

Hard Times for the Farmer

Means hard times for all. As merchants whose interests are intertwined with the welfare of the farmer, it becomes our first and greatest effort in these times to fight for a reduction of costs in all lines and thus reduce the cost of living for the customer, and as nearly as possible place goods on a par with the produce they have to sell. In this we have been successful in many lines, as the following lists show:

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- Salted Peanuts, per lb. 20c
- Seedless Raisins, per lb. 10c

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- Chocolate Bars, 6 for 25c
- Chocolate Mint Patties, per lb. 29c
- Plain, Toasted and Chocolate Nut puff Marshmallows, per. lb. 29c

Government Graded Cheese,

New 2 lbs. 25c.

Canned Goods

- Peas, No. 2 tin, 3 for 25c
- Corn, choice, per tin 10c
- Tomatoes, large tin 10c
- Golden Bantam corn, 2 tin 25c
- Canned Salmon, 2 tins 25c

Picnic Hams

per lb. 18c.

- 10 Bars Comfort Soap, with 6 cups Saucers (Clover Leaf Pattern) 83c

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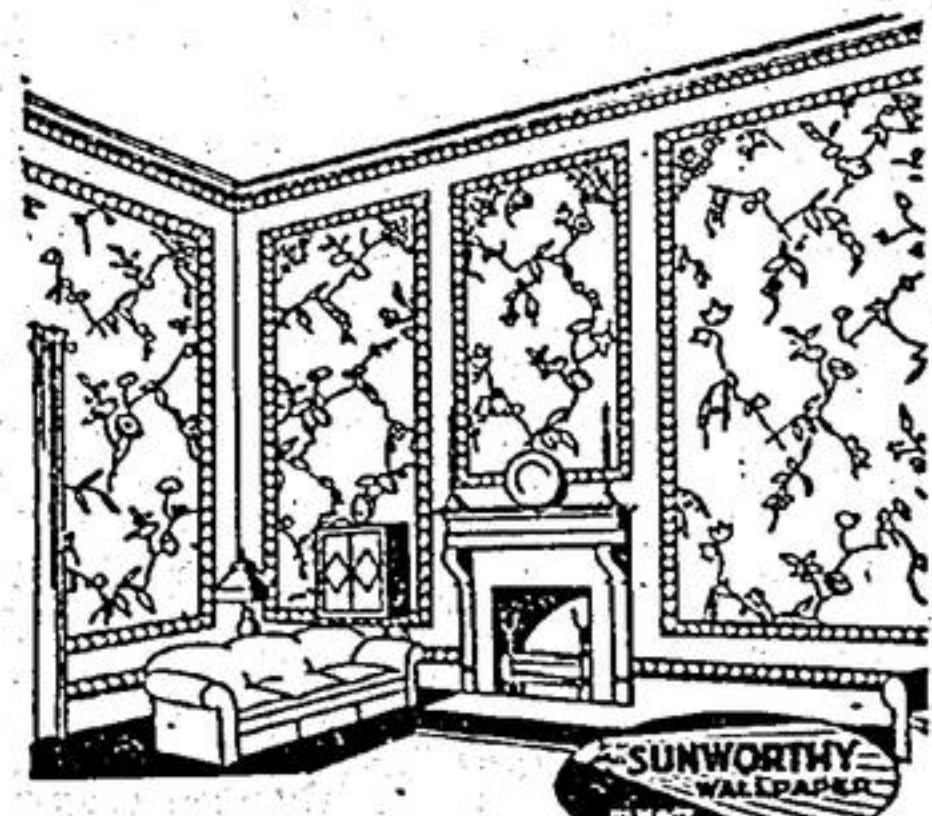
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SCHOOL GRANTS

New Act Will Work to Detriment of Rural Schools Is Opinion Expressed—Warden Gohn Thinks Sections Should Not Carry Over Too Large Surplus.

(The Liberal)

The new basis for the apportionment of the legislative grants to urban and rural public schools was the subject of discussion at a meeting of the school trustees of Markham township held at Unionville. Over seventy-five trustees and secretaries attended and the discussion was led by Inspector Gillies. The new basis of grants as fixed by the Ontario government has been the cause of considerable concern to school trustees and secretaries who have been somewhat at a loss to determine just how their school is going to fare for legislative grant this year. After a two hour discussion the general opinion was that the changes will work to the detriment of the rural sections of Ontario and that their grants from the government will be smaller which will in turn mean higher levies on the ratepayers of the school sections. The case of one section of Markham was taken as an example and it was stated this section receive only a little over half the amount of legislative grant received last year.

Warden W. C. Gohn called the meeting to order and was elected chairman of the meeting. He referred to the rising cost of education and stated that in York County the annual cost to the County for High School education was over half a million dollars. Mr. Gohn referred to the surpluses carried in some of the school sections of the township. He thought that in hard times such as we have now when our people are feeling so keenly the burden of taxation that these surpluses should be used and the levy of taxation reduced.

Inspector Gillies explained that under the new Act a legislative grant is given of \$1.00 for each pupil in average attendance the previous calendar year. If the average attendance of the school for 1930 was 35 the legislative grant under this section would be \$35.

A grant will also be paid to each public school according to the relation which the total amount of salaries paid by the board to teachers the preceding year bears to the equalized assessment. The grant to each school will be a percentage of the total salaries paid on a scale ranging from 4 to 60 per cent. This is the clause which has caused the greatest difficulty to school boards but if any of the trustees or secretaries have any difficulty in figuring it out the editor will be glad to assist them to the extent of agreeing that it is a very complicated problem. That is the best we can say after listening to a two hour explanation by Inspector Gillies which at times even tried his own mathematical genius and resembled a cross between a difficult problem in decimals and a cross word puzzle.

However after sitting up late some night puzzling with long multiplication division and decimals the secretary of the section will probably arrive at an answer which will mean that the section will receive a legislative grant of four, eight, twelve, sixteen or twenty per cent. of the teacher's salaries according as is the relation of the said salary to the equalized assessment of the section. Section No. 11 for instance has an assessment of \$238,850 and will receive a grant of \$1050 and will receive a grant under this section of \$84. Section No. 10 which paid in salaries \$2,250 will receive a grant under this section of \$392.00

In rural schools there will also be a grant of 25 per cent. up to a maximum of \$100 per classroom for new equipment in accordance with section 108 which designates the items on which the grant shall be paid. The list of items on which a grant will be paid under this head seemed to mention the things which the school board is least apt to purchase. One section mentioned last year spent \$11 on equipment which comes under this list and on which a grant will be paid and the same school section spent \$1400 on a new furnace but as a furnace is not mentioned in this section there is no grant on this expenditure. The 25 per cent grant under this head is also added to by an equivalent grant from the County Council.

Under the new Act the salary paid the teacher does not enter into the basis of the grant as prominently as in the past. The former Act tended to keep teachers' salaries up but under the new act the only inducement from a dollars and cents standpoint to pay a high salary is the four, eight, twelve or sixteen per cent. grant that you get from the government. In the case of one section worked out at the meeting there was about \$56 difference in the grant between the section pay-

ing a salary of \$1000 and \$600. One trustee said it would pay the school section to pay the low salary even if it got no grant at all under the new act. The Inspector's answer was in the negative as he said he thought if a section paid \$600 salary that they would get about \$600 worth of service from a teacher. A grant for each teacher is made as follows: Permanent first class certificate \$75; Interim first class certificate \$60; permanent second class certificate \$60., a second class certificate but not permanent, nothing at all. That is if the section has a teacher fresh from normal school there is no grant under this section. There are some other provisions in the act for grants of from \$20 to \$100 payable to sections which have an equalized assessment of less than \$50,000 but none of the schools of the district are anyway near coming in this class.

The meeting expressed its appreciation to Inspector Gillies for his explanation of the Act but the general feeling of those present was that the new regulations held out little hope of reduced education costs for rural Ont.

Warden Gohn expressed a similar opinion that the new Act would help the larger schools close to cities where there is a large attendance, schools in such districts as York Township and Scarborough, but that it would not work out to the benefit of the rural school sections such as in Markham or Whitchurch.

THE SOUTH ONTARIO ENUMERATORS

The list of the enumerators who will start on June first to take the seventh census of the Dominion of Canada in South Ontario has just been given out by E. W. Webber, of Columbus, chief enumerator for this riding. It is expected that the work of gathering the information from the people of the district will take between two and five weeks. For this colossal job 53 enumerators have been appointed, 18 of whom are to work in the City of Oshawa alone. Whitby township will have three; East Whitby, seven; Seugog, one; Whitby, three; Port Perry, two; Ontario Hospital, one; Reach Township, seven, Pickering ten.

The list of enumerators is as follows:

Oshawa.—H. Rowald, T. H. Ramsdale, C. A. Vermeulen, W. J. Collins, Ben Ewing, W. G. Graham, Geo. Metcalfe, A. C. Hall, Fred Ellis, H. B. Samells, James H. Alexander, F. E. Hallit, O. S. Hobbs, Norval Cutler, Fred J. Perry, Donald Hall, T. D. Dickie and Louis Hymen.

Whitby Township.—J. H. Jones, George Brown, J. R. Johnston and Gilbert McDonald.

East Whitby Township.—S. J. Conlin, James Ling, John Watson, Hector Stevenson, Edgar L. Glover, F. H. Wilcoxson and Norman Whitney.

Seugog Township.—Russell Hood, Whitby Town.—F. O. Mason, Robert Barnes and Martin Gouldburn. Port Perry.—George Morish, and Alexander Wood.

Ontario Hospital, Whitby.—Dr. G. H. Stevenson.—Indian Reserve, Seugog.—Norman Crozier.

Pickering Township.—Leonard Neill, Walter Powell, George E. Toyne, Leonard Gates, Robert Bentley, Donald Beer, Fred Major, Geo. Scott, Ed. Gleason and David J. Tran.

Reach Township.—Russell Harper, Ellsworth Kydd, Robert Swanick, John McDonald, J. S. McFarlane, T. G. Sager and Herbert Brooks.

FRANCE BUYS MORE CANADIAN WHEAT

One bright spot on a difficult economic horizon is presented in figures just released by the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Paris, showing that in the first two months of 1931 Canada exported seven times as much wheat to France as in the corresponding period of 1930. Exports of 6,482, 174 bushels to France during January and February of this year represented 54 per cent of that country's total imports for the period. In 1930 Canada supplied only 17 per cent of the imports.

Improvements in continental markets are not reflected in Britain, however, where Russian wheat imports for the first three months of this year are up by nearly 900 per cent over a year ago, or from \$778,500 to \$7,319,995 in value.

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J. S. Dougherty,
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