

# The Tribune

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## OLD AGE PENSIONERS ON ROLL IN COUNTY NOW NUMBER 685

The report of the Old Age Pensioners Board of Ontario County, presented to the County Council now in session at Whitby by Grant Christie, Reeve of Reach Township, chairman, showed that on October 31 of this year there were 685 pensioners on the roll in the county. The amount expended in this credit-

able work in the last year, by the county was \$12,738.49, while the total amount expended was \$127,884.90. It was pointed out that the County's share of the total expended was 10 per cent.

The report, which covered the activities of the board between Nov. 1, 1932, and October 31, 1933 stated that twelve meetings had been held during the year. During that time 130 applications were received, seventy-two of which were granted and twenty-one refused. Thirty-seven applications were still under investigation.

**Over 80 Years**  
It was stated that 74 pensioners were over the age 75 years, while another 19 were over 80 years of age. The average amount received by pensioners in the County was stated to be \$15.38 per month. During the past year 59 pensioners were removed from the roll by death. Transfers into the county totalled 17 with 21 transfers being made out of the county. Nine transfers being refused.

In regard to receipts and expenditures, it was stated that \$4,374 was received from inmates of the County House of Refuge, while \$908.92 was expended for mileage and per diem, printing and other items. The report stated that Owen Davies, secretary for the board has received 446 communications during the year and replied to 286.

**Recommend Survey**  
The report recommended that all members of the County Council make a survey of their districts and make a confidential report to the board of any undeserving persons who were receiving Old Age Pension.

The report expressed appreciation of the assistance and co-operation given the board by the Warden and members of the County Council.

After the report was adopted Warden G. B. Johnston called on Owen Davies, secretary of the board to address the Council. Mr. Davies in a brief address pointed out some of the salient factors of the board's work and expressed his own appreciation of the manner in which the council had co-operated.

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Liberal Portion For Liberals

(Newmarket Era)

Local members and friends of North York Liberal Association were hosts at a "get-together" which included a good old-fashioned Oyster Supper (first of the season) served by ladies of Newmarket Christian Church on Friday evening, November 3rd.

The occasion was a celebration of the promised hearty welcome by local representatives for extending acquaintances and good fellowship generally, to promote a broader spirit of liberalism amongst executives from various municipalities throughout the Riding, as an initial step toward future activities.

Delegations included Georgina, Sutton, North Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora, Whitby, King, Richmond Hill, York Twp., Woodbridge, and Vaughan. And behold these partook liberally of those "charming wiggles" from Baltimore, according to their respective habits and customs—dead, alive, cooked, or raw? Mingled together with the many other good things of which tables were bountifully laden, thus was the feast prepared in pleasing fashion.

Following a sumptuous repast, amidst attractive decorations of tables and surroundings which made a beautiful setting, Mr. Howard Cane assumed the duties as master of ceremonies in his inimitably pleasing and proficient manner—though somewhat handicapped by a superabundance of sea-food and other delicacies still staring upward at our congenial hosts, etc. Yes verily, the warmth of hospitality was quickly perceived as various speakers within the organization advanced enlightenment concerning working methods and accomplishments—thus inspiring younger liberalism to rally to the colors, and "get-on-their-toes" for future activities?

Mr. Morgan Baker, North York's provincial candidate who is headed for Queen's Park in the next election then promptly responded with the address of the evening which was splendidly received. Radiating inspiration to a crowd of other "oyster sharks," around him, Mr. Baker launched out regarding organization expansion and publicity control being more or less locked up within the Association vault where it is somewhat difficult of approach, except on state occasions! However, since changing trend of public sentiment voices sincere desire for educational data concerning Liberal policies and candidates, is it not timely that more careful consideration be extended the general public of North York through the medium of press and platform?

An interesting resume of serious unemployment conditions and stagnant business resulting from high tariffs and trade barriers, also accumulating distress arising from over-burden of taxation, loss of properties and business—occurring through foreclosures, bankruptcy, or tax-sales, were substantially impressed by the speaker. Thus did he emphasize definite need for "Right-About-Face" policies under a decided change, through Responsible Government and principles of 'Live and Let Live'!

Items of pyramid provincial and national debts, including hopeless waste and reckless expenditures by existing government, were likewise featured—including vivid reminders of Mr. Henry's personal activities and investments, in Acme Dairy combines, Mortgage and Loan manipulations, plus grandHydro-Abitibi accomplishments for the well-being of "No. 1"!

Other details of intrigue and sublime efforts to stimulate Tory patronage, were uncovered in similar fashion.  
Plans for practical relief through encouraging greater freedom of trade with other nations upon a reciprocal basis, were strongly urged under a new deal for Liberalism. War against existing extremes of monopolies and huge combines that throttle the interests and markets of common people, will be waged by Hon. Mitchell Heppburn and Company according to schedule. So let the good work continue! Indications throughout the country unquestionably prove seething unrest and agitation against monopolies under either extreme of capitalism or socialism, featuring urgent need for maintaining the middle highway instead of either the right or left ditch. No doubt there will be an election, (when Howard says the word)!

As a church leader he was greatly honoured by his brethren both in the east and in the west. Elected Moderator of Presbytery and Synod, and President of Conference. When the General Assembly established a special committee on Church Life and Work, he was chosen as the first convener, as one eminently suitable to lead the Church in the study of this important department. In the Church Courts, when grave issues were involved, requiring judicial insight and conciliatory action, Dr. Mitchell if not appointed the convener of the committee, was usually found among its members. In such matters he enjoyed the confidence of his brethren in an unusual degree.

He was a great churchman, in the sense that he was deeply interested in every phase of the church's work. While usually ministering to large and growing congregations, he recognized that both he and his people were part of a greater church and should loyally support the leadership which the church gave to every enterprise. He was therefore intensely missionary in spirit and practical and gave unstintingly and ungrudgingly of both time and strength to aid all her varied activities. Anyone serving the church in any sphere could rely upon him for support.

What was the secret of his life? It



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## Eulogistic Address

Delivered by Dr. G. A. Wilson, at the funeral of Rev. Dr. A. E. Mitchell, October 5th, 1933, at St. Giles Church, Vancouver, B. C.

"We are assembled this afternoon to render tribute to the worth and work of a beloved comrade ere we convey to their last resting place the remains of our brother, with whom we had often gathered in council, with whom we had been partners in a great task and with whom we had been co-workers in the Master's service; a close companion and the choicest of friends.

True there is an element of "sadness of farewell" as we know that we shall miss his cheery greeting, sadly miss his sympathetic co-operation and be bereft of his wise leadership in all our work, all of which was an inspiration to persevere, an inspiration perhaps more stimulating than we were aware. To think of this makes the heart beat a little faster and us to go more softly on our way. This is part of our weak humanity and we would not be without it, for it is the richest testimony to the greatness of his life, the genuineness of his faith, the warmth of his friendship and the nobility of his character. If he had not been all he was, if he had meant nothing to us, we would not have mourned, sorrow would not have filled our hearts. But our lamentation is mingled with the song of triumph—now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept, for if we believe, that Jesus died and rose again even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." The word is a new world since the resurrection of Christ. What a cheery message greeted those women who were mourning: "All's well." He said, "All's well." He said, "All's well." He said, "All's well with our brother, and our mourning is turned to joy.

As we think of this great servant of God now separated from us for a little, our thoughts go back to a farm home in Ontario where he was born. Often has he spoken to me of its simplicity and the devotion of his parents. I take it that his preparation for the ministry began in that home years before he was born; began in the development in Christian character of those who were to be his parents. It was there, in that humble home, that the foundations were laid of a great and noble soul. Offering himself for the ministry, he was later graduated from the University of Toronto and in Theology from Knox College.

He began his public ministry in Waterloo, Ont., where he spent about two years, when he was called to Almonte. Erskine Church, Ottawa was his next charge, then Hamilton, Ontario, Prince Albert, Sask., and then in this church for eleven years and lastly for five years in Shaughnessy Heights. His ministry extended over forty three years after ordination. It was a fruitful ministry. In those years was crowded a great volume of work and resultant achievement, rarely surpassed and not often equalled by his brethren in the ministry.

As a preacher of the Gospel he was loyal to the trust committed to him. He was faithful and courageous. There may have been more brilliant preachers but his place was among the best. His note was evangelistic in the very best and highest sense of the word, it was this that made his ministry so fruitful, that bound multitudes to him with the chords of love. His sermons were wrought out of a great conviction of the reality of spiritual things and out of a deep religious experience. To lift his hearers to that plane which he envisaged was his constant endeavour by word and deed and life.

His pastoral work was as carefully done as his pulpit preparation. He lamented in recent years the fact that the modern customs of society prevented his pastoral work from being as effective and helpful as he would have wished—spending hours in making calls only to find nobody at home was a cause of disappointment.

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The foregoing is from a report by the Cantire cor of the Paisley Advocate of a part of Miss MacPhail's address at Gillies Hill. The reference is to the loans made by the Agricultural Development Board of the Ontario Government. We understand the amount of these loans is about 47 millions. The rate of interest is 5 1/2 per cent. If half the amount of these loans were written off and the government soaked for 23 1/2 million dollars to add to its already colossal debt, would it be very unfair to the farmers who have mortgages from private persons or loan companies? All farmers should be used alike. Another objection to Miss MacPhail's move is that it is pretty commonly believed that through political pull loans have been extended far beyond reason or value of the property mortgage.

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