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The Durham Review
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SALES OF WHISKEY AND GASOLINE MOUNT UP

Whiskey and gasoline don't mix according to one slogan launched by safety-conscious citizens. But those two commodities have been doing a great mixing in the books of Ontario's government. Despite the war and the drop in American tourist trade this year, the people of Ontario have been spending more money on gasoline and liquor than they did in 1939.

Revenue from the gasoline tax, estimated in the budget at \$24,000,000, is likely to exceed this figure by more than \$2,000,000. The Government expected a profit from liquor sales of \$9,500,000, but it is now anticipated that the figure will be above the ten million mark, due to improved income generally.

CANADA'S FARMERS NOT SHARING WAR PROSPERITY

Those who like to anticipate the news in Ontario should keep their eyes turned on the problems of the farmer. It won't be so very long now before the country will be suddenly confronted by an acute crisis in the affairs of agriculture, and newspapers, politicians and statesmen will be devoting much talk and some necessary action to right the situation.

Canada has had to turn some rather miraculous handspins in the past fifteen months. Like Great Britain, we were caught unprepared for war. Not only were we unprepared for the immediate job of recruiting, training and equipping our own fighting forces. We were staggered by a brand new responsibility in a new world war—that of becoming the supply depot and granary for Great Britain whose fields and industries are under siege from the air.

With much credit to Canadian citizens everywhere, it may now be recorded that Canadian initiative has risen to meet the emergency. Progress in putting troops into the field far outstrips comparative progress in last world war. The step-up in industrial output is almost unbelievable in light of the handicaps which beset the manufacturers. We have reached a point where almost everybody who can work is at work. But the alarming feature of this

fifteen-month scramble to reach an objective is the fact that agriculture, the normal backbone of the country has suffered in the process. It may well be shown later, that just as Canada lacked foresight in failing to see how quickly we would need men and equipment for a new fighting force, we are now shortsighted in failing to anticipate the vital role our agriculturalists will be required to play at short notice.

Out West, because foreign markets are cut off, wheat is piling up in barns since elevator storage has been taxed to capacity. Because of this, and by reason of the attraction of the army, air force and need of men in industry, man power is being drained from western farms. In Ontario, work is actually being stopped on some farms as workers have been accepted by the fighting forces and have left the fields for the higher wages dangled by the industrialist. Prices for farm produce are so low, many towns and villages which depend on farming communities are already feeling serious effects arising out of the farmer's lack of spending power.

During the first few months of the war, farmers asked in vain for advice about plans they should make for the future. They received no definite answer from Ottawa, because Ottawa didn't know itself what might be required from Canadian farmers. Not until about two months ago did agriculture get definite instruction, and that turned out to be a caution not to spend money for new equipment in anticipation of a boom in farm products, a tip that two or three years might elapse before the farmer came into his own.

Today, however, there are growing indications that Great Britain is going to ask for a tremendous increase in foodstuffs from Canada in the coming year. The big order that Cabinet Minister Gardiner brought back a few days ago is but one of many signs.

And since crops require a year's planning ahead, and farm help must be trained, and present prices will not enable the farmer to have cash ready for necessary equipment in the event of an expected demand for increased production, Canada may find herself sorry that she didn't take steps in behalf of the farmer at the right time.

CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

A Weekly Review of Developments on the Home Front.
November 14th — 21st.

1. Canada's diplomatic service to be extended by sending Ministers to Argentine and Brazil. Brazil and Argentine will respond by sending Ministers to Canada.

Canada now has Ministers to the United States, France, Japan, Belgium, Netherlands in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, and a permanent delegate at the League of Nations.

2. Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to head Canadian Trade Mission to West Indies and South America.

3. Agreement reached with British Food Ministry for purchase during 1941 of at least \$105,741,000 worth of Canadian fish and agricultural products, exclusive of wheat.

3. Bacon Board announces price of 1.52 per 100 pound for Grade A number 1. Sizeable Wiltshire sides, delivered at Canadian seaboard, on all export product put into cure on and after Monday November 18th.

New bacon agreement between British and Canadian governments calls for delivery in next twelve months of 425,000,000 pounds Wiltshire sides and cuts. For this business Canada will receive \$69,300,000.

5. Canada's Army further demoralized. All future candidates for commissions to serve first as private soldiers.

6. Strength Canadian Army, active and reserve, exceeded 300,000 on October 29.

Active Army consists of Canadian Active Service Force which includes Veterans Guard of Canada. Reserve Army consists of Non-Permanent Active Militia which includes veterans reserve companies and recruits called for training under Mobilization Act.

7. Under consideration: Extension to four months of military training period for men called up under Mobilization Act. The training period now 30 days.

8. No. 112 (City of Winnipeg) Army Cooperation Squadron, Canadian Air Force, now in the United Kingdom, to be converted to Eight-

Squadron. Alongside No. 1 Fighter Squadron it will be second Canadian Air Squadron to take part in Battle of London.

Canada has three air squadrons overseas.

9. Extensive re-organization of Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters.

10. Can. Naval College to be re-established. By end of March 1942, 255 naval units with 23,000 personnel planned for Canadian Navy.

Number of units now 155; personnel, including Naval Volunteer Reserve, 13,273.

11. Since war began, 3,500 ships have left Canada under convoy, carrying cargoes totalling 21,800,000 tons.

12. War orders placed or in hand total \$849,000,000 of which \$540,000,000 on British account, \$309,000,000 on Canadian account.

13. Eighteen merchant ships to be built in Canada for Great Britain.

14. Substantial tank production starts early in 1941, except for engines which must be imported.

15. Shell production being increased to 2,000,000 a month.

16. New models of radios, vehicles and many household appliances prohibited. Purpose: to conserve machine tools for war orders.

17. Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for October was 107 against 106.4 in September. In October last year cost of living index was 103.5.

18. Farm cost of living index advanced from \$7.2 to \$9.2 between Spring and Fall seasons of 1940.

19. Employable persons on relief September 30 were 52,500, decrease of 58.1 per cent. against figure for last year.

THE RURAL AUCTIONEER

"This is the last call. Going! Going! Anyone give me another bid? Gone! Sold to John Murray for a song."

This has been the stereotyped last-minute sale of the auctioneer as far back as we can remember. And it is still so today, although there have not been as many auction sales since as before 1929.

An auction sale in the country is a cross between a social event, a bargain sale and a vaudeville stunt. A good auctioneer like George E. Duncan or like the late Douglas MacPhail combines the qualities of host, salesman and actor. The Christian Science Monitor describes him pretty well when he says:

"As he swings into articulate action, it is just as well to remember he has, on occasion, proved himself a master at discomfiting repartee. His shafts of wit, however, like the plow he is about to offer, though they may bite deep, are intended to leave no lasting scar, but merely to expedite the business in hand. For your true vendor-master makes it a point never to let the sun go down on any unfinished business."

"Methods in agriculture have altered considerably since the crier of farm sales and his seasonal services came to be recognized as an important factor in rural regions. The threshing machine which replaced the flail has in turn been succeeded by the combine. The scythe has given way before the mechanical reaper, while the lumbering farm wagon has been supplanted by the motor truck. But the rural auctioneer seems not to change. His flow of language and his methods are much the same as in post-Colonial days. His voice continues to exude a convincing air of optimism, while his cheery greeting to one and all rings just as heartily as it did a century ago. May he, like Mr. Tennyson's brook, go on forever."

THE MAN OUTSIDE

The man who is not a member of any civic body—what shall be said of him?

Is he justified in emitting a continual growl over mistakes of the Man Inside the Council Chamber, when the latter has, perhaps, been forced to shoulder public duties at a sacrifice to his own interests?

The Man Outside is too often an unfair critic of the Man Inside. The critic who dodges civic responsibilities we have always with us. He is found beside the knocker and in league with the mean fellows who are laughing over the trials of the municipal servant as he struggles through his work.

The Man Outside is responsible for much of our civic apathy and indifferent administration. If he would look happy and encourage the Man Inside to do his best, and when mistakes are made realize that the members of a council are but human and, therefore liable to err, civic life would have more attractions for men whose suc-

cess in their own trades and professions made them excellent material for our civic boards.

Family Dinner Party on Eightieth Birthday

Yet in good health, Mrs. Alex. McLean, Hampden, observed her eightieth birthday last Friday, Nov. 22nd at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward O. Hickling. To commemorate the event, the two daughters, Mrs. Hickling and Mrs. Corbett, arranged a family dinner party for that evening, when besides their two families, there were present Mr. Arnold Hickling of Walkerton, Mrs. Heimbecker of Midway, and two nieces of Mrs. McLean, Misses Annie and Helen Davidson of London. During the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Hickling presented their mother with a chair, and the grandchildren also honored her by presenting a bouquet of mums. May Mrs. McLean see many more birthday anniversaries in good health!

THE ROLL CALL

MRS. MARY NICOL

Many friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Mary Nicol, widow of the late Rev. Alexander Nicol. A resident of Owen Sound since 1885, the late Mrs. Nicol leaves a host of friends. Deceased was in her 82nd year and, although she suffered from a heart ailment, had been enjoying fair health until a week or ten days ago. She passed away on Thursday afternoon.

The late Mrs. Nicol, whose maiden name was Mary J. Young was a native of Normanby Township, a daughter of the late John and Jane Young who had come to this country from Scotland. In 1880 she was united in marriage to Rev. Alexander Nicol and they made their home at Ayton until her husband's health failed and they moved to Owen Sound in 1885. Rev. Alexander Nicol passed away two years later.

Surviving to mourn her passing, Mrs. Nicol leaves three children, Miss Mary Nicol and George Nicol of Owen Sound and John Y. Nicol of Santiago, Calif. Another son, James, predeceased her 25 years ago. She is also mourned by four step-children to whom she had been a devoted mother, Alex. of Owen Sound, Grace, Mrs. W. E. Johnston of Derby, Miss Belle Nicol at home with her mother, and Mrs. A. E. Walkey of Hamilton. Also surviving are two brothers, George of Edmonton and Walter in the Edmonton district, and two sisters, Annie, Mrs. (Dr.) A. E. Henry of Winnipeg and Mrs. Martha Hassel of London. The late Mrs. Nicol was predeceased by three brothers, John Young of Owen Sound, Rev. E. O. Young of Northern Ontario, and Thomas Young of Durham, and by two sisters, Elizabeth and Barbara. In religion, the late Mrs. Nicol was a devoted member of Division Street United Church.

Commencing next Monday, December 2nd, the couriers on Rural Routes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Durham, will begin their winter schedule, leaving Durham postoffice at 9:00 a.m. daily, instead of at 1:30 p.m.

The South Glenelg Branch of the Women's Institute held their annual "at Home" in the Orange Hall and a great crowd was present. Twenty tables of players of euchre were enjoyed and the prizes went to Mrs. Nell McFarlane, Mrs. Walter Ewing, Hugh Firth and Allister Aljoe. The ticket was drawn by Kenneth Stewart for the lucky winner of the quilt and Agnes Anderson's name was drawn. The ladies served an abundant lunch after which the music for dancing was supplied by David Aljoe and David Allen.

Leamington Post-News: At various banquets there is nearly always a mix-up in responding to the toast to the King. When the toast is proposed and the people stand, some take their glasses and drink, others hold their glasses while singing the National Anthem. These are incorrect. The formal toast to the King should be carried on in the same manner as seen at the Legion's banquet here Monday evening: As the chairman says, "Gentlemen, the King!" every person stands at attention and holds that position throughout the singing of the National Anthem. Then take the glass to more attractions for men whose suc-

VICKERS

An enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. Grat Wise on Friday evening last in honor of his daughter, Benice who was recently married to Mr. Edgar Brigham of Allan Park. Mr. Harry Reay called the crowd to order and an address was read by Miss Ruth Bailey and the presentation of a cheque from the U.F.O. Club was made by Grace Reay. A large basket of beautiful gifts were then carried in by Jean and Lois Torry and unwrapped and all joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

We join in wishing the young couple our heartiest congratulations. The Red Cross meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Reay on Tuesday last and a considerable amount of work was done and handed in. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rex. Lawrence on Tuesday of next week.

Pte. John A. McKay, Perth Regiment, Camp Borden, visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reay.

Miss Pretswell, pupils, and the young people of the Section have commenced practice for the Xmas concert which will be held on Friday, Dec. 20th. The young people are putting on a play, "For Peter's Sake."

Mr. Wm. Bertwhistle and lady friend of Owen Sound, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reay.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. Borden Brown who was operated on in Toronto on Saturday. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

POPLAR HILL

The Sunnyview Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Alfred Vollett for their November meeting with 31 ladies present. It was a very interesting meeting. Mrs. Petty gave a splendid paper on her trip to Toronto as a delegate. Mrs. Harry Smallman was presented with a beautiful cup and saucer from the Sunnyview Institute. Mrs. Smallman appreciated the kindly thoughts which were expressed, and said that any who care to call on them when they move to town, will be made welcome.

Mrs. Thomas McAllister went to Toronto last week to visit with her daughters, Mrs. A. Kress and Miss Mary McAllister.

Mr. John Smallman of Grand Valley motored up Sunday and spent a few hours at his home here.

Mrs. N. Falkingham of Egremont visited with her daughter, Mrs. Petty last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron McNaughton and Flora visited with Mrs. D. Mountain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mountain and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Mountain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grierson.

Mr. Bert Smallman spent a couple of days in Owen Sound last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson of Owen Sound spent the weekend with Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McAllister visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Mather of Hampden Sunday and also attended Hampden church service.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

Miss Heene Dargavel, Toronto, was a weekend visitor at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hargrave and Mr. James Tucker were supper guests on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKechnie.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Miss Myrtle McLean and Mr. Thos. Plumb who were married in Toronto last week.

Mrs. Neil McLean and Mrs. L. McLean enjoyed an afternoon this week at the home of Miss Mary Bourne, Durham.

The Euchre put on in the Town Hall by the Rocky Saugeen Red Cross Unit was a decided success. The high prize for the ladies went to Mrs. Albert Middleton and the gentlemen prize to Mr. Gordon Krauter.

The Red Cross workers here are grateful to any who in any way helped to make the evening a success.

Mrs. Joe Crutchey is a delegate to the farm convention held in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKechnie are spending a few days in Toronto and will also attend the convention.

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