The W.A. met for their December meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. F. Smith.

The roll call was answered with an exchange of Christmas gifts. The officers elected for 1952 were:

President—Mrs. Lloyd Marshall
1st Vice—Mrs. Morgan Madill
Treasurer—Mrs. F. W. Shortill
Secretary—Mrs. R. McEnery
Manse Committee—Mrs. Starrett and Mrs. D. McLain
Chaity Fund Sec'ty.—Mrs. G. Matthews
Card Committee—Mrs. Perryman and Mrs. A. Mitchell

The Sunday School Christmas concert was held Friday night and despite the very stormy weather there was a splendid attendance. The children thoroughly enjoyed presenting their part of the program and were assisted by several local adults. Gifts and bags of candy were distributed by Santa Claus which was the climax to an enjoyable evening.

A wolf hunt was organized in this community last Wednesday. The wolves decided it was a good day to make themselves scarce. Result—no casualties.

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