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## Aviator Met Instant Death

When plane crashed into windmill  
just south of village

The citizens of the district were shocked on Tuesday morning when it was learned that an aeroplane had fallen in the orchard of Geo. Harding just south of the village and that A. W. B. Stevenson who had charge of the plane had been killed. The planes were noticed flying southward about 9 a.m. and it was freely commented upon how very low they were travelling and several were given thrills as the planes barely missed the roof-tops and especially the spires of the churches. The two planes were from Camp Borden and after circling as far south as Toronto were on the homeward journey when the plane in charge of Lieut. Stevenson struck the windmill just east of Mr. Harding's house and was completely wrecked. Apparently the air-man was watching the house and barn and did not see the windmill or else expected to just clear it as one wing caught the mast which stood about thirty-five feet high. The windmill was knocked over and the wing of the plane came down with it. After the crash the plane glided about sixty yards then hit the ground and turned over several times. The late aviator when the plane struck was hurled about a hundred feet from the machine and sustained fatal injuries. Members of the Harding family who witnessed the crash rushed to the scene and called medical assistance but the ill fated aviator died within a few minutes.

Dr. Wilson of Richmond Hill, and Dr. Devins, coroner of Aurora were summoned and the body was removed to Wright's, undertaking parlors. An inquest will be held, the following jurymen have been sworn in—J. A. Greene (foreman), W. H. Pugsley, C. Skeele, W. Savage, W. Scrivener, F. Sims, G. Moodie.

After viewing the body the jury adjourned to meet at the call of the coroner.

## RADIAL EMPLOYEES SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

The thirteenth annual picnic under the auspices of the Employees Athletic Association of the Hydro Electric Railways, Metropolitan Division was held on Tuesday last at Bond Lake. There was a splendid crowd in attendance and the program of sporting events was keenly contested. After the games a sumptuous basket lunch was enjoyed and in the evening an old time dance was largely attended. It was one of the most successful picnics in the history of the organization and all report an excellent time. Mr. Jess Russell was chairman of the committee in charge and Reg Petch of Richmond Hill the secretary and both were busy during the day looking out for comfort and pleasure of all in attendance.

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Found After Four Years  
Robert Lowe of Thornhill might be described as the "luckiest man in town." Four years ago he lost his watch while working in the field and this week was successful in finding it after it had been ploughed under and tossed about by the tilling operations of four seasons. The watch was taken to Jerry Smith local watchmaker and after a thorough cleaning is running in first class order. It is a remarkable fact that the works were not at all rusted and nothing was broken.  
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## FORMER PREMIER WILL RUN IN PRINCE ALBERT RIDING

In Letter to Secretary of North York Reform Association  
Regrets Being Unable to carry Liberal Standard  
in this Riding.

Ottawa, July 21, 1926.

J. H. Naughton, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
North York Reform Association,  
Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Naughton:

I cannot too sincerely express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the Executive Committee of the North York Reform Association in again unanimously requesting me to permit my name to be placed in nomination as the Liberal standard-bearer in North York.

There are many reasons which would make it a source of particular pleasure and satisfaction to me to have the privilege of contesting North York in the Liberal interest in the present campaign. I realize, however, that to redeem the riding it would be necessary for me to give considerable personal time and attention to the constituency itself, and that unless I were in a position so to do, it would be neither fair to the Liberals of the constituency nor to the Liberal Party as a whole for me to accept the nomination. The duration of the campaign as now definitely known is comparatively short. If I am, as the Party will expect me to do, to speak in many parts of Canada, I shall have to forego any thought of devoting much of my time or effort to the campaign in the particular constituency in which I may be candidate.

As the Liberals of Prince Albert, in a convention held yesterday, have unanimously tendered me the Liberal nomination in that constituency, which, as you know, I have had the honour of representing in the recent Parliament, and have generously intimated that in so doing they realize I may have to devote the greater part of my time during the campaign to other parts of Canada, I have felt that to enable me to serve the Party's interests in the largest way, I should avail myself of the greater freedom which the acceptance of the nomination by the Liberals of Prince Albert will thus afford and, much as I deeply regret to feel obliged so to do, forego the honour of being the Liberal standard-bearer in North York in the present campaign.

I am sure that the Liberals of North York, who have always been ready to consider the demands of the cause above all else, will fully appreciate the existing situation and will be prepared to join with the Liberals of Prince Albert in affording me the largest possible freedom for speaking in all parts of the Dominion in the present campaign. In regretfully feeling obliged in the existing circumstances not to permit my name to be placed in nomination in North York in the present contest, I cannot too sincerely say how grateful I am for this latest expression on the part of my Liberal friends in the riding of their never failing whole-hearted confidence and goodwill, nor how glad I shall be in the present contest to lend all the personal support I possibly can to the candidature or whoever may be honored with the Liberal nomination.

Yours very sincerely,  
(SGD.) "W. L. MacKenzie King."

## NORTH YORK BAND WILL PLAY AT TOWNSHIP PICNIC

The Success of New Organization is Assured.

North York Township band made its bow to the expectant public at St. George's Church Garden party last Saturday and if we can judge by the reception they received the future success of the organization seems assured. Ever since the formation of the North York Township the matter of a township band has been in the thoughts of many of our citizens. Mr. E. A. James, Township Engineer, has been a consistent and enthusiastic advocate of such an organization, believing it to be a real help in developing the community spirit, a good way for young men to spend their spare time, and something that will help all whatever their creed or politics, but also an evidence that the people of the community are concerned not alone with the purely material side of life. The great difficulty was to find a suitable leader, so when Mr. Harry Smith of Newtonbrook informed the committee in charge of the arrangements for the township picnic to be held on August 2nd, that he had knowledge of a competent leader who was willing to undertake the task of organizing and training a band the committee enthusiastically seized the opportunity, brought the matter to the attention of the Township Council, which body, upon necessary assurance that an adequate number of local musicians could be secured, gave the new organization a

cordial welcome and substantial support by agreeing to purchase a number of instruments which are to remain the property of the township but belong to the band. So the first official performance in public of the new band will be on Civic Holiday at the Township Picnic in the North York Township Park.

The band is assured of the support of the whole community. Responsible men are in charge, a good leader has been secured in Mr. A. Anderson of Richmond Hill who assures us that he is delighted with the number of competent musicians who have volunteered and are already under his direction practicing with great zeal and enthusiasm.

The complete organization has not yet been effected but in the meantime Mr. Harry Smith is acting as chairman, Mr. A. Anderson of Richmond Hill is leader and Mr. Justice is assisting him and helping to secure the various musicians and engaged in other general work of organization. Mr. W. G. Serace, Second Deputy Reeve of the Township Council and Mr. W. W. Anderson, Third Deputy Reeve, have been delegated by the Council as a committee to take care of the township interests and also to give whatever assistance they can to the band which has the warmest support of all the members of the Council.

## Harvest Has Commenced In This District

Wheat Cutting Commenced on  
Monday July 26.

Simultaneously in the three townships of North York, Vaughan and Markham the 1926 harvest commenced on Monday last July 26 and the hum of the reaper has been a familiar sound during the week. According to the best reports available Monday marked the opening of the wheat harvest in this district which is not much later if any than the average year. It will be noted however that in our files of thirty years ago published in this issue that the Liberal's Sherwood Correspondent reported the farmers busy cutting oats and drawing in barley. And in our files of twenty years ago published last week, J. N. Boyle, then Reeve of Vaughan was reported to have commenced harvesting wheat on July 18. It is also noteworthy that the first cutting of wheat in the province of Manitoba this year was on Tuesday, July 27 on the farm of S. Paisley at Rossendale.

The hum of the reaper was heard first this year in Markham township on the farm of R. L. Stiver, Deputy-Reeve of the township being on Lot 13, Con. 5 on Monday morning last when a beautiful field of golden chaff wheat was cut. In the afternoon of the 26th George Bennett, Lot 12, Con. 5 Markham also commenced operations. In Vaughan the first wheat was cut by Mr. James Robb who reports an excellent crop of Winter King Wheat. In North York the honors go to W. J. Anderson Lot 3 rear of 2nd Con. (Dufferin Street) who also reports a splendid crop. At the time of going to press no reports of harvesting have been received from either King or Whitchurch.

## "Sandy" Bruce is Probable Candidate

There has been much speculation throughout the riding of North York as to who will carry the standard in opposition to Col. T. H. Lennox, who it has been announced will be the conservative candidate. Many names have been mentioned and several prominent members of the party are anxious for a chance to redeem the constituency but it is understood that the probable choice of the convention will be none other than A. D. Bruce of Gormley. "Sandy" Bruce as he is popularly known, is a miller at Bruce's Mills and has taken part in many stiff campaigns. As well as running the mill where he has come in contact with all classes of the community, Mr. Bruce operates a farm and is therefore familiar with the problems of the rural districts and it is understood will prove acceptable to those who have supported the progressive party. He is a life long resident of the riding which is said to be much in his favor as against outside aspirants and is wide and favorably known throughout the constituency. Mr. Bruce has always been active not only in election affairs but in many forms of community endeavor. He enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact either in private, business or public life and it is the hope of his many friends that he will consent to accept the nomination. He is a man of many brilliant qualities and should he decide to enter the fight would make not only a creditable candidate but a capable and efficient representative in the federal house for the historic riding of North York.

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