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**General News and Views**

Every centre in Canada should hold some fitting ceremony to commemorate Canada's Diamond Jubilee.

Sir Hamer Greenwood a member of the British House of Commons, is being invited to his native town of Whitby for Dominion Day.

Friday and Saturday July 1st and 2nd have been proclaimed as legal holidays for the celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee.

Whitby Town Council granted \$100 to the celebration committee in that town for a one day event on July 1st. Barrie Town Council granted a like committee in their town \$1000 for a day celebration, provided the executive put on a rain insurance policy.

On the ground that the deer hunting season in Ontario is being commercialized, the fish and game committee of the Ontario Legislature last week decided to prohibit the sale of venison and big game which will include caribou and moose. The deer hunting season was again changed and will be from November 1st to November 15th. Up till the present the season was from November 5 to November 20th.

Duncan Morgan, ex-reeve of Uxbridge Township who recently held an auction sale of farm stock, is moving into Claremont to retire.

The Markham Shoe and Slipper factory is working overtime to keep up 4000 to 5000 pairs per week.

Nine Meaford youths were recently fined \$1 each and reprimanded by the magistrate for molesting a Chinese restaurant keeper.

Whitby Board of Education are asking the authorities to allow all entrance examination pupils who make 65 per cent. or more on their term work to pass without trying the examinations at midsummer.

There are at present confined within the walls of the Ontario Reformatory, at Guelph, 626 inmates, 606 of which are the more or less transient population, serving periods from three months to two years, less one day. The remaining 121 are in the psychiatric ward. These figures are about usual for about this time of the year.

**Extension of Normal Course.**  
From the Ontario Department of Education comes the announcement that the Normal School course for teachers is to be lengthened to two years. The present course is a one year. The change will take effect in the fall of this year. Full details of the department's plans will be published in the annual educational pamphlet to be issued next month. Premier Ferguson, as Minister in charge of this Department has had in mind for some time, it is understood, an arrangement that will place Ontario's Normal School Course on a par with the two year course obtaining in the other Provinces of the Dominion. Tentative plans provide that prospective teachers shall, under the new scheme take one years training, after which they will be supplied with an interim certificate allowing them to teach for two or three years. They will then return to Normal for their second year, during which period their instruction will be based on their interim teaching experiences. It is understood that the new two-year course may be retroactive in the sense of requiring teachers who are now teaching on the strength of the prevailing one year course to return to Normal School, at an appropriate time, and complete the second year.

**Will Develop Potato Industry**  
During the Short course at Mount Albert the past winter, special attention was directed towards the potato industry in the Mount Albert district. A special potato committee composed of chairman, Mr. Mertan Toole and Messrs. Oldham, Harper, Alliston and Harrison was formed and held two meetings to discuss the possibilities of increasing the industry in that district.

In co-operation with R. J. Rogers, agricultural representative and Bain Stewart, assistant, plans were drawn up and it was decided to hold a special meeting which took place on Thursday evening April 21st. Mr. John Tucker of the Dominion Department of Agriculture addressed the plots and certification. Mr. Tucker covered his speech very well and gave out a good bit of valuable information.

J. T. Cassin of Alliston, who is probably one of our largest growers of Certified Dooley Potatoes, gave his experiences in handling a large acreage of potatoes. Mr. Cassin grew 4000 bags of Certified Dooleys last year and is turning down orders now not being able to fill them.

The meeting was well attended and many who have certified seed to start with this spring are planning to carry on field certification and endeavor to develop the Mount Albert district, a potato that will be unexcelled in the Dominion.

**Canadians Should Celebrate  
Canada's Diamond Jubilee**

General Suggestions for The Guidance of Committees in Charge  
Of Local Celebrations.

**Public Meeting**

1. The Mayor or Reeve should at once call a public meeting to form a Diamond Jubilee Committee. The municipal Council, the educational authorities, representatives of churches, societies, and all other organizations should be included on this Committee. Try to get every class of the community interested.

**Diamond Jubilee Committee**

2. The function of the Diamond Jubilee Committee will be to arrange programs for—  
Dominion Day, Friday July 1st.  
Saturday, July 2nd, which will be a public holiday this year.  
Sunday, July 3rd.

and to appoint sub-committees to deal with such matters as finances, decorations, participation of school children, sports, parades, pageants, music, etc.

**Decorations**

3. Local committees should see that public buildings and streets are properly decorated with flags, bunting, etc.  
The citizens generally should also be asked to decorate their own homes.

**Form of Celebration For July 1st.**

4. Every celebration on July 1st should be a public function under the leadership of the Mayor or Reeve of the community. There should be a clear, strong, dominant note of patriotism in every celebration. This is Canada's Sixtieth Anniversary as a Dominion. Let the hearts and minds of all our people be directed to Canada—what she has done in the past what we hope to make her in the future.

**Time of Celebration**

5. The people should assemble at some convenient time of the day for the community celebration. The time will not necessarily be the same in each place. This will be decided by the local committee.

**Processions and Parades**

6. A good way to get people together is to have a procession. Engage the local bands and have the children join a parade in which all societies and organizations should have a part. Although in most localities, July 1st falls after the close of the schools, arrangements should be made well in advance to have teachers and school children attend in a body. This will be the only opportunity in this generation to celebrate in a great national way the founding of Confederation.

**School Children**

7. Teachers and school children should assemble at their own schools, where souvenir medals issued by the National Executive Committee may be presented before the parade and celebration.

**Floats and Tableaux**

8. In the parades floats portraying the history of our country should be included. If floats cannot be made, the school children or young people might arrange historical tableaux with suitable dances and music. A booklet is in course of preparation by the National Committee, giving details as to how floats and tableaux of this kind can be easily prepared. This will be forwarded to local committees on application.

**Militia and Veterans**

9. In the celebration in Ottawa and the Provincial Capitals, and in the larger cities and towns participation of units of the Militia will be a distinctive feature of all processions. Officers and men of local regiments will doubtless be pleased to assist, if their co-operation is requested by local committees. Veterans should also be requested to join in parades.

**Newcomers**

10. Newcomers in all districts should be especially invited to take their part in community celebrations. All who love Canada and who aspire to be Canadians should be made welcome.

**Old Settlers**

11. Where there are old settlers, more particularly those in the West who took up land in the picturesque manner of the ox-train and the prairie schooner, they should be especially asked to join in the celebrations.

**Indians**

12. If there are any Indians in the vicinity they should be asked to participate in the procession and in the subsequent ceremonies. Do not overlook the earliest inhabitants.

**Saluting Flag**

13. Wherever public ceremonies are held, the flag should be flown in a conspicuous place. On arrival, processions should march past the flag and salute.

**Presiding Officer**

14. Public ceremonies should be called to order by the Mayor, Reeve, or other public functionary. Wherever possible, choirs of school children or other community choirs should be stationed near the Presiding Officer. Such choirs, apart from selections they will contribute to the programs, should lead in community singing.

SATURDAY, JULY 2nd

**Sports Program on Saturday**

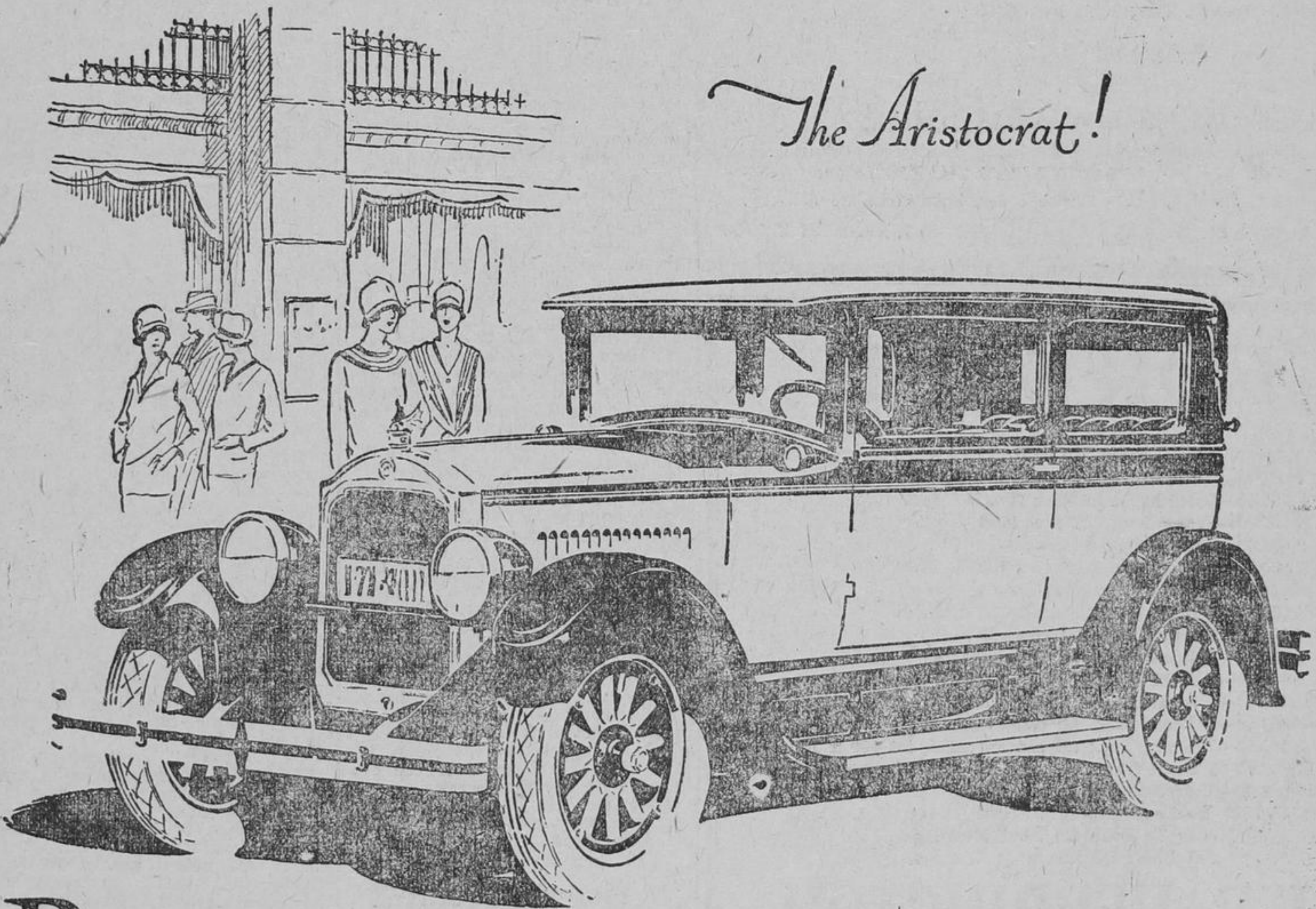
The celebration should be continued on this day and should preferably take the form of a program of sports, in which Canadian sports such as lacrosse, canoe races, etc., should find a special place. In view of the wide differences in various localities it would be difficult for the National Committee to lay down any definite program.

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd.

**Thanksgiving Services on Sunday**

On this day churches in all communities should be invited to hold special services and, wherever possible, joint community services should be held in the open air.

The National Committee hopes to provide orders of service with suitable hymns for the guidance of churches and for Sunday school exercises.



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