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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the Truth.—WATSON.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS

Premier Ferguson has announced Wednesday, October 30, as the date of the Ontario elections and from now until polling day the highways and byways will be hot with candidates soliciting votes and every congregation of Ontario humanity will in all probability discuss the election chances of their man and party on each occasion that presents itself.

Premier Ferguson is appealing to the country on the past record of the Conservative administration, with a promise of a reduction in the rural power service charge to a maximum of two dollars and a half a month, a reduction in the license fee for automobiles, more generous grants to rural schools which take up fifth class work, and an increased Provincial grant for all local roads in the Province. These are the issues on which the election will be fought.

Speaking from information gleaned from all over the Province there seems little likelihood of the Conservative Government going down to defeat. It has happened before, but on each occasion there was very good reason for it. Even Mr. Ferguson's critics admit that he has given the Province a good government and the time is past when the electors can be swung as they were ten years ago. The aftermath of the war caused the overthrow of almost every government in the civilized world, but people now are demanding good business legislation and will vote for it in preference to the redress of any fancied grievance that may or may not exist.

There is no disputing the fact that the Ferguson Government has served Ontario well since it assumed office. There has never yet been even an inkling of a charge of graft, there has been no insinuation that one cent of the electors' money has been improperly used, and while the Opposition as a matter of course will criticize, to date they have made but a very sorry showing in their endeavor to wrest the reins of authority from the Conservative party.

In South Grey the fight is a peculiar one. The local member during last session, Mr. F. R. Oliver, is not a member of the Opposition, neither is he a member of the farm group known as the Progressives; rather, he is running on the straight U. F. O. ticket, and as such is opposed to both Conservatives and Liberals, and not on working terms with the Progressives under Mr. Lethbridge. Opposing him is Mr. J. N. Perdue of Holland Township, one of the township's leading agriculturists, who is running on the straight Conservative ticket.

The electors of South Grey are in somewhat of a dilemma. If the Conservatives go back to power and South Grey elects Mr. Oliver we shall be where we are at present; if the Liberals get into power we shall be in much the same fix. If Mr. Lethbridge and his party can come out of the fray with a majority and are ushered into office it will make no change so far as this riding is concerned. To put it bluntly the only thing that can result in the return of our late member is a position for Mr. Oliver.

With polling day less than six weeks away and some of the nominating conventions not yet held there is a lot of work to be done and as the time will pass quickly there will have to be some organization work completed at once. Already the candidates are busy and it won't be long before the committee rooms are running in earnest.

ONTARIO'S HIGHWAYS

The Province of Ontario is rapidly forging to the front as the Province of highways, pleasant tours and sociable people. Every year vast numbers of United States motorists make friends on this side of the line, to return again year after year, and in the majority are enthused over the scenic beauty of the Province, her excellent roads and her people. This is about the best advertisement any country could have and will prove an asset in the years to come. The motor car has certainly been kind to Ontario so far as tourists are concerned.

It is quite possible that a large number of Ontario's residents are not aware of the vast network of highways that have been built up inside the Province, and with this in view it might not be out of place to review them briefly. When in Durham last week Hon. G. S. Henry, the Minister of Highways spoke briefly on the plan that had been adopted in the past and intimated that for the future the township roads were to receive more attention. This will be good news to those not now living on the highway, and while there are some who are not in sympathy with the present Government's plan, even they will admit that it is but natural and right that the trunk roads should receive the first consideration. Without the main roads there would be little gained by spending money on roads for local traffic entirely. After next session instead of Provincial Highways the roads of the Province are to be known as the King's Highways. Even this is objected to in some quarters but the objection must be termed political rather than regarded as any special antipathy to the name.

Ontario has at present two thousand six hundred miles of Provincial Highways. In the past five years over one thousand miles of these highways have been paved and the total mileage of paved roads now stands at seventeen hundred and fifty miles. In 1925 the Government assumed five hundred and fifty miles of highways, in 1926 they laid one hundred and eighty miles of hard-surfaced roads, and in 1927 constructed two hundred and thirty miles. In 1928 two hundred and thirty miles were built and

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There are no toll bridges on the highways of the Province, half a million motor vehicles are registered in the Province, nearly half of those in the whole Dominion; the number of operators' licenses issued is between six and seven hundred thousand. One other point in which Ontario leads the Dominion is in the matter of keeping the highways open for winter traffic. Last winter some fourteen hundred miles were patrolled and kept clear of snow, and at the Inter-provincial Conference held at Ottawa in May 1929 it was said "Ontario appears to be the only Province which has carried out any extensive snow removal programme." In the past twenty-five years one hundred and seventy millions of dollars has been spent on the roads of the Province. In 1928 no less than twelve millions was spent for construction and maintenance.

There are seven thousand nine hundred miles of County Roads in the Province, of which six hundred and fifty are paved. Since 1901 the Province has contributed forty millions for county road construction and maintenance and in the past five years has spent over seventeen millions for this purpose. There are forty-two thousand miles of Township Roads to which the Province has contributed twenty-two millions. To qualify for these grants a township must abolish statute labor, appoint a road superintendent and adopt modern bookkeeping methods. As a result there has been a decided improvement in Township Roads generally.

As a result of these expenditures it is gratifying to note that in 1929 the traffic on our roads increased by twenty per cent, and last year 2,762,162 cars entered the Province from outside points compared with 885,293 for the rest of Canada.

The condition of our Provincial roads is a tribute to the foresight of our Governments in the past, but as a man interested in the roads of Ontario for the past twenty-five years, the present Highways Minister, the Hon. George S. Henry deserves more than passing notice. He is a past president of the Ontario and Canadian Good Roads Association, has always been interested in the improvement of our facilities for cheap transportation, and in the discharge of his duties as the Minister of Highways is in his proper element. Mr. Henry eats, sleeps, plays and travels with his pet hobby, the improvement of our Provincial roads, ever his first thought. It was his hobby, and a successful one, long before he threw his hat into the political bull-ring, and it was a foregone conclusion that with a Conservative Government in power he should be selected by Premier Ferguson to head the department that had to do with the building and maintaining of our highways.

Besides being a most competent official Mr. Henry is also human. He is easy to meet. You can always get an audience with him when his time is not taken up with business, and once inside his office he first makes you feel at home and then listens carefully to your message. He does not jump at conclusions, and while he is courteous to the nth degree there is also that about him that makes you recognize that he is a busy man, and one who will not have his time wasted. It is a big business, this thing of building and keeping up Ontario's highways, and we know of no one better fitted for the position than the Hon. George S. Henry.

CHRISTMAS MAIL DELIVERY

Canada's postal clerks have served what might be termed an ultimatum to the postal authorities at Ottawa in asking that the Dominion Department abolish the Christmas Day delivery of mail so that the city mail carriers may spend the day at home with their families the same as other workers. And why not? What good is a Christmas Day delivery of mail anyway? Who amongst us sets the day apart for the transaction of business? Rather, this is one day on which we all feel like getting our feet up to the stove, or radiator if we are fortunate enough to own one, and spend the day in gluttony and sleep. Personally, we would like to see the postal clerks enjoy the same privilege and it is a wonder to us that this revolution was not with us long ago.

But why stop with the postal clerks? Why not close the whole Post Office Department. Why can't the postmasters, too, enjoy one day a year, especially when it is a day that is given over to anything but business?

We can picture the reception a manufacturing concern would get were it to request its employees to work on Christmas day. We know from experience that business letters received on Christmas Day are pigeon-holed until the day after, and what holds good with us, is, we venture to state, the case with everyone else. In fact we believe it is generally an effort to walk up street for the mail on this one particular day, and were it not for the daily papers in which only the headlines are read, most of us would refuse to venture forth.

Rural mail carriers enjoy the day at home, and of the whole working class, with the exception of those on the railroads, the postal clerks, mail carriers and post masters are the only ones compelled to pursue their daily calling. By all means, we would say, give our postal employees Christmas Day to themselves. They will appreciate it fully as much as the Postmaster General, and we would say offhand that this official washes his hands of all office cares every twenty-fifth day of December, and would raise the very old Harry if someone higher up should insist that he carry on as usual.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Some newspapers carry a "Birthday Greetings" column, but it is only men who are featured. It isn't safe to tell a woman's age until she is old enough to blow about it.

The sporting editor of the Owen Sound *Star-Times* in speaking of the closing of the "Y" in that city thinks something will have to be done to keep the young people in Owen Sound and says they need "sports and amusements". We think that herein lies the trouble. There are too many people today who depend on amusements as a cure-all. It is supposed to keep the boys on the farm, keep the girls at home, and goodness knows what else.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Liquor As An Issue

With a provincial election now appearing almost as a certainty this fall, it becomes equally certain that the chief issue in the rural districts will be the Liquor Control Act. This is true in spite of efforts of Premier Ferguson and Liberal Leader Sinclair to dodge this issue. The Premier claims that the matter is settled and the "wets" echo his assertion, while continually trying to get further concessions. The Liberal Leader, on the other hand, as yet and comes out in favor of further votes of the people instead of proclaiming himself in favor of prohibition. The Progressives are out and out prohibitionists.

The Toronto Globe came out last week as strongly against the Liquor Control Act as in force at present. Several weekly papers have taken the same stand and others will follow when an election comes.

In Wellington County, the political parties do not seem to be very active as yet and it seems to be taken for granted that the present members will run again. In South Wellington, Hon. Lincoln Goldie is a Cabinet Minister. Dr. George McQuibban, the member for North Wellington, is a Liberal and is strongly in favor of stricter temperance legislation. Any man who favors the present Liquor Act will have a hard time to defeat the Doctor in the dry riding like North Wellington. In the South Guelph plays a large part and the city had a wet majority, although recent events in Guelph, including deaths from liquor and bootlegging in "the Ward" are disgusting many citizens.—Fergus News-Record.

ROCKY SAUGEEN U. F. W. O. MET ON FRIDAY LAST

The Rocky U. F. W. O. met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Murray Ritchie with eighteen members present and seven visitors. The meeting opened with singing, under the heading "citizenship". Mrs. R. Lawson spoke briefly on the "Briand and Kellogg Peace Pact". Mrs. T. Turnbull on the "Salary of Members in Parliament" and Mrs. T. Leuder on "The Value of Reading in the Home". In the period allotted for legislation Mrs. D. Lamb spoke on "The Beef Grading Law", Mrs. Lawson on "Vegetable Grading" and Mrs. W. J. McKechnie on "Wheat Pools in Saskatchewan". The subject "Marketing" was taken by Mrs. T. Turnbull who gave an interesting sketch on the "Most Profitable Method of Growing and Marketing Potatoes". Mrs. D. Clark on "Whole Milk and Cheese" and Mrs. J. W. McKechnie on "Marketing Fruits". Mrs. R. Lawson, the director for the riding, gave the June reports of the six clubs in South East Grey. Mrs. A. Edge, the president, gave a short article on "The Good Done by Our Club". The National Anthem closed the meeting and a pleasant social half hour was spent over the tea cups.

VARNEY U. F. W. O. CLUB HELD REGULAR MEETING

The Varney U.F.W.O. met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Bert Watson and fourteen members were present. The meeting opened with community singing and repeating of the creed. During business period arrangements were made for relief work for those in the north country in need. Mrs. W. Allan gave an interesting paper on "The monotony of housework". The president read a short article from the pen of Nellie McClung entitled "Weak spots in women's organizations". For roll call each member gave her birthday date. A quotation from Robert Burns poems was read by one member with the Scotch accent. Mrs. A. Marshall contributed a piano solo. Lunch was served by the hostess and assistants.

McWilliams (Our Own Correspondent)

Once again we have rallied through the big end of a summer of rustle and bustle. The harvest has almost all been garnered except for a few late varieties of grain such as barley, buckwheat, etc. Judging from reports from the country of lack of rain and crop failures, we seem to be living in a favored corner of the Dominion. Although the late crop are not up to the average, we have little to complain of.

The stripped fields and cool night and chilly breezes sounds a warning that another busy summer is fast drawing to a close and autumn days and wintry blasts are approaching. What a lot of work there is to be done before winter comes! With only one man on a farm he gets no time for holidays—from harvesting into harvest, from harvest into threshing, ploughing, root lifting and fifty and one other tasks belonging to the farm. But there is no use re-calculating, we have to be up and doing. We oft times think of the Editor in our labors and think we would make a good team for a harvest field but again, he being a well-proportioned build of humanity he might prove too much for our scrawny frame.

We have heard much about crop failures in the West this year but a letter from Joe Watson of Success, Sask., states that his wheat will average 28 bushels per acre which we think sounds fairly good for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown of Bentinck spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Hargrave.

Mr. Roy Lawrence has cleaned up most of the threshing around the lake. Grain turned out well and of good quality.

Messrs. John Andrews an Reuben Watson of Detroit, Mich., visited their respective families here for a couple of days recently. Mr. Clark Watson returned with them.

Messrs. Robert Lindsay, T. J. Moore and John Andrews have all had the south sides of their barns reshingled during the summer.

Miss Jean Brown is still a sufferer in Toronto hospital for sick children, but we hope she may return soon fully recovered. Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited her recently.

Edge Hill (Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs Staples is home again after spending the summer months in Toronto.

Miss Dorothy Ritchie left on Monday to attend Normal in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Glencross spent the first of the week with relatives in Cayton.

Mr. and Miss Leeson and Miss Molineux of Varney were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie and family attended a reunion of the Ritchie family held at the home of Mr. Jos. Firth, Grand Valley, on Monday, on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mrs. George Firth. About 75 were present.

Mr. James Robinson of Chesley visited his brother, Mr. D. Robinson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney and Mrs. W. R. Scarf of Toronto visited Mr. W. R. Edge on Monday.

Mrs. R. Edge of Durham is visiting her son, Mr. Arthur Edge.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson and family visited relatives in Owen Sound, Tara and Chesley the first of the week.

Rocky Saugeen (Our Own Correspondent)

The U. F. W. O. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Murray Ritchie on Friday afternoon. The day was fine and there was a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Edge, was in the chair and opened the meeting with singing followed by the Woman's Creed in unison. After the business part was transacted a splendid program was enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Melosh the second Friday in October.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McArthur on the arrival of a young daughter.

Mrs. Kenneth Arranoff left Tuesday for her home in Florida after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson.

A large gathering of old neighbors and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ritchie in Durham, a recent bride and groom, and tendered them a kitchen shower.

In a few well chosen words the friends for the beautiful gifts and good wishes and hoped they would all make themselves at home and enjoy themselves. Sadie also said a few words and assured her old friends of a hearty welcome and thanked them all for the kind remembrance. The evening was spent in games and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris and son Eric of Toronto visited friends at the Rocky on Sunday.

Mrs. John Vessie returned home after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Northern Ontario. She also enjoyed a pleasant visit with friends in Toronto on her way home.

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mrs. Thos. Reay the occasion being a reception in honor of the marriage of their niece, Miss Eliza Alkins to Mr. Edward Simpson. The bride and groom received a number of beautiful gifts, showing the esteem in which they are held. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing.

Miss Esther McLean spent the weekend with Mrs. Robert Taylor of Drummond.

Rev. Mr. Miller will preach at the anniversary service in the church here next Sunday afternoon. The following Tuesday evening a supper and concert will be held in the church.

Not Much It's getting so that a man without money is about as popular as a skyscraper without elevators.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The older a man gets, the further he could jump when a boy.

Well, it is easier to stick a pair of legs than a pair of stockings.—Toledo Blade.

CANADIAN PRODUCTS ARE APPRECIATED ABROAD

Before leaving Great Britain to study conditions in which farm products are raised in Canada five students of the Institute of Certified Grocers, were addressed by Major McLean of the Empire Marketing Board. Major McLean credited Canada with giving

the lead in the direction of encouraging food distributors to acquire first hand knowledge of the products of the Dominion. "Canada," he stated, "and everything to gain and nothing to lose by the people of Great Britain being better informed of the excellent conditions in which Canadian foodstuffs are produced and sent abroad."

Referring to Canadian apples Major MacLean told the students that they will probably be amazed at the vast extent of the Canadian orchards and the army of people engaged in spraying the trees, gathering the fruit and packing and sending it to some other country in ships specially fitted with refrigerator space to insure the fruit being placed on the English breakfast table in excellent condition.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors for their kind acts and sympathy shown us during the illness of our father, the late Hugh McKinnon.—The Family.

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE. LONDON, STRATFORD, PALMERSTON AND NORTH

Effective September 29th, the Canadian National Railways have made a change in train service whereby passengers will be able to leave London at 8.15 a.m., daily except Sunday, arrive at Palmerston 11.10 a.m. and leave Palmerston without delay for points on any of the lines north, viz.—Owen Sound, Warton, Southampton, Kincardine and Durham.

There will also be a new train leave London about 4.00 a.m., arriving Toronto 8.35 a.m. by way of Stratford, Kitchener and Guelph.

Effective at same time, a new train will be operated between Stratford and London, whereby passengers from points along the line between Toronto and Stratford, via Guelph, can leave these points in the evening and get a through train to London, arriving later point at 10.20 p.m.

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Miss Blanche Mu... Business College... the week-end with... and Mrs. J. N. Mur... Mr. and Mrs. Arn... week-end in Toron... Mr. and Mrs. Oca... ter Oleida, Mr. and... head, spent Sunday... and Mrs. Charles T... Mr. J. D. McAuliffe... and Mr. A. D. Mc... Detroit Saturday... return they were at... A. D. McAuliffe at... who spent a month... at the home of Mrs... Mrs. Hilton... Celestine returned... Sunday, after spe... vacation here. Mr... motored them back... and Monday in To... Miss Pauline Ar... Combe of Palmer... Sunday at the ho... M. H. Bailey... Miss Dorothy E... to attend Stratfo... Mr. and Mrs. da... daughter Ellen... home of the form... Levine of Mount... Mrs. J. Lenahan... of Owen Sound... St. Mary's Hospit... Thursday of last... Mr. and Mrs. J... Rev. J. T. Pries... again after a vic... cottage at Victo... Ont. Three week... five of the fami... are convalescing... carry on the... Mr. Priest's bro... B.A. General Sec... Religious Educat... for him on Sun... Durham, Glenel... and many comm... messages. Mr... the assistance of... duct his own s... preaching on th... Dominating Imp... of Fire." Miss Joy T. H... for Stratford... school. She is... a first class ce... at the home of... of Dr. Grant of... Rev. B. D. Ar... this week attend... Executive of a... Board of the P... Canada. Mr. Ambrose... spent a few da... mother at the... James Saunders... Mr. Stewart... for Toronto wit... Ontario Colleg... Mr. Russell E... Mr. and Mrs. M... for a couple of... Mrs. Duffield... visited with th... and Mrs. Jose... Miss Betty G... ing this week... Mrs. Gun and... Mrs. J. B. D... at Owen Sound... Mr. and Mrs... Toronto are... Mr. and Mrs. A... berton is a c... is accounting... Durham and... Messrs. F... Jamieson left... nual hunting... went by rail... there journe... Ontario hunt... be gone about... Miss Elizabeth... at Aytton, Ont... Wednesday ta... Mr. and Mrs... Guelph were... her mother... with other... Glenelg tow... with Mrs. D... spent the d... families in G... Mr. and M... Stanley visit... with her par... McGowan. Mr. and M... Robert Lamin... at the home... Mr. and Mrs... Mrs. Alex... and Mrs. N... accompanied... London, are... and Mrs. E... Lady Heat... of Mrs. D. J... Misses M... Ritchie left... Stratford re... attend Nort... Miss Jean... Miss Mary... are visiting... Andrew Det... Mr. and J... visited the... Mrs. Dan M... Mrs. McCl... ing her sis... route to be... with friend... Mr. John... visited ove... cousins, Mr... It is 24... been in D... Mr. John... is spending... in town. Miss Bar... town after... Brampton... Mrs. Wil... the week... Ritchie... Mr. R. F... and Mr. F... visited th... W. Ritchie... Mrs. A... successful... the brain... by Dr. M... operation... thorough... along as