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Notes and Comments

A Regina citizen has been taken to court for having the driving compartment of his car overcrowded. This leads the Leader-Post to inquire: "Would two 250-pounders be equal in the eyes of the law to four 125-pounders?"

An old man was killed crossing Yonge street to get into the Industrial Home. The coroner's inquest handed out a verdict of "unavoidable" to the Aurora citizen who drove the death car. In addition they handed out some advice to the official or officials in charge of the home, that was all right, but in most cases a little advice to the automobile driver is quite in order. We would not say that speed had anything to do with this old man being killed, but in nine cases out of ten, that is largely the fault.

An agreeable farmer who is well liked in his community or district, will get a great deal of sympathy these days if the law is seemingly too harsh on the farmers. They were auctioning off H. L. Smith's chattels on his farm just outside Windsor—his home for 15 years—and the friends he had made in those years couldn't let him down. One by one they bid in horses, farming equipment, pigs, cows and the rest. All were knocked down before brisk bidding.

As the hammer went down on the last lot, the 50 or so neighbors turned around in a body and walked off the farm. They took nothing; Smith's effects, still unpaid for, were left to him and the auctioneer.

Dr. E. Burnham Wylie, editor of the York County Post, says the Hon. Mackenzie King has endorsed "Social Credit" for Alberta, and the Liberals will run on this ticket in the 1935 election. Dr. Wylie doubts Mr. King's stand and said this in his paper last week. "Outside of E. Burnham Wylie there is not a Liberal Candidate in sight in Ontario who knows anything about social credit or Monetary Reform; neither Mr. Sanders, Mr. McCarthy, nor Alex. McGregor can be counted on to help bring about the emancipation of Canadians. If the electors of East York are in favor of social credit, and can be persuaded to rate Mr. Wylie as high as he rates himself, he'll be the next M.P. for East York."

By The Watchman

Toronto, December 6th—With the flag of economy still nailed to the masthead, the Hepburn government is embarking on its sixth month in office and a review of its actions since moving into Queen's Park discloses some interesting facts.

In the first place, the Liberal administration has carried out, so far successfully, its major pledge to the electors to cut down the costs of government. Despite the criticism that has been showered upon the provincial cabinet by a section of the press unaccustomed to seeing campaign promises translated into deeds, expenditures have been reduced by approximately five million dollars.

A glance over the past five months shows that Premier Hepburn lost no time in putting his pre-election promises into effect. In this regard, the Liberal government is unique. Irrespective of the soundness of those policies, it is the first government in Ontario's history that ever started out to implement its campaign pledges within a few days of taking office. As to the value and practicability of those policies, competent political observers, definitely state that the answer is in the future. It is too early for the voicing of conclusions.

The rapidity with which the government launched its investigations into boards and commissions and other branches of the civil service, as well as the civil service itself, left many citizens gasping for breath. The Liberals were not conforming to the practices of past governments. The "Hepburn axe" was wielded with whole-hearted vigour and those described by the premier as supernumeraries found themselves out of jobs. Perhaps no other phase of its work to date has aroused such protest from certain sections as has the firing of government employees. It seemed as though the government was bent on throwing appointees of previous governments out of jobs to make way for Liberal supporters. But way for Liberal supporters. But clear thinking observers who were able to divorce themselves from political partisanship in weighing and analysing the Hepburn policies, admitted that economy in government was the paramount necessity in these times and that administrative expenses, a staggering amount, could only be reduced by term measures. Another fact which has been overlooked by those who regard the new government with sceptical eyes is that political patronage has not loomed large on the horizon. Liberals have received government jobs, it is true, but the patronage has been on a minor scale, so that rumblings of discontent have been heard from within the party ranks.

But with economy as its major objective, the government is keeping its eye on the dollars and cents. There is a tremendous unemployment relief bill to pay and the cost of meeting the needs of the unemployed presents a serious problem. A house-cleaning was overdue when Premier Hepburn and his colleagues took over Queen's Park and there is no doubt that there is still plenty to do. The premier plunged into his program with no delay. He launched a succession of commission inquiries and probes that disclosed more than one reason why a long-suffering public had finally turned the previous government out of office. Gross negligence and extravagance and poor-business methods were revealed in the inquiries into the Abitibi Canyon purchase, the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, the Provincial Air Service, the Liquor Control Board, the Niagara Falls Parks Commission and the Ontario Athletic Commission.

Just what success will attend Premier Hepburn's efforts to peg the provincial debt, secure lower interest rates, cope with the unemployment relief problem, boost revenues and meet the numerous other problems confronting him, is a matter for conjecture. One thing is sure; failure will not be from lack of trying. The citizens who asked for an administration without trills are getting it in large doses. They will get more of it in the years to come. No doubt there will be cries of anguish from within and without the Liberal ranks but the economy axe will continue to swing until expenditures are down to rock bottom without impairment of efficiency. And the men and women on the farms of Ontario, fifty per cent of the population of the province, are going to look with encouraging eyes on a government that is able to effect a five million dollar saving in a little over five months, a million a month. Criticized as no other government ever has been before, the first Liberal administration in thirty years is engaged in a gigantic experiment and its unfolding will be watched with keen interest as the days go by.

The sessions of the Dominion Government are to open on Jan. 10 or 17, it is reported from authoritative source. This is the final assembly before a general election.

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Brodie Lambs Real Champions

Canadian Exhibitor Reaches the Top
The Chicago Daily Drivers Journal of December 3, contains a lengthy eulogy for James Brodie and his car of prize Shropshire sheep, which swept the boards at Chicago Stock Show. We here reproduce it so that our readers who are mostly interested in this feat of a local farmer, may understand just what a great accomplishment Mr. Brodie met with. The Journal says: "The Brodie title seeking Southdowns arrived this year. During the last dozen years C. J. Brodie, Stouffville, Ontario, Canada, has been showing one and sometimes two carloads of Southdown lambs in the car lot fat lamb division. These Brodie lambs have always been a bothersome lot when the awards were made.

Sometimes in the past they have arrived at the reserve grand champion post but this year is the first time they have been declared the grand champion carload of lambs at this exposition. One time, several years ago, a load of these Brodie lambs sold for a higher price than the grand champion load of that particular year.

The carload of lambs showed by Mr. Brodie this year were all Southdown wethers selected from the produce of his 300 breeding ewes. They were true and uniform in type. Some experienced breeders thought them to be the most outstanding carload of grand champions ever exhibited, because they were so uniform in type, conformation, size and finish. They were exceedingly deep in their twists. Their average weight, as they came from the car, was 84 pounds per lamb. A few doubted whether they were the most outstanding grand champions of all past shows, at the International, but all agreed they were among the very best that had gone down in history as grand champions.

Michigan Crops Win Praise
Another group of lambs that were keyed for the occasion and flawless in fitting, so far as carloads go, was the reserve grand champions exhibited by the Michigan Sheep Feeding Co. and fitted by the Michigan Agricultural College. Here the Southdowns and all their blood was routed. This was a carload of purebred Shropshires out of 18 different Michigan flocks. They weighed 89 pounds off the car and were a beautiful lot. That judge turned them down for grand champions because they were a little less uniform in finish and size than the Brodie Southdowns.

This reserve grand champion load was fed 70 days on a grain ration consisting of cracked corn, oats and linseed oil meal. The first week the grain ration consisted of only 15 per cent of corn but at the end of 40 days corn made up 60 per cent of the grain ration. The ration was not less than 5 per cent oil meal or more than 7 per cent during the feeding period. The lambs this year gained a half-pound per lamb per day. Such gains always insure a firm hard finish.

Canadian Way of Feeding
The Brodie lambs were fed as all good Canadian feeders would do it. They were started on feed early in September. Oats was the starting grain. It was gradually replaced with barley and Canadian field peas. The last 40 days the grain ration consisted of barley four parts and field peas one part. Such a combination of feeds insures advisable finish. Turnips and cabbage were fed freely the past 60 days and alfalfa hay was the roughage. These lambs were out in the field all the time, except during the regular feeding hours



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