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MONDAY IS FAIR DAY

Next Monday the gates will open on Richmond Hill's 87th annual Fair. The Fair is more than an annual event; it is an institution in the community and just as people look for spring to follow winter with the coming of the 24th of May people throughout this district just naturally think of Richmond Hill Fair.

In recent years small town fairs have been having a rather tough time. Many have passed out of existence and many are still struggling along under heavy debt burdens. Not so Richmond Hill Fair. This Fair has grown and prospered in recent years because the officers and directors have sought to keep abreast of the times and have been always alert in bringing forward new attractions and new features which appeal to the people.

To-day the Fair stands in the front ranks of the provincial exhibitions with a horse show which attracts the finest in the land. This year again the directors have branched out and have added to the other attractions a Dog Show which promises to prove very popular and attract many new visitors to the Fair.

Richmond Hill Fair is an institution in which every citizen of this district may take just pride. Invite your friends to attend the Fair this year and you need make no apologies. They will enjoy the fine program which has been prepared and you will be doing your bit to help along an organization which merits your support.

The stage is all set for the 87th annual show. All that is needed now to make it a success is fine weather and the generous support and patronage of the people of the district. Attend the Fair this year—you will not be disappointed.

GOODWILL DAY

Monday, May 18th was observed or at least recognized throughout many countries of the world as Goodwill Day. It was chosen as Goodwill Day because May 18th, 1936 is the thirty-seventh anniversary of the opening of the conference at The Hague in 1899, where for the first time in history the nations met together to consider means by which international disputes could be settled without recourse to war. The movement for the observance of Goodwill Day was sponsored by the Junior Branches of the League of Nations Society for Canada.

In drawing the attention of the school teachers of Ontario to the observance of the day Hon. L. J. Simpson, Ontario's Minister of Education rightly pointed out that although a period of only eighteen years has elapsed since the close of the Great War, nations are again re-arming with feverish activity, war-clouds hang threateningly over many parts of the world, and the outbreak of another great conflict seems possible at almost any moment—this in spite of the fact that the last War left to all the nations a legacy of unparalleled distress, misery, and horror. Men with broken and mutilated bodies are still in hospitals where they have lain and suffered for eighteen long years. Lives were ruined, trade demoralized, and consequent economic distress has lain heavily on all the countries of the whole world.

While children now in school cannot remember the horror of the years of the War, nor comprehend the strain and anxiety endured by their elders throughout the long days of the actual strife, even they can realize some of its results when they see on the streets so many crippled veterans and know only too well, so many of them, the economic distress which still persists as a result. They themselves are sufferers. Fathers are out of work, thousands of families are on relief, the comforts that should be theirs are lacking, and opportunities for employment when they leave school are greatly reduced. It should be apparent to all thinking people that another such conflict would bring about even a more intolerable condition of affairs than before, destroy our present social order, and overturn from its very foundations the whole structure of our modern civilization.

HELPING AGRICULTURE

The place Ontario occupies in Canada's agricultural rating is No. 1 position and there is every reason to believe that it will remain the leading agricultural province of the Dominion for many years to come. The Ontario government, keeping in mind the necessity of encouraging the industry in all its many important phases, has mapped out progressive steps to be taken in the interests of this vital business.

More than 39 per cent of Ontario's population live on the 192,000 farms, according to a recent report compiled by the Department of Agriculture. In 1935, Ontario agricultural products were valued at over \$300,000,000. And what is even more important than the total value of farm products is the fact that farm prices have risen substantially since 1932 and are now well above depression levels. The prices of manufactured goods have advanced only slightly, with the result that in recent months, prices of agricultural products have been about as high in relation to prices of manufactured goods as they were before the war.

The diversified nature of Ontario agriculture is the secret of its success. The farmer in Ontario does not keep all his eggs in one basket. Over 13,000,000 acres of land are used for the production of field crops which have a market value of more than \$140,000,000 annually. But Ontario farmers have a lot of other interests. They go in for beef cattle, hogs, cheese, butter, fruit, honey, tobacco, poultry and other products. Of the beef cattle exported to the United States in 1935, Ontario farmers supplied nearly 30 per cent. And this year the percentage may be much higher. The manufacture of cheese is another important industry. Seventy-four per cent of the cheese produced in Canada last year come from Ontario factories.

These are but a few of the facts concerning the agricultural industry in the province. It is an industry that has suffered many cruel blows and suffered them in silence. However, there is every reason to believe that farmers are about to enjoy a well-earned rest from worry and financial difficulty. Much remains to be done before agriculture is back to pre-war level, but with rising prices and a sympathetic administration both in Queen's Park and at Ottawa, there is every reason to believe in reasonable prosperity for the farmers.

One of the chief objectives of the Ontario Department of Agriculture—and one that is close to the heart of Hon. Duncan Marshall, the Minister—is the development of a flourishing export trade for Ontario's surplus products. In conjunction with the Dominion Government, plans have been made to standardize many phases of the export trade and to ensure only the highest quality of product going abroad. It has always been the policy of governments to place the administration of the Department of Agriculture in the hands of a practical farmer. The Henry government had Hon. T. L. Kennedy, a practical farmer, as Minister. The Heppburn government has Hon. Duncan Marshall, whose knowledge of Agriculture was gained in Western Canada and in other parts of the Dominion during the many years he was identified with farming from a business standpoint. It is still his business today but it is the business of the farmers themselves over which he is concerned. A farmer himself, and knowing the problems that the rural inhabitants have to face and conquer, he is fashioning the framework for a policy that will yield the maximum results in the years to come.

TESTON

The Y. P. U. meeting was very well attended on Sunday evening last. The feature of the evening was a visit of friends from the Heise Hill Church Young People's Society. After the opening the program was in charge of the visitors with Mr. Orla Heise presiding and who also gave the Invocation. The subject for the evening "The Indestructible Word of God" was given two parts, the first part by Mr. Allen Heise on the objections and attacks on the Bible, and the second part by Mr. Clifford Winger on the arguments and proofs of the Indestructibility of the Word. This address was very timely and instructive as well as convincing and following closely on a former address on "How we got our Bible" was a pleasing part of the address. The singing of the quartette, Mrs. and Miss Heise and Orla and Allen was also appreciated and the message in song struck a Responsive Chord in the hearts of the audience. A request number "The Old Rugged Cross" was also appreciated. This was one of the best programs in the work of the Young People's Union and best wishes are extended to the speakers and quartette in their work.

Mrs. Allen Heise was a visitor at the Y. P. U. on Sunday evening.

Some of the young people of the district visited Niagara in blossom time and report a lack of blooms.

The meeting of the Women's Association with Hope ladies as guests and a speaker to give an address and a wedding in the church on Wednesday afternoon will be the high lights of the week.

The ladies of the church have improved the basement by hanging some very nice curtains on the windows.

Mr. Ed. Bowen visited Sunday Schools last Sunday at Woodbridge, Pine Grove and Nashville, and Mrs. Bowen attended the services at Kleinburg where Maple Choral Society provided music.

The Misses Norma and Madge Garner, Miss Flossie Marwood and Mr. Graham Hamilton visited friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Downey and son of Vellore attended service on Sunday and visited Mrs. Hall afterwards.

Mrs. B. Hollingshead of Hamilton is spending holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Taggart.

Miss Jessie Diceman was here on Sunday.

Patrick (visiting hospital) — And what might be your trouble?

Patient—Tonsillitis. Got to have my tonsils cut out.

Patrick (turning to another patient)—And you?

Second Patient—Blood poisoning. They are going to cut off my arm.

Patrick—Good night. This is no place for me. I've got a cold in my head.

A Fish Story: A fisherman got such a reputation for stretching the truth that he bought a pair of scales and insisted on weighing every fish he caught in the presence of a witness. One day a doctor borrowed the fisherman's scales to weigh a new born baby. The baby weighed forty-seven pounds!

Wrestling bouts in Richmond Hill Arena, Fair Night, May 25th.

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TEMPERANCEVILLE

At the annual meeting of the Women's Institute held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Jennings the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Nelson Thompson; Vice-President, Mrs. Wilbert Jennings; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Watson; Pianist, Mrs. Jack Brown; District Representative, Mrs. Frank Wilkins.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson wife of Thomas Monkman, Ork Ridges, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herb Walls, Newmarket, on Sunday evening. Mrs. Monkman was in her 73rd year and was born on the second concession of King. She was a resident of King Township all her life, and was associated with the W. A. of St. John's, Oak Ridges. Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Herb Walls, Mrs. Sidney Legge, Mrs. Lloyd Traviss all of Newmarket, and one daughter in Hamilton, three sons, Ivan of Newmarket and Thomas and William at home, four brothers, James Thompson of Aurora, Charles of Maple, John of Oak Ridges, George of Temperanceville, four sisters, Mrs. Walter Monkman of King, Mrs. W. Hart of Richmond Hill, Mrs. M. McDonald, Richmond Hill, and Mrs. R. Bentley of Toronto. Following the funeral service interment took place in the Aurora Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wideman at Markham on Sunday.

A large number attended the congregational held in the United Church last Monday evening. It is

with regret that we announce that Rev. G. W. Lynd has accepted a call to Stayner.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kerswill of Milton visited Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kerswill on Sunday.

Anthony Eden Thanks Scouts
Appreciation of the punctuality, zeal and intelligence of Scout messengers provided at very short notice for the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations at St. James' Palace, London, was expressed by Anthony Eden.

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