

Notes and Comments

Toronto School teachers will get an increase in salaries this year. It cost Toronto about 8 million dollars per year for teachers' salaries and a half million more for caretakers. Neither these facts nor the one that school trustees are tooted to their summer homes and here and there

as they wish in cars owned and gasolined by the ratepayers disturbs the city voters but very little.

Ontario County Council which cleaned up their business for the January session in just seven days, cost the county \$103 per day while in session. The cost of the session without mileage was slightly over \$1000, the councillor drawing \$3.50

per day. Quite a contrast to \$7 per day which the York County Councilors value their services at. Ontario county cut the tax rate by one half a mill, effecting a saving of \$25,000.

The insinuation made in this paper last week, that the appointment of a relief officer in Markham Township was not the cheapest way to handle relief, comparison being made with Whitechurch, has drawn some comment from a reliable ratepayer of Markham. He claims that under a paid relief officer in 1934 Markham actually lowered relief costs to the ratepayers. In 1933 without such an officer there were 110 families on relief, as against 60 at the present time. Relief costs in January 1934 were almost double January 1935, credit being given the relief officer for the reduction. It is also fair to say of course, that Markham has a population about double Whitechurch. So much for the relief officer.

Here in Ontario the premier will not tolerate even a state dinner at Government House, but up at Ottawa Liberals and Conservatives condone keeping up a senate of some 90 odd members drawing \$5,000 per year each, plus an army of lackies and other expenses that would shock the average voter if he out knew.

Unlike the American senators who are elected for six years, Canadian Senators are appointed for life. Mr. Bennett may have moved too fast for Mr. King in formulating a popular program, but there is one thing left for the leader of the opposition—Senate Reform. Let Mr. King pledge himself to cut this over-sized body to say 25 members, and hundreds of thousands of votes would roll in to him from the concession lines that nothing could turn away.

In the Canadian Senate only two are under 50 years of age, and eight of them are over 80. The average is 68. Of the 90 odd members 28 represent Big Business, 28 legal profession, three are major-generals and eleven others are colonels. The housewife and farmer are not represented. One member was defeated in four attempts to enter the Commons, and another was five times rejected. It is a conservative strong hold—a good reason why Mr. King could make it a popular plank. There are 60 Conservatives and 36 Liberals in the Red Chamber. What an opportunity!

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Cattle Prices are Going Up!

To the urban dweller these words may not mean a great deal but to the man on the farm they are just about the sweetest words in the English tongue. And the prediction comes from one who knows whereof he speaks. He is none other than the Hon. Duncan Marshall, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture.

For some months past, Mr. Marshall has been engaged in tackling the problem of how to bring about changes which would give the farmers some much needed income—Cattle raising, along with other phases of Agriculture, has been in the doldrums more or less for a longer period than most farmers care to think about. There hasn't been much money in raising cattle these last few years but farmers are noted for their dogged patience and they tightened their belts and awaited a better day.

Now, according to Mr. Marshall, that day is near at hand. Speaking to the Ontario Veterinary Association a few nights ago, the veteran Minister of Agriculture predicted that within the next six months the farmers of Ontario will be receiving the highest price for their cattle in many years. He based his prediction on facts which he had obtained from a personal visit to the stock-yards of Chicago and St. Paul, Minnesota, and from exhaustive research into the entire problem.

That the overseas market for Canadian cattle presents brighter prospects than for years past is shown by the Minister's statement that he had received a cable from Scotland which told of six top bull calves bringing in an average price of \$10,400 a piece at an auction in Perth. Twelve of the bulls sold in Scotland are being shipped to Canada.

As a practical farmer and one long experienced in cattle raising, Mr. Marshall knows the value of quality stock and he has plans to raise the standard in Ontario by judicious breeding. Probably few men in the whole of Canada have a better knowledge of Agriculture in all its phases than has the Minister of Agriculture. His outlook is that of the man on the land and he knows what must be done to bring better times to rural Ontario.

In keeping with government policy, expenditures in the Department of Agriculture must be reduced but Mr. Marshall is seeing to it that the grants to agricultural fairs are not eliminated. The value of these annual fairs cannot be overestimated, and he proposes to aid them in every way possible.

TRAIN WRECK MAY COST A MILLION

While the loss of life in the disastrous C.N.R. rear-end collision at Dundas on Christmas night is by far the most serious consideration, it is estimated that the cost of the mishap to the Canadian National Railway will be from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000.

There was little track damage but the rolling stock damaged in the accident represents a loss of about \$200,000, it is said. There were three cars, two parlor cars and a day coach, splintered, completely demolished or wrecked beyond repair. These are valued at \$60,000 to \$70,000 each. The engine on the Detroit to Toronto flyer was also badly damaged but can be repaired in the C.N.R. workshops.

What the claims against the railway for lives lost will be, of course, a matter for the claims department and is purely a matter of conjecture—However, it is believed by many that the claims for the fifteen dead may total \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Claims for the injured cannot be determined at this early date either as the amount of claims naturally depends upon the seriousness of the injury and whether or not there is any permanent disability. However, with forty persons injured it is believed that the claims for injuries might easily total \$250,000.

Claims for luggage lost in the wreck and clothes ruined may also be a costly item, although not nearly so heavy as the others.

LEMONVILLE

Good Friday doesn't come until the 19th of April this year. The rains we had last week make the roads very bad for travelling, both by car and foot.

We are able now to say that the flu has gone its rounds and with no real serious results as the outcome.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Association was held at the parsonage, Wednesday afternoon, last week, with a good attendance. After the business part of the meeting a programme was given, after which a fine supper was served.

PROPHESIED CHANGE IN GRANTS FOR TWP. ROADS

Toronto, Feb. 12 — County Councils may not receive the customary 40 per cent contribution to the cost of township roads it has been indicated by the Minister of Highways. It was pointed out that the Government has already assumed the full cost of county road construction and it was prophesied that important changes in the present system of road financing might be made. The Minister indicated however, that all sections of the community would be considered and consulted before any changes were made.

THREE MONTHS HYDRO REBATE ONLY 11c

Last week we were shown a hydro electric bill issued to one of our farmers, the first since the rural consumer of electric juice was to be allowed something off his bill for use of a washing machine and radio. The total net bill was \$19.31, from which an allowance of 11c was made because the farmer owned a radio and washing machine. As the account is for three months, the allowance for these appliances will reduce the farmer's cost of current by just 44c per year.

Surely the mountain laboured and brought forth a mouse, when the H.E.P.C. figured out such a scheme. While we go on the principal that every little bit helps, the time and expense of putting into operation such a scheme for rural users, was not worth the effort. It will not be the means of inducing any farmers to take the current nor will it relieve any of the present customers from what they consider burdensome service charges. It would seem to us to have much more simpler for the Commission to have reduced the service charge ever so slightly than to have wasted such effort as was needed to ascertain the names of farmers using washing machines and radios. It would have eliminated the work of constantly checking these farmers to see that they have not discontinued the use of these articles.

FINANCES OF THE MAPLE LEAF CO. MUCH IMPROVED

Company Has Many Policy Holders in Stouffville District

The Maple Leaf Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, one of the largest Mutual companies in the province, which last year had 6435 policies, with insurance in force amounting to \$16,215,600, although finding itself in the red at the end of year, yet had improved its position by some eight thousand dollars over that of the preceding year, as what was revealed at the annual meeting held at Columbus on Saturday afternoon last week.

There are many policy holders in Stouffville district, the agent being T. B. Birkett who attended the annual meeting at Columbus. Following the presentation of the various reports and election of four directors in the persons of Messrs. Thomas Graham, Port Perry, H. G. Macklin, Bowmanville, Col. W. B. Smith, Oshawa, and C. Devitt, Blackstock, the twelve directors met and appointed G. B. Mothersill as president and D. M. Morgan as vice-president of the company for the year, both men having filled their respective offices last year.

The report of the auditors presented by H. L. Pascoe revealed that the assets of the Company consisted of real estate, bonds and debentures of the amount of \$55,000, while the cash balance with premiums due and interest brought the total assets up to \$63,080.25. The liabilities exceeded the assets by some fifteen thousand, the amount being made up of borrowed money and unearned premiums on all outstanding risks, together with a small amount for adjustment, which brought the total to \$78,322.14.

The cash receipts for the year were in excess of expenditures with the results that there was a cash balance on hand of \$1,493.62.

In the movement of risks the amount of insurance and number of policies were shown to be less than at the end of the former year. In December 1933 the number of policies in force were 6644 with insurance in force of \$18,499,193.00 while at the end of 1934 the number of policies in force was 6485 with insurance in force of \$17,628,141. The fire losses amounted to \$47,041.88. Of this amount \$5,092.60 was on policies re-insured in other companies. The largest single loss was that of the dwelling and contents of Harry T. Love, Scarborough Township, which set the company back \$10,000.

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He was just a lonesome farmer, With a heart so cold and grey, He advertised for a housemaid Who would work and never play. Things were going swell, boys, Till she went out one night, Then he gave her heck, boys And tried to cause a fight.

'Twas at a dance she met her fate, At a neighbour's on the line, He didn't come till late, boys And he saw her just in time. She was dancing with another It made his heart real mad He would like to have told her mother

But instead he told his dad. So after the ball was over A Star car brought her home The Ford had come up sooner But he was all alone. He lay awake awhile boys, Until she did appear. Then he whispered to his dad, boys And he wiped away a tear.

It's three o'clock in the morning And she has just come in But she'll not have a chance, dad To ride with me again Now you know there is a saying, That love is always blind He surely must have swallowed that For he's away behind.

(Composed by—Gwen Moynihan)

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