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Commissioner At Trade & Industry Ont. Conference

Industrial Commissioner Robert G. Langford, of Richmond Hill, attended the Ontario Industrial Development Conference in Toronto, October 2nd and 3rd. This conference, at which over 700 registered, was sponsored by The Trade and Industry Branch of the Department of Planning and Development of the Government of Ontario.

Every phase of industrial development at the municipal, and government levels was considered, with particular regard and reference to its impact on the economic practices and challenges of the future at these levels.

The commissioner reports that perhaps the most outstanding contribution any conference makes is the opportunity an attending official has of personal contact with people operating in the same profession and/or similar and kindred practices.

The general conference outlook expressed by speakers and attending individuals was one of optimism, seasoned with the caution and work. An earnest realization of the necessity of diversification in industrial production, plus the urgency and necessity of originality by Canadian prod-

ucers in respect to goods produced, was expressed.

It was generally conceded that Canada (and this particularly concerns the highly industrialized Province of Ontario) cannot compete with foreign markets unless we can increase our production to our home market, through increased consumption of our products. Increased population and improved economic methods of production through labour and living standards were also considered possible helpful solutions to increased exports.

One subject which, at conferences in past years attended by the commissioner, was always a point of debate, and to which reference is herewith made, is "Subsidy to Industry". This has apparently died a natural death as no mention was ever made of it. Undoubtedly the economics of municipal Government cannot contain it, and good industry has reached a state of independence rather than obligation. The Provincial Trade and Industry Department never did look upon subsidization as good business, nor could any municipality rightfully afford it.

Former Royal Cabinet Maker Forms U-K Club

In speaking with Mr. Victor Ledwith, president of the newly formed U-K Club in Richmond Hill, "The Liberal" uncovered an unusual story. Mr. Ledwith, now of 302 McConvey Dr., in Beverley Acres, was at one time the Royal Cabinet Maker at Buckingham Palace in London, England.

While a member of the Royal Army Service Corps in 1946 this retiring gentleman was called upon to do some special cabinet-making work for the Master of the royal household. Shortly afterwards, an opening appeared on the palace staff, and he got the job. Such a position is not the best paying job in the world, but the holder is held in the highest regard by other members of his profession. For the next five years, Mr. Ledwith was responsible for the upkeep of furniture in the six hundred and thirty rooms of Buckingham Palace as well as St. James Palace, Kensington Palace and Windsor Castle. Among other things, one of his jobs was to crate Royal paintings for shipment to showings around the world. For security reasons, each painting was signed by Mr. Ledwith after crating so that in the event of loss or damage, the person responsible could be found. In February of this year, he found several of these paintings, still with his signature on the back, on display at the Art Gallery in Toronto.

One more resident was added to the population of Richmond Hill recently, a town which has been expanding very rapidly in the past four years.

The other morning a local housewife was startled to see a beaver enjoying a feed of carrots in her garden. Apparently, the busy fur bearer had emerged from a drain running through the easterly section of the town and was looking for a suitable place to live.

Concerned that the animal might possibly attack children in the neighborhood the housekeeper notified the town police department, who, in turn, contacted the Department of Lands and Forests District Office at Maple. Your local conservation officer will be using his good offices to discourage garden pilfering of this type.

This is not the first beaver to turn-up in Richmond Hill. Early records speak of a beaver which made its home for several years in a stream of water at the corner of Yonge and Centre Sts.

Need More School Accomodation At Vellore

A large delegation of ratepayers from Vellore attended Vaughan Township Council meeting last Monday night to ask whether or not they should lease some land from the township, on which to place a temporary portable school; to rent the Vellore Hall basement for school purposes - or just what action they should take regarding much needed school accomodation - were advised by council to meet as a school section and then make their request to Vaughan Township Council.

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On The Library Shelves

The Richmond Hill Public Library is very pleased to announce that some interesting new books are now in circulation. The following are some highlights from some of these new books and should prove of interest to readers.

"Kids Say The Darndest Things" by Art Linkletter - This is a collection of funny and oddly wise sayings of little girls and boys, done in a delightful manner and showing great insight into young minds and hearts. Mr. Linkletter loves children and they love him, the result, a sidesplitting, heartwarming book. As a matter of special interest, Mr. Linkletter was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

"Come North With Me" by Berni Balchen - This is Mr. Balchen's autobiography; a personal adventure in the rugged north and the unknown country in the North Pole. Every page of this book is alive with the drama of true adventure. Woven into the story are fascinating glimpses of such great men as Floyd Bennett, Amelia Earheart, Richard Byrd and others.

"Three Miles Deep" by John Merrett - This is primarily the story of the laying of the Trans-Atlantic cables, a story of the tireless patience and bitter combat against the fury of the ocean. The cable story is largely British; nearly all the pioneers were British and the first cable was made in Britain. The newest cable was laid only one year ago and like the others, it was made in Britain. This is a fascinating armchair adventure.

"A Change Of Pace" by Bruce West - Like most Canadians who live mainly in the city, Bruce West loves the country best. Mr. West delves with nostalgic pleasure on old-fashioned Christmases, the fall fairs, the old swimming hole and so on, this book is as varied as life itself. Some of the pages will make you laugh out loud, others will make you stop and think. This book is Canadian, as Mr. West is, but has more than maple syrup in it.

"Barely Springtime" by Claude Manceron - This is a fast moving novel set in times of Napoleon. You will be enchanted with the characters, the vitality of the plot and the realism of the historical setting.

"Susan Cornish" by Rebecca Caudill - This is a story for the teen-agers. It tells the story of Susan Cornish, who at eighteen was a school teacher, assigned to a small one room school in the United States. This is just the type of story our own teen-agers love, and of course has a happy ending!

In the mystery section, there are these new thrillers, among many others.

"The Eighth Mrs. Bluebeard" by Hilary Waugh - Jack Graham, an insurance inspector was living a nightmare; after he had written a major life insurance policy on both Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Fisher had drowned while canoeing, joining six other married women recently drowned or killed by falling off cliffs. Would this lead to a seventh Mrs. Bluebeard? To get the answer, Jack Graham teams up with a beautiful blonde.

"None Of Maigret's Business" by George Simonon - The Surette's Chief Inspector Maigret was resigned to the vacation his doctor advised; so he didn't go to the seashore but stayed in Paris; which would have been just fine for Paris is an ideal vacation spot, except that the inspector opened his newspaper and read the shocking news of the murder of a doctor's wife, George Simonon has added in this story; stature of Maigret the man - and Maigret, the inspector.

"The Seeing Eye" by Josephine Bell - a celebrated art critic is found murdered in the Westminster Art Gallery, the obvious suspect is an old thief, who is found there and intends robbing the safe. A good plot and a most thrilling story.

The Richmond Hill Public Library is located at 58 Yonge St., North, next door to the Municipal Building. It is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from three P.M. until nine P.M., and on Saturdays from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. New members are most welcome.

Baha'i World Faith In Richmond Hill
On September 21, at the Town Inn, Baha'is of Richmond Hill, North York, Toronto, and other localities held a conference, centering around a new plan to bring the Baha'i World Faith to the attention of the local churches and their congregations. Information on the Faith may be had from local members, Mr. J. Boorman, 325 North Taylor Mill Drive, Mrs. Phyllis Levy, 8 Rockport Crescent, TU. 4-3292, or from Mr. C. Renton, 110 Garden Avenue, Langstaff, AV. 5-3088. Gatherings are held occasionally at these addresses and enquiries are welcomed.

STOUFFVILLE: Two five suite buildings will be erected on the Main Street in Stouffville with construction to get underway this fall. Born Construction Co. will do the building on the property bought by Mr. Harry Lee from Dr. John Button. The units are to be two bedroom apartments.

SCARBORO: The Scarboro Council adopted a resolution last week to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs informing him of Scarboro's criticisms of the Metro administration. This was brought on by the \$500,000 in taxes which Metro owes Scarboro on the R. C. Harris Waterworks plant.

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Prior to starting his new job on V-J day, Mr. Ledwith was subjected to the most intense Scotland Yard security screening. After one week of investigation, he was so well known by palace guards that he was recognized on sight. Though he is not in the cabinet-making business now, Mr. Ledwith looks back on those five years as the greatest experience of his life, and gladly produces a letter written by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth when she was still a Princess, thanking the palace staff for their work and countersigned by Prince Phillip.

"In my estimation", said Mr. Ledwith, "the furniture in Buckingham Palace is the finest collection of period furniture in the world".

As long as he lives, Mr. Ledwith is prevented from discussing events concerning the Royal family, but he did say they were very human and when given the opportunity, spoke to their staff on an equal basis. Such opportunities however, were rare. Protocol was involved when work was required. If a piece of furniture was in need of repair, one member of the Royal family would speak to the Master of the Royal household, who in turn would speak to the Superintendent of the Household, and finally to the Royal cabinet maker.

Working on a forty hour week the same as everyone provided a little spare time during which Mr. Ledwith ran a dance band at Buckingham Palace servant's social each month. Among his other duties, he was responsible for the placing of pennants on Lancers' staffs at garden parties at the palace. One day, a few minutes before the guests began arriving, a hurried call from a Lancer Captain informed Mr. Ledwith he had placed the pennants all right, but upside down! On another occasion, two bands were playing for a garden party. One of them was from the Gold Coast in Africa, and was made up of natives who were unable to speak English. It was the practice there to provide each band with a pennant and mast. When a band was playing, they ran up their pennant so the other band would not start until they were finished. On the particular day, both bands started at the same time, which saw Mr. Ledwith running frantically after the Gold Coast band leader who was black as coal and hardly able to speak the language, in an effort to explain the social custom of the pennants. After half an hour of musical mayhem, the bands were finally straightened out.

This Hackney born Londoner is a man with a pleasant past, and likes nothing better than to discuss the "good old days" with his friends at the U-K Club he has just formed. This Saturday will see the second social of the club, and Mr. Ledwith expects to see far more than the forty members who turned out last week.



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