

Ottawa Report

by
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The hurly-burly of debates in the House of Commons with the motions, amendments, rejections, caucals and the Speaker's often wasted efforts to keep order, might appear to the casual observer to be nothing but chaotic nonsense. Like a well-played football game, the "game" played in the Commons Chamber is the culmination of much planning, tactical manoeuvring, strategy and second guessing. The players have been chosen after a rigorous training camp called an election and the coaches are wily old professionals aware of their own players' as well as their opponents' abilities.

But here the comparison ends. The game is not played for the personal satisfaction of the players or the viewing pleasure of the onlookers. It is undertaken in deadly earnest, the ultimate aim and usually the result, being laws which reflect the wishes of the majority of Canadians.

It has been argued recently

that the Opposition Party should adopt a conciliatory stance, a co-operative attitude which will get some legislation passed and avoid another election. It might well be urged also of the Government to pacify the Opposition to the same end.

In my view if either side fell into such folly thinking the system simply would not work. The parliamentary process is based on the adversary system in which two (or three or four) divergent viewpoints are promoted in the most effective manner available to the proponents. The apparent chaos of manoeuvrings taking place in the House is really this process of the Parties trying to most effectively present their cases.

With a majority government one view always prevails. In a minority situation consensus results or the Government is defeated. In order for the views of the majority of Canadians to be recognized under a minority government, the Parties must

fight to a consensus conclusion. To agree or co-operate would be to artificially create a majority situation where none exists. It would amount to a betrayal of the wishes of the voters who voted for the minority status. Consider the case of one football team co-operating with the other—a phony and unnatural result.

Agree on some
This is not to say that all parties must lock horns on every issue. Many procedural matters and even some substantive legislation receives all party consent—a recent example, the resolution censuring the bombing of North Viet-Nam.

But on matters of principle it is in all our interests to fight vigorously. Over the years some of our best legislation has been achieved in this manner.

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MILTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE and Glen Eden Ski Club sponsored ski lessons at Glen Eden Ski Area Saturday with an enrollment of 93 children under the age of 16. The eight week course is taught by members of the ski club. The top photo shows Bobby Gooch, eight, David

Sheridan, six, and seven-year-old Chris Lewin getting instruction from Vince Coome on a flat area before going onto the slopes, while other class members have already advanced to the beginners' hill, bottom photo. (Photos by J. Jennings)



Don't just stand there beef producers are told

By A. M. Armstrong

The annual meeting of the Halton-Peel Beef Producers' Association was held on Jan. 11 at the Junior Farmer Building in Brampton.

In the morning program Jim Myslik, Engineer for Halton and Peel, showed an interesting film on a new and unique method of fencing called the suspension fence. This system of fencing eliminates the need for approximately one-third to one-half the normal posts required in a conventional fencing system.

Unfortunately, this system is only adaptable on level ground. Dr. Reeds of U.B.I., Guelph was also present, making a presentation on the new exotic breeds of cattle being imported to Canada. In his presentation, he discussed the particular attributes to each breed. Following his presentation, in a question and answer period, the relation of size and fertility was discussed. He pointed out a slight increase in fertility problems with exceptionally large cows. A hot roast beef and pork dinner was

served at the noon break.

Don't stand there

The guest speaker for the afternoon was George Morris, President of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Morris gave an inspiring and challenging talk with the theme "Don't Just Stand There". Throughout his talk, he challenged the farmers not to stand and accept government policies which could possibly put our Canadian beef industry at a severe disadvantage to our American counterpart.

He stressed the need for farmers to get involved and make their viewpoints known on the current legislation effecting DES and placement of livestock drugs on a prescription basis through licenced drugs. He suggested a program of making the public aware of the problems inherent in the beef industry and the problems with these new rulings concerning drugs and feed additives for livestock.

Tom Jackson, Caledon East, from the Ontario Beef Improvement Association, discussed the activities of the association in the past year. Stressing their work in the new regulations of shipping cattle from Winnipeg to Toronto, he also outlined the proposed budgets for the O.B.I.A. for 1973 and stressed that an increased source of funds for their operation must be obtained in 1973 for an effective program. To obtain these increased funds, he suggested an increase in the assessment on slaughter cattle from 10-15 cents per head to cover increased costs for 1973.

The election of county and district directors followed.

Expensive concentrates of concern to dairymen

By Henry J. Stanley

During the past two months concentrates have gone up more in cost than ever before in history. Soybean oilmeal, which could be purchased for \$104 per ton in the fall of 1971, was \$135 per ton this fall and is currently selling for \$230 per ton. Soybean oilmeal is used to increase the protein level of the grain ration to get the maximum yield of milk from the cow.

This high price is a result of many factors—poor harvest conditions last fall with many soybeans not being harvested, high demand for soybeans in Europe, increased need for soybeans for human food and thus less for livestock feed, etc.

Substitute

Farmers have been looking around for substitutes for soybean oilmeal. These are other

forms of concentrates, high quality hay, etc. However, many of the other concentrates use soybean oilmeal as a base and are much higher than before. Other concentrates such as linseed oilmeal are higher and high quality hay is very scarce because of the wet weather during haying. Some are switching to concentrates containing urea, a synthetic form of nitrogen which can be converted by the cow to protein. Urea can safely be used when a high

energy ration is fed—when corn silage, grain corn or barley makes up a good portion of the ration. Several farmers have a bias against using urea, based upon tradition. However, with the high cost of soybean oilmeal, this attitude towards using urea is changing.

A discussion on the high cost of concentrates will be held in the Agricultural office, Milton on Monday, Jan. 22 at 10:30 a.m. All county dairymen are invited.

Obituary

Arthur T. Kingdon

A farmer all his life, Arthur Thomas Kingdon passed away peacefully in Princess Margaret Hospital Dec. 30, 1972. Son of Joseph John Kingdon and Mary Whitehead, he was born Aug. 11, 1903 at Richview, Etobicoke Township and attended Richview Public School. Married in June 1944 to Mary R. Herdman, he then moved to Milton in April of 1946 where he farmed until his move to Norval in September of 1958 where he continued farming. He was affiliated with Norval Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary R. Herdman, daughter Maryanne (Mrs. D. Kloosterboer) of Milton and son Joe at home. Mr. Kingdon is also survived by a sister Jennie (Mrs. C. Cook) and brothers William of Aurora and Ralph of Milton. He was predeceased by James Kingdon of Brampton and sister Lily Kingdon.

Funeral service was held at the McClure Jones Funeral Home in Georgetown on Jan. 2. Officiating minister was Rev. Howard Smith. Interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval. Pallbearers were Ross Kingdon, Bramalea; Bruce Kingdon, Brampton; Alan Herdman, Westhill; Dennis Herdman, Westhill; Richard Goldie, Caledon East and Albert Haringa, Campbellville.

Deer cause

Deer running across the highways were involved in two of the 18 motor vehicle collisions Milton OPP investigated during the past week.

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