

McIntosh Springs Farmer Dies in S. Porcupine Hos.

Matti Knuttela, aged 62, farmer of McIntosh Springs, died in Porcupine General Hospital on June 26th, of pneumonia.

He leaves a widow, Minnie Knuttela, of McIntosh Springs.

The deceased was born in Finland and had been resident in Canada for some years. The funeral was held on June 28th, from Hunkin's Funeral Parlors. Rev. Koski conducted the service. Interment was in Tisdale cemetery.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRITAIN

(By Lewis Milligan) Speaking from London over the CBC, Matthew Halton gave an interesting review of the political situation in Britain. His broadcasts have hitherto appeared to me to be decidedly prejudiced in favor of the socialist policy of the Labor Government, and he has seemed to take every opportunity of deriding the "Tories". But in this review he tried to take a middle course of giving a boost to the Liberal Party, which he believed was in the ascendant and the chief hope for the political salvation of Britain from communism on the one hand and extreme Toryism on the other.

Mr. Halton's review consisted largely of quotations from Clement Davies, parliamentary leader of the Liberal Party and a "life-long follower of Lloyd George", with whom he had an interview. He quoted Mr. Davies as saying: "The moderate socialists are really radicals: Liberals who deserted Liberalism because it was not moving fast enough. They're not true socialists—that is, Marxists. And this country will never go Marxist. But the tragedy is that it may gradually be pushed into it, though the socialist leaders may have the best intentions in the world. Just as there is a danger of dictatorship, even of Fascism, from the Conservatives, so there's a danger of Marxian dictatorship from the true Socialists."

That, of course, is a Liberal Party leader speaking. There may be some truth in it so far as the socialists are concerned, but I doubt if there are any Conservatives in England—certainly not among the party leaders—who would stand for Fascism any more than Socialism. I recall that, in one of his speeches delivered in the House of Commons before the war, Winston Churchill declared that if he had to choose between living under Fascism or Communism—which he hoped he never would have to do—he would prefer Communism.

The fact of the matter is—and it is an historical fact—that most of the reforms of lasting benefit to the British people as a whole have been passed by Conservative governments. It may be true that many of these reforms were in the first place advocated by the Liberal Party and

SCHUMACHER Mrs. J. H. Brown Hostess At Delightful Shower

Mrs. J. H. Brown, 99 First Ave., entertained Friday evening at a delightfully arranged miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Doris MacDonald.

Bingo was played and the prize winners included Mrs. Griffin, Doris MacDonald, Mrs. Lindsay and Dorothy Gibson. The door prize was won by Mrs. Lindsay.

After bingo Eileen Surman and Dorothy Gibson presented the guest of honor with a decorated basket filled with many lovely gifts for which she thanked each guest.

During the evening a delicious lunch was served Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Lang poured tea.

After lunch a social period was enjoyed. Guests included Mrs. Surman, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Mullin, Mrs. Cavanagh, Mrs. Belinki, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Prentice, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Banick, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Eileen Surman, Dorothy Gibson, Doris Brown, Mrs. Allan MacDonald and the guest of honor, Miss Doris MacDonald. Unable to attend but sent lovely gifts were Mrs. Small and Mrs. Jim Bright.

were subjected to searching criticism from the Conservatives. But that is the chief purpose of the Conservative Party—to conserve all that is best and modify extreme or hasty measures of reform that might upset the economic balance of the nation and thus injure the very people they were intended to help. Such was the effect of certain measures in the Lloyd George budget of 1910, which brought about a slump in property values and put a lot of people out of business and thousands out of work. The same thing is happening in Britain today as a result of the rush into nationalization.

So far as the nationalization of the coal mines and the railroads is concerned, there had been a growing feeling among Conservatives as well as Liberals that these two highly-developed industries must eventually come under government-ownership. They did not regard this as a step toward Socialism, any more than a Conservative government of Ontario intended the Hydro Electric System as a move in that direction. As Clement Davies says: "The test of nationalizing an industry must be, will it be more or less efficient than under private enterprise?" And he adds: "So far, the socialists have worked on that principle; but one day they will find themselves forced into nationalizing things for doctrine sake; and that's when freedom will go."

The Labor Government saw the danger signal when it halted at the point of nationalizing the steel and textile industries. They realized that those industries were involved in far-reaching ramifications of international trade and commerce which called for free and alert private enterprise at home and abroad.

Asked where British Liberals stand in the controversy about Russia, Mr. Davies replied: "Where can we stand? You may not like Russian Communism or American capitalism. But in America there is spiritual freedom, free speech and a free press. Given that, everything else will come. Without it, nothing else can come." There can be no doubt as to which the British people would choose if the straight question were put to them.

The Nations Business

The break-up of the conference of foreign ministers of Britain, Russia and France last week carried away with it many high hopes for the "One World" that would assure lasting peace. The question now uppermost in the minds of most political observers here is "How much hope for world peace can be salvaged from the wreck?" Can Europe, an important key to peace, be reconstructed without the cooperation of Russia? Every-one this observer has met agrees that it must now be tried. Britain and France must now take the lead in working out, for presentation to the United States, an economically and politically sound plan that will eventually make Europe self-sustaining.

CANADA'S PART The importance to Canada of the "Marshall" plan to spend Billions of U.S. dollars for the rebuilding of Europe is recognized although perhaps not yet fully appreciated. The area concerned has been a very great market for Canadian goods and will be again when it becomes self-sustaining. This interest is in addition to Canada's general interest in world peace, prosperity and happiness. For these reasons many contend that Canada must do her full share in partnership with the United States in any workable plan that is devised.

The Cost Canada's share of the cost, if she participates, is estimated to be \$500 million per year for four or five years. This would be about 8% of our expenditures of money on the last war, a small price to pay for a measure of insurance against a future war which would involve still larger money expenditures and other expenditures too terrible to contemplate. The price we will pay on both economic and political fronts will be fully justified and will need strong public support.

Echoes from Parliament Closing the debate on the Old Age Pension bill July 1st.

Mr. Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): This measure is not the unimportant measure that it has been suggested to be. Some hon. members have spoken in strong language of the so-called inadequacy of the measure, but few of them have at the same time addressed themselves to what the bill does. Let me remind the house of what it does. It brings to 275,000 Canadian people improved opportunities for better living standards. That is what it does. It gives to 60,000 aged people for the first time in their lives the opportunity of receiving an old age pension.

Mr. MacKenzie: And that is what hon. members are opposing. Mr. Martin: Hon. members may say that is not very much. When one considers that there now 215,000, including the blind, receiving old age pensions, I think that to add 60,000 by way of an interim measure is doing something which is of fundamental importance.

The next thing is that as a result of this measure five provinces have increased their supplemental payments. The provinces of British Columbia and Ontario have gone up, the former to \$38.75 and the latter to \$40.00 as a result of this measure.

This bill provides, as distinguished from the bill of which it is an amending part, that any province may increase the pension up to \$50 a month.

There is no country in the world which has provided the liberality of means test that is provided for in this bill. All hon. members have to do is to look at the increase in the income limits. Today we have lowered the age at which the pensions are payable to the blind.

More Hogs for Market By September, Canada expects to be producing as many hogs as she did in 1946, or more than 2,160,000. Quebec and Ontario have reached and passed their 1946 mark already and it is estimated that Western Canada will catch up by August or September.

Rt. Hon. James G. Gardiner, federal Minister of Agriculture, pointed out this improvement to the House of Commons recently. Regular observers noted the obvious pleasure he took in making the announcement for it confirmed his policy for increasing agricultural production.

Our contract with Britain enables us to ship her all the pork we can produce. The strong increase in production indicates that Canadian farmers do not intend to abandon the strong position they now enjoy in the British market.

SOUTH PORCUPINE Canadian Sunday School Caravan Mission Here

Miss Josephine Seabrook, of Victoria, B.C., and Miss Winnifred Morris, of Monessen, Penn., U.S.A., are visiting South Porcupine on their Northern circuit with the Canadian Sunday School Caravan Mission.

They visit isolated settlements, take religious services, enroll children in the Sunday School by post, and give names to the nearest clergy of unbaptized children. These ladies are en route to Geraldton.

SCHUMACHER TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

Through a typographical error it was reported that Miss Rose Brclacich passed with second class honours. Miss Brclacich an unusually brilliant student passed her recent examinations at Schumacher High School with first class honours.

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THROUGH THE YEARS TWENTY YEARS AGO K. of C. Work Done At Falls Timmins Council of the Knights of Columbus are going to Iroquois Falls, on Sunday July 3rd and will put on three degrees of that order at the place. For the convenience of the members, a special train is being run from Timmins, leaving here at 6 o'clock in the morning and leaving the Falls after the event is concluded. Any members of the K. of C. who wish to take in the event at the Falls of the other officers to this effect, so that complete arrangements may be made. THIRTY YEARS AGO Cochrane Boasting Cochrane is boasting now, it is said, of having more than 12 hours sunshine each day. Timmins can equal that — when it does not rain these days. But in the matter of soil Timmins can beat them all. After about five days rain, there was a dry spell of five hours, and they had to send out the water wagon then to keep the dust down. F. W. Schumacher Visits Here Mr. F. W. Schumacher, president of the Schumacher Mine, together with the directors of the company visited the mine here last week. Good progress is reported on the addition to the mill. Mill heads are now sold to be running between \$8.50 and \$9.00 per ton, and the general prospects are good. Thomas Dowler Resigns Mr. Thomas Dowler, who has been principal of Timmins Public School for the past two years, has sent in his resignation which will be considered at the next meeting of the School Board. Benefit of Y.M.C.A. Held A benefit night was given Sunday evening at the New Empire Theatre in behalf of the Y.M.C.A. military fund and \$16.17 netted from the collection. A number of good motion pictures. Public School Board Meets The Public School Board held a regular business meeting on Thurs-

Has Pheasant Chicken Mrs. R. D. Chester, of New Liskeard, has nine lively pheasant chickens and Miss Carter, of the same town has eight. The eggs were supplied by the Fish and Game Department. Contract Awarded For School The public school board has awarded the contract for the building of the 4-room addition to Moneta public school. Messrs W. A. Martyn and Son of North Bay, are the successful tenderers, their contract price being considerably lower than any of the other tenderers. The work is to be rushed to completion to be ready for use this Fall. The sub-contract for the electric wiring has been given to the George Taylor Hardware Co., Messrs. Martyn and Son have built several schools, in North Bay and

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